

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 15, 2008

The fifty-seventh meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on February 15, 2008. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Ellen Cappellanti, Tom Clark, James Dailey (by telephone), Linda Dickirson, Steve Farmer, Steve Goodwin, Steve Kite, Carolyn Long (by telephone), Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Bill Nutting, Jason Parsons, Drew Payne, Parry Petroplus, Ed Robinson, and Sally Smith. Robert Wells was absent and excused.

WVU officers, regional campus officers and representatives present were:

From WVU:

President Michael Garrison;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang;
Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;
Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;
Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;
Vice President for Advancement & Marketing, Chris Martin;
Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Alex Macia;
Interim Vice President for Research, Curt Peterson;
Chief of Staff, Craig Walker;
Vice President for Human Resources, Margaret Phillips;
Executive Officer for Communications, Bill Case;
Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;
Executive Officer for Social Justice, Jennifer McIntosh;
Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin;
Associate Vice President for Planning & Treasury Operations, Liz Reynolds;
Associate Vice President for Facilities, Joe Fisher;
Associate Provost for Information Technology, Sid Morrison;
Associate Director-Organizational Advancement, WVU Extension Service, Ann Berry;
Dean of Students, David Stewart;
Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brenda Thompson;
Director of University Advising, Anita Mayer;
Director of Internal Audit, William Quigley;
Senior Associate Provost, Russell K. Dean;
Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Cheryl Torsney;
Assistant Vice President for Graduate Education, Jonathan Cumming;
Executive Director of Student Affairs Business Operations, Les Carpenter;
Director, News and Information Services, Amy Neil;
Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master; and,
Special Assistant to the President, Valerie Lopez.

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Marie Foster Gnage, Campus President;
Dr. Rhonda Richards, Executive Dean; and,
Elizabeth Baker, Chief Financial Officer.

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Charles Bayless, Campus Provost;
Scott Hurst, Associate Provost; and,
William “Bolts” Willis, Interim Director of Admission and
Recruitment and Interim Director of the Alumni Association.

From the Community & Technical College at WVUIT:

Beverly Jo Harris, Campus President.

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:

Kerry Odell, Campus Provost.

From West Virginia University Foundation:

R. Wayne King, President & CEO; and,
Bill Nevin, Director of Communications.

Members of the Press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Stephen Goodwin, at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mattern moved that the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2007 be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

President Garrison provided an update, which included several key issues as listed below:

- **FBI Partnership** – WVU signed an agreement with the Federal Bureau of Investigation to become its lead academic partner in biometrics research, affording WVU students with an academic opportunity unmatched at any other institute in the United States;

- **Legislative session** – The President is pleased with the full budget for higher education for 2008-2009;
- **Bucks for Brains:** This legislation places \$50 million in surplus funds from the current year's budget into the state's new research trust fund. Seventy percent of the fund - \$35 million – is available to WVU if it can match the appropriation, dollar-for-dollar, with donations from alumni, corporate supporters and foundations;
- **Research Symposiums:** The President recently participated in two research symposiums in Charleston – Undergraduate Student Research Day in Charleston and Research Showcase on Capitol Hill – which highlighted available funding sources;
- **Administration** – The President provided updates on several reviews initiated during the transition, which are moving forward. These included: The Health Sciences structure (including the search for the new Vice President); the ongoing research enterprise; the capital plan related to campus facilities and infrastructure; budget work on faculty and staff increases; revamping our strategic plan for new energy initiatives; the on-going initiatives of the total compensation work group; the status of the new Child Care Center; and the searches underway for deans of our College of Law and Department of Human Resources and Education. In addition, the President outlined several other initiatives that will take priority this year, including diversity issues; interdisciplinary programs and research; and development of a capital campaign.

Chairman Goodwin stated that the Board of Governors is very pleased with the accomplishments of this administration and looks forward to working with the President to accomplish future goals at West Virginia University.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ted Mattern moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b) for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal issues. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. President Michael Garrison, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, Alex Macia, and Board members, Tom Clark and Hank Barnette, withdrew from the meeting; the meeting continued; and they then re-entered the meeting. Following the discussion, Bill Nutting moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

BOARD ITEMS

The WVU Foundation Today: R. Wayne King, President and CEO of the West Virginia University Foundation, provided an overview of the Foundation operations, which included the following areas: Employees; Foundation Asset Management; Gifts; Support; Funds; Operating Budget; Stewardship; Independence; Technology; and Board of Directors.

Advising the Student: As a follow-up to a previous request, Provost Lang provided an overview related to student advising at West Virginia University.

FY2008 Quarterly Financial Report, Key Monthly Indicators, and Major Capital Projects Status Report through December 31, 2007: Narvel Weese, Vice President for Administration and Finance, provided the Committee with a brief summary related to the FY 2008 Quarterly Financial Report, Key Monthly Indicators, and Major Capital Projects Status Report through December 31, 2007. Vice President Weese stated that the second quarter financial statements have been submitted to the University's independent auditors, Deloitte & Touche, for assessment; that the University's financial performance through the second quarter is on target with the revised plan; and Moody's Investors Service affirmed the University's A1 rating on its outstanding revenue bonds. Vice President Weese indicated that any comments received from the External Auditor will be provided at the next Board meeting.

Vice President Weese further advised that Executive Director of Accounting, Reporting & Analysis, Anjali Halabe, will offer a full presentation at our next Board meeting on the issue of the GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, in preparation for the new budget in June.

Annual Report of West Virginia University at Parkersburg:— Dr. Marie Foster Gnage provided the Annual Report of West Virginia University at Parkersburg. Copies of this report were distributed to all Board members in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: Chairman Hank Barnette reported that the audit committee met on February 14, 2008, during which it heard reports from the Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, the Director of Internal Audit, and a representative from Deloitte & Touche, the independent auditor. Chairman Barnette reported that there were no outstanding, unresolved issues to bring to the attention of the Board

Transition Committee: Chairman Barnette reported that the work of the Transition Committee is now complete, including an internal audit of resources made available to President Hardesty. Chairman Barnette indicated that his final report, on behalf of the Transition Committee and Audit Committee, was delivered to the full Board during its Executive Session, and that the transition and audit have been successfully completed. Chairman Goodwin thanked Mr. Barnette for his leadership as Chair, and acknowledged that the efforts of the Committee were carefully planned and well executed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Goodwin called for a discussion of the Consent Agenda items. Drew Payne then moved for approval of the items as presented. The motion was seconded and the following items were approved:

1. Change in the Name of the School of Physical Education

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves a name change from the School of Physical Education to the College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences.

2. Approval of New Degree Program: Ph.D. in Education

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of the Doctor of Philosophy in Education.

3. Amendments to West Virginia University Board of Governors Policy 2: Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion, and Tenure - related to Term Appointments for Some Faculty and West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Procedure.

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the amendments to West Virginia University Board of Governors Policy 2: Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion, and Tenure - related to Term Appointments for Some Faculty and West Virginia Public Employees Grievance Procedure.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Goodwin noted that the next meeting will be a telephone meeting which is scheduled for February 22, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mattern moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary