

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 16, 2005

The thirty-seventh meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on December 16, 2005, via Teleconference in Morgantown, W.V. Board members in attendance in person or by phone were Hank Barnette, Joe Campbell, D.J. Casto, Betty Chilton, Tom Clark, Tom Dover, Steve Farmer, Steve Goodwin, Russ Isaacs, Michael Lastinger, Doug Leech, Mark Manchin, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Parry Petroplus, Rod Thorn and Robert Wells.

WVU officers, and regional campus officers and representatives present were:

From WVU:

President David C. Hardesty, Jr.;

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang;

Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;

Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Christine Martin;

Sr. Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;

Interim Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;

General Counsel, Tom Dorer;

Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, David Miller;

Special Assistant to the President/Provost, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Ginny Petersen;

Assistant to the President/Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Marie Foster Gnage, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Charles Bayless, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;

From the Community & Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Beverly Jo Harris, Campus President

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University

Kerry Odell, Campus Provost;

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Doug Leech at 8:30 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Chilton moved that the minutes of the meetings of November 4, 2005 be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.*

*Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Leech reported that the raise for President Hardesty previously approved by the Board had been forwarded to the Higher Education Policy Commission. The HEPC approved it at their December 9, 2005 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty reported that Mr. Weese will be sending out the FY2005 Annual Financial Report and the FY2006 Plan Performance and Key Indicators. He commented that all indicators are good. He also noted that enrollment applications are up over last year, boding well for the coming year.

President Hardesty proposed that the Planning & Policy and the Finance and Operations Committees of the Board meet sequentially rather than simultaneously, so that committee members could attend both committees if they so choose. After discussion, the chair announced a consensus that the Board should try this approach to see how it likes it. The Audit Committee and the Community & Technical College/Regional Campus committees will continue to meet apart from the full board meetings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community & Technical College/Regional Campus Committee: Joe Campbell reported that the C&TC/RC Committee had met on the campus of West Virginia University at Parkersburg on December 15, 2005. All five Board members had been in attendance, as well as Provost Lang, and Presidents Gnage and Harris. The Board heard reports from Marie Foster Gnage and Jo Harris on the Strategic and Master Plans for their campuses, and the capital fees, peer equity funding and financial stability of each campus. They toured WVU-P, and plan to visit WVUIT in January.

BOARD ITEMS

- 1. Sugar Bowl Update:** President Hardesty explained that because the Sugar Bowl has been transported to Atlanta, and because it is a BCS Bowl, there are not the same type of events for Board Members to participate in as there have been in past bowls. A list of events and opportunities was provided those attending the Bowl.
- 2. Legislative Update:** Dave Miller, Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs, noted that the Legislature is discussing the future of Promise Scholarships, and that its decision could impact the University. He also reported that while there is no major piece of higher education legislation to follow this year, there may be a few selected bills of note, and others that will require monitoring to protect the University's interests. Mr. Miller noted that State revenues are up for this year, which is a good sign.
- 3. Policies Update:** Ginny Petersen reported that the University is working diligently to draft the policies required by SB603, as well as others that need to be changed from institutional

policies to BOG policies. In order to meet the July 1, 2006 due date, policies will be put out for 30 day comment periods, and brought to the BOG for approval in the coming months.

- 4. Strategic Issues:** At the request of the Chair, Board members had suggested topics to be explored by the Board in the coming months. It was the consensus of the Board that the topic of finding a way to mitigate the negative impact of tuition increases on Athletics be one of the first topics undertaken. Chairman Leech asked that university staff suggest other topics to be discussed. Robert Wells asked that the Policy & Planning Committee meet before the February Meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Isaacs moved approval of the only item on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded, and the following item was approved:

Approval of Signature Authority on Jackson's Mill Grant #2

That the West Virginia University Board of Governors on behalf of West Virginia University (Grantee) approve a resolution authorizing Narvel G. Weese, Interim Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources and Lisa A. Lively, Director, Financial Affairs & Research Accounting to sign Disbursement Requests on behalf of the Grantee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(2)(A) to discuss personnel and management issues. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Mrs. Chilton moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

ACTIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

After arising from Executive Session, the Board took the following actions:

1. Mr. Farmer moved that the Board approve the restructuring of the timeframe of the University's commitment to fund a research endeavor, as discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded and approved with Dr. Clark abstaining.
2. Mr. Goodwin moved that the Board support the academic program changes discussed in executive session. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Leech noted that the next meeting, if it is needed, will be a telephone meeting on January 12, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Elizabeth E. Chilton
Secretary