

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

May 9, 2005

The thirty-first meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on May 9, 2005, by telephone conference call. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Joe Campbell, Betty Chilton, Tom Dover, Steve Farmer, Russ Isaacs, Vaughn Kiger, Doug Leech, Joe Lopez, Paul Martinelli, Parry Petroplus, Rod Thorn, Robert Wells, and Chris Wilkinson. Steve Goodwin, and Jordan Workman were absent and excused.

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 Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Gary Rogers;
General Counsel, Tom Dorer;
Associate Vice President for Facilities Management, Joe Fisher;
Associate Vice President for Health Sciences-Finance, Jim Hackett;
Sr. Advisor to the Provost, Nancy Lohmann;
Director of Athletics, Ed Pastilong;
Assistant Director of Athletics, Russ Sharp;
Special Assistant to the President/Provost, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Ginny Petersen;
Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Marie Foster Gnage, President

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

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

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

Jo Harris, President

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Doug Leech at 9:00 a.m.

Roll was called, and new Board Member, Tom Dover, Chairman of the Board of Advisors for the Community & Technical College of West Virginia University Institute of Technology, took the oath of office, as administered by General Counsel, Tom Dorer.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Leech asked Mr. Barnette to chair the nominating committee, made up of the four members of the Executive Committee who are not officers (ie: Mr. Barnette, Mr. Petroplus, Mr. Kiger & Mr. Goodwin.) Mrs. Chilton moved the appointment of Mr. Barnette as chairman, the motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The committee will report at the June BOG meeting.

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Mr. Leech noted that the Board of Governor's meeting in June has been scheduled for Charleston, and noted his intention of inviting the governor and legislative leaders to the Board dinner at Mrs. Chilton's on Thursday evening, if there were no objections. There being none, he will proceed with the invitations.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty reported:

1. That university faculty & administrators were taking part in two tours around West Virginia in the coming week in order to visit WVU related projects and service sites.
2. That a fire had been set at a professor's home over the week-end, with arson being suspected;
3. That the Big East – ACC law suit has been settled.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Tuition and Fees

After a thorough explanation by Provost Lang and President Hardesty of the tuition and fee increases proposed for the 2005-2006 academic year, and a discussion by the Board, Dr. Wilkinson moved that the tuition and fees proposed for 2005-2006 be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and passed.

In response to a question from Mr. Campbell, it was noted that the increase in tuition and fees for the WVU-Parkersburg campus previously approved by the Board of Governors had been disallowed by the Community & Technical College Council in an effort to keep fees down and increase enrollment at all Community & Technical colleges. It was noted that this will necessitate a reworking of the financial plan for WVU-P for 2005-2006.

2. Wrestling Practice Facility

After reviewing plans for a wrestling practice facility, which will allow for the training of WVU student wrestlers, as well as bring potential Olympic wrestlers here to train, and learning of the gift from the Hazel Ruby McQuain Charitable Trust which will pay for the construction of the facility, Mr. Kiger made a motion to approve the construction of a wrestling training facility addition to the Natatorium. The motion was seconded and passed.

OTHER ITEMS

Mr. Barnette asked that Strategic Planning and FY2004 and FY2005 financial plans be on the agenda for the June, 2005 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.