

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 14, 2007

The fifty-sixth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on December 14, 2007, by telephone conference call. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Ellen Cappellanti, Tom Clark, James Dailey, Linda Dickirson, Steve Goodwin, Steve Kite, Carolyn Long, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Bill Nutting, Jason Parsons, Parry Petroplus, Ed Robinson, Sally Smith and Robert Wells. Steve Farmer and Drew Payne were 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 Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;
Vice President for Advancement & Marketing, Chris Martin;
Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Alex Macia;
Chief of Staff, Craig Walker;
Executive Officer for Communications, Bill Case;
Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;
Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin;
Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;
Associate Vice President for Facilities, Joe Fisher;
Assistant Vice President for Graduate Education, Jonathan Cumming; and,
Special Assistant to the President, Valerie Lopez;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Marie Foster Gnage, Campus President

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Charles Bayless, Campus Provost

From the Community & Technical College at WVUIT:

Beverly Jo Harris, Campus President

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:

Kerry Odell, Campus Provost

Mike Janney from The Dominion Post was 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.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBER

Chairman Goodwin tendered to the Board the written resignation of David W. J. Kirkpatrick from the West Virginia University Student Government Association. Jason A. Parsons was sworn in as a new member of the Board of Governors (replacing Student Representative Kirkpatrick) by Assistant Secretary & General Counsel, Alex Macia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Mattern moved that the minutes of the meetings of October 25, 2007 and November 2, 2007 be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Garrison reported that his first 100 days in office concluded on December 9, 2007, for which a comprehensive First Semester Report had been prepared and distributed to all Board members. The report provided a complete overview of the administration's first 100 days (including major initiatives, announcements, and detailed transition activities) but President Garrison shared the following comments with Board members:

- This administration has established a strong foundation to move the University forward;
- The President is very pleased with his administrative team;
- There are a number of long term strategic planning meetings scheduled in the near future;
- This administration will be tackling larger issues as we move forward; and,
- Finally, none of what has been achieved to date would be possible without a strong and supportive Board of Governors.

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.

BOARD ITEMS

Approval of Honorary Degree Candidate at West Virginia University

Dr. Gerald Lang, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided initial information regarding Board approval of an individual for an Honorary Degree from West Virginia University, noting that the name of the person to be honored will be announced at a later

date. After discussion, Mr. Mattern moved that this item be moved to the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates at West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Dr. Marie Foster Gnage, Campus President and WVU Regional Vice President, provided initial information regarding Board approval of two individuals for Honorary Degrees from West Virginia University at Parkersburg, for presentation at their December 14, 2007 commencement ceremony. After discussion, Mr. Mattern moved that this item be moved to the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

One of the Information Items included on this meeting's agenda was "Report on Real Estate Transactions – First Quarter FY 2007-2008." While information items presented require no action to be taken by the Board, the following board members voluntarily disclosed that they had a business interest or affiliation with the entities involved in the following transactions: Members Barnette, Dailey, and Petroplus regarding a Lease Addendum to Centra Bank (August 20-September 30, 2007); and members Dailey and Barnette regarding a Lease related to the rental of the Beta Psi Chapter House (August 15, 2007-May 15, 2008).

CONSENT AGENDA

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

1. Appointments to County Extension Committees

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves, as presented, the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia.

2. Approval of Energy Performance Contracting Project – Phase II

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the Energy Performance Contracting Project – Phase II.

3. Approval of Honorary Degree Candidate at West Virginia University

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves an individual for an Honorary Degree from West Virginia University. The name of the person to be honored will be announced at a later date.

4. Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates at West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves two individuals for Honorary Degrees from West Virginia University at Parkersburg. The names of the persons to be honored will be announced at Parkersburg's December 14, 2007 commencement ceremony.

OTHER BUSINESS

Board member, Ted Mattern, voiced the opinion that President Garrison should be recognized in all University-generated publications.

Provost Charles Bayless offered a public thank you on behalf of West Virginia University Institute of Technology for funds recently received.

Classified Staff Representative, Paul Martinelli, reported that members of staff council recently traveled to Charleston to visit with state legislators, and that these representatives were openly supportive of West Virginia University and specifically President Garrison and his new administration.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Goodwin noted that the next meeting is scheduled for February 14-15, 2008 in Morgantown.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dailey 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 issues. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Tom Clark moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

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 11:15 a.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary