

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

October 4, 2002

The thirteenth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held at 1:30 p.m. on October 4, 2002 in the Rhododendron Room of the West Virginia University Mountainlair. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette (by phone), Betty Chilton, Stan Cohen, Chris Gregory, Terry Jones, Vaughn Kiger, Joe Lopez, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Parry Petroplus, Tom Potter and Rod Thorn. Paul Gates, Steve Goodwin and Doug Leech were unable to attend and were excused.

A number of WVU officers, regional campus officers and representatives of the press were also present including:

From WVU:

President David C. Hardesty, Jr.;

Vice President for Administration, Finance, and Human Resources, Scott Kelley;

Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;

Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Carolyn Curry;

Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob D'Alessandri;

General Counsel, Tom Dorer;

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Herman Moses;

Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob Biddington;

Special Assistant to the President, David Miller;

Special Assistant to the President/Provost, Ginny Petersen;

Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master;

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

Assistant to the Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources, Sherri Belmear;

Special Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Mary Collins;

Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Erik Bitterbaum, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Karen LaRoe, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;

Steve Goodman, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs;

Mike Neese, Assistant to the President and Dean of Students;

Denise Kerby, Budget Officer;

Anne Cavalier, Vice President for Institutional Advancement

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:

Mary Rittling, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU.

Members of the Press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Tom Potter.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved that the minutes of the meetings of September 7, 2002 be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.*

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Barnette, by phone, reported that he had had a series of meetings with Governor Wise and his Chief of Staff, with Chancellor Mullen, Secretary Goodwin and Chairman Jones. He was accompanied by either President Hardesty or by Provost Lang for these meetings.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty noted that he had just delivered a report on the State of the Campus to the Board at the Luncheon preceding the Board meeting, and asked that the text of that speech be appended to the minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive: Hank Barnette reported that the executive committee met only to review the agenda for the October board meeting.

Academic Affairs: Tom Potter reported that the Academic Affairs committee had learned more about Assessment from Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Rosemary Haggett, and about West Virginia University's Extension Program from Associate Provost for Extension and Public Service, Larry Cote.

Business Affairs: Joe Lopez reported that the Business Affairs committee heard a report about the national accounting changes that will impact the University. He noted that there is concern that the new required format may adversely impact the perception of the University's health and wealth by those who read the reports. The Committee also received financial indicators for the quarter, and heard a presentation on the proposed Master Plan for West Virginia University Institute of Technology by Dr. Ann Cavalier, Vice President for Institutional Advancement.

Student Affairs: Betty Chilton reported that the Student Affairs committee heard a report from Vice President Gray, Mary Collins, Chris Gregory, Ron Justice and Leah on the Senior Year Experience, the final component of the total student experience at West Virginia University. A part of the presentation detailed plans for Alumni Park, along the Monongahela River front in Morgantown.

University Relations: Terry Jones reported that the University Relations Committee had enjoyed a field trip to the Visitor's Resource Center at 1 Waterfront. He recommended that all members avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the center. They heard a presentation by Carolyn Curry on the strategy and theory of marketing to the different age groups represented by students, their parents, and others in society. The Committee also toured the University's TV production studio and had a quick presentation by Mr. Casteel of Platinum Properties about the plans for developing the rest of the Wharf District which houses 1 Waterfront.

*Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Compact:

President Hardesty reported that he recently chaired a committee appointed by Chancellor Mullen to simplify the Compact reporting format for all institutions. The new format is designed to increase the readability of the Compact update, which will be presented for approval at the November Board meeting.

West Virginia University at Parkersburg:

Erik Bitterbaum, Campus President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, gave an excellent report on the status of the institution. His presentation is appended to the official copy of these minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of a Waiver Report.

On behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, Mr. Cohen moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors enter the report of the Institutional Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers for Summer Terms I and II, 2002, at West Virginia University into its minutes, and authorize the forwarding of the required report to the legislative auditor. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Update of West Virginia University Institute of Technology's Master Plan.

On behalf of the Business Affairs Committee which had reviewed the matter earlier, Mr. Lopez moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the Campus Community Development Plan 2002 for the West Virginia University Institute of Technology. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Appointment of member to the Grant County Extension Service Committee.

After review of credentials, Mr. Mattern moved that Sharee Bergdoll be appointed to the Grant County Extension Service Committee, and that Roger Lewis be approved as an alternate. The motion was seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Martinelli reported that he visited both West Virginia University at Parkersburg and West Virginia University Institute of Technology to meet with the staff, who he represents on the Board of Governors. He will be visiting Potomac State College of West Virginia University also. He noted one of their concerns/interests was in the possibility of another severance plan being offered. President Hardesty noted that while lots of things are being discussed, no decisions have been made. He advised staff not to plan on having another severance plan offered.

Mr. Martinelli also noted that the Advisory Council of Classified Staff met with Governor Wise, and that the Governor spent an hour listening to their concerns.

Mr. Cohen noted that the Faculty Senate meets once a month, with an executive committee meeting two weeks later. Mr. Cohen invited Board members to attend any of these faculty meetings. He also noted that Chancellor Mullen would be attending the Senate meeting in October, and Scott Kelley will make a presentation on the Budget at the November meeting.

Mr. Cohen noted that with the Accreditation visit for the University scheduled for 2004, the Senate is taking a hard look at how the University is doing in meeting student learning goals, and, in particular, the Liberal Studies curriculum of the University.

Mr. Gregory noted that Student Leaders from around the State were meeting in Glenville that evening, Friday, October 4, 2002, and the following day.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Virginia Petersen
Assistant Secretary