

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

October 3, 2003

The twentieth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on October 3, 2003, in the President's Conference Room in Stewart Hall. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Charlie Battleson, Vaughn Kiger, Paul Martinelli and Chris Wilkinson. Betty Chilton, Paul Gates, Terry Jones, Doug Leech, Joe Lopez and Rod Thorn joined by telephone. Steve Goodwin, Russ Isaacs, Parry Petroplus, and Michael Vetere were absent and excused.

WVU officers, and regional campus officers and representatives present or connected by phone were:

From WVU:

President David C. Hardesty, Jr.;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang;
Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Scott Kelley;
Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob D'Alessandri;
General Counsel, Tom Dorer;
Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips;
Special Assistant to the President, David Miller;
Associate Vice President for Finance, Gary Rogers;
Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob Biddington;
Sr. Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;
Special Assistant to the President/Provost, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Ginny Petersen;
Assistant to the Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Sherry Belmear;
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Joe Badgley, Interim Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Karen LaRoe, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;
Lanny Janeksela, Vice President for Academic Affairs;
Mike Neese, Assistant to the President and Dean of Students;
Jo Harris, Provost, Community and Technical College;
Denise Kerby, Budget Officer;

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:

Kerry Odell, Interim Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mrs. Chilton moved that the minutes of the meeting of September 5, 2003 be approved as written. The motion was seconded and passed*.

RESOLUTION HONORING CATHY ARMSTRONG

President Hardesty noted that Cathy Armstrong, former member of the Board of Governors, had passed away on September 26, 2003. Mr. Barnette moved approval of a Resolution expressing the Boards' appreciation of Ms. Armstrong's public service, and conveying its sympathy to her family. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. The full Resolution is attached.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Barnette noted that he had been on campus for several days, and had met with student leaders, the Governor, and a number of university officers. He reported that he had asked for a report in the near future on a long term strategic plan for the University.

Chairman Barnette asked that Board members submit names of potential members for the Health Sciences Committee.

Board members were asked to review the agenda for the November meeting, and the list of new meeting dates, and notify Ginny Petersen of any additions or concerns.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President David Hardesty reported that Chairman Hank Barnette had been one of four inductees to the West Virginia Business Hall of Fame on Thursday, Oct. 2, 2003. Other inductees by the WVU College of Business and Economics were Glen Hiner, Ray Lane and L. Newton Thomas, Jr. He congratulated Mr. Barnette on this honor.

President Hardesty noted that he had been busy working on the following issues:

1. Advocacy for the Unity Agenda. He reported receiving good support from several newspapers and other individuals around the state.
2. Intercollegiate athletics. He noted that reorganization and stabilizing the Big East has been a focal point, and that their work has implications for the BCS.
3. Vice Presidential Reviews. He reported that each review involves a review committees, a self-study, broad campus input, and committee report and presidential assessment. He noted that Dr. Kelley's review is complete, Vice President Gray's is being finalized, Dr. Lang's is underway, and Dr. LaRoe's is forthcoming.
4. Wellness Initiative on Campus. President Hardesty said that awareness of the benefits of exercise and information about good nutrition are part of a new nutrition emphasis on campus.

Congratulations and condolences were offered to Coach Rodriquez on the outstanding effort the WVU football team had made in a losing battle against the University of Miami the previous evening.

***Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.**

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Provost Gerald Lang reported that there would be a dedication of the renovated Wise Library on Saturday, October 4, 2003. He noted that the University had made a substantial investment in the Libraries in the past few years, and reported that West Virginia University has been invited to be a member of the Pennsylvania School Libraries Consortium (PALS) which will immediately cause a remarkable increase the University's access to library holdings. President Hardesty commented that a similar library consortium among the Big 10 schools was one distinguishing feature in that affiliation. PALS will most likely involved schools from Pennsylvania, West Virginia, New Jersey and New York, making this a comparable consortium.

Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Battleson each congratulated the University on its additions to the library system and noted the increasing use by the students and faculty.

Chief of Staff Margaret Phillips, reporting for Vice President Gray, noted that extensive plans are underway to anticipate and deal with unruly fan behavior surrounding the WVU-Virginia Tech football game on October 22, 2003. Mr. Battleson noted that the student government would be emphasizing safety, trust, and good sportsmanship.

President Hardesty expressed concern about the "burn the town down" rhetoric often heard in conjunction with winning sports events, both here and nationally.

Dr. Odell reported the Bob Evans, of Bob Evans Restaurant fame, would be at Potomac State College on Monday, October 6, 2003, in conjunction with donating horses to West Virginia University for an equine program.

Dr. Badgley noted that the Higher Education Policy Commission will be doing performance evaluations on the campus of West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Dr. LaRoe reported stable enrollment at West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Governmental Relations

Vice President Scott Kelley reported that the Governmental Relations Committee continues to strategize about ways to get the message out about "no more cuts" to higher education budgets. They are also looking at alternative ways to cope with a budget reduction or to raise revenues. He noted that the University is starting to get some good editorial support, and that meetings with legislators and gubernatorial candidates had been held.

Mr. Barnette noted that the Governor had called him to discuss the University's support of the Unity Agreement. They have had several lengthy discussions, during which Mr. Barnette had been able to explain to the Governor the University's concerns, its efforts to be prepared, and the probable effect of future budget reductions.

President Hardesty reported that he had communicated with the Governor regarding his willingness to meet personally, and noting that the University would begin working to suggest alternatives to a budget cut.

Mr. Barnette noted that if Board members received enquiries they should direct them to President Hardesty. He also noted that Board members suggestions and comments would be welcomed.

Quarterly Indicators

Vice President Kelley referred Board members to the quarterly indicators presented in the agenda. He noted that there was some indication that state revenues might be up. He specifically noted the data showing quality of student applicants ahead of schedule, and number of full time employees decreasing. Mr. Martinelli noted that the effect of fewer personnel available in key areas at the University is being felt.

Dr. Kelley noted that the final audited financials should be available in November, as the Auditors are ahead of schedule.

Mr. Barnette asked that Drs. Kelley and Rogers continue to work with legal counsel to make sure we are complying with the newly enacted Sarbanes-Oxley legislation.

ACTION ITEMS

Three actions items were introduced by Chairman Barnette and discussed by the Board. There being no further questions, upon motion duly made by Mr. Wilkinson and seconded, the following items were approved unanimously.

1. Discontinuance of the M.S. Degree in Medical Technology.

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the discontinuance of the M.S. Degree in Medical Technology. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Adoption of BOG Policy 13: Part Time Classified Employees

Resolved: The West Virginia University Board of Governors adopts a new BOG Policy regarding Part Time Classified Employees. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Approval of a Loan Application

Resolved: The West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the submission of a Loan Application and Agreement to the Higher Education Policy Commission by West Virginia University Institute of Technology. The motion was seconded and passed.

2003-2005 Meeting Dates

A new schedule of Board meeting dates was presented and duly accepted by the Board.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Kiger 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, Mr. Lopez moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Kiger moved that the Board approve the appointment of President Hardesty to a Board of Directors of a non-profit corporation, subject to review by legal counsel and the Chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Barnette noted the next meeting will be on November 13-14, 2003.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Virginia Petersen
Assistant Secretary

RESOLUTION HONORING
Cathy M. Armstrong

WHEREAS: Cathy M. Armstrong was duly appointed to the University System of West Virginia Board of Trustees, to the West Virginia Higher Education Interim Governing Board, and to the West Virginia University Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS: Cathy M. Armstrong was a faithful and effective member of these boards from 1992-2002, serving as chairman of each board; and

WHEREAS: Cathy M. Armstrong displayed extraordinary leadership and advocacy for higher education in West Virginia and for West Virginia University during her time on these governing boards; and

WHEREAS: Cathy M. Armstrong's counsel and advice were always willingly and thoughtfully given and greatly valued.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors hereby expresses its appreciation for the distinguished public service provided by Cathy M. Armstrong to West Virginia University and to Higher Education in West Virginia, and expresses its deepest sympathy to her family.

David C. Hardesty, Jr., President
West Virginia University
October 3, 2003

Curtis H. Barnette, Chairman
West Virginia University BOG
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