

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 11, 2002

The fifth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held at 1:15 p.m. on January 11, 2002 in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair. Board members in attendance were Cathy Armstrong, Hank Barnette, Sam Chico, Betty Chilton, Vaughn Kiger, Doug Leech, Joe Lopez, Paul Martinelli, Roy Nutter, Jeremy Posey, Tom Potter and Sandra Weese. Paul Gates attended by phone. Terry Jones and Rod Thorn were unable to attend.

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

From WVU:

President David C. Hardesty, Jr.;

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang;

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

Vice President for Health Sciences & Dean of the School of Medicine, Bob D'Alessandri;

Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;

Interim VP for Institutional Advancement and Exec. Officer for Communication, Carolyn Curry;

Interim Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips;

Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

Assistant to the President for External Affairs, Dave Miller;

Interim General Counsel, Bobbie Brandt;

Interim Associate Vice President for Finance, Elizabeth Reynolds;

Assistant Vice President for Planning, Narvel Weese;

Associate Provost for Academic Personnel, C.B. Wilson;

Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob Biddington;

Sr. Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;

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

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, Myrtho Blanchard;

Special Assistant to the President/Provost, Ginny Petersen;

Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master;

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

Director, Research & Tax Accounting, Lisa Mitchell;

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

Former General Counsel, and current faculty member, Jon Reed;

Director, Accounting and Financial Systems, John Williams;

Director of the Alumni Association, Steve Douglas;

Assistant Director of the Alumni Association, Kevin Berry;

Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

President of the WVU Staff Council, Terry Nebel;

WVUH Architect, Bob Carrubia.

3 Auditors from Deloitte & Touche

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Erik Bitterbaum, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU

Dave Cunningham, Director of Facilities & Services

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:
Karen LaRoe, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU
John Russell, Provost
Mike Neese, Dean of Students and Assistant to the President.
Denise Kerby, Budget Officer
Beverly Jo Harris, Provost of the Community College

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:
Mary Rittling, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU.

Members of the Press:
Jim Bissett, Dominion Post

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaughn Kiger.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Kiger greeted everyone in the new year, noted that the board was embarking on their second six months of service, and commented that Terry Jones was recuperating from recent surgery, and doing well.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barnette moved that the minutes of the meeting of November 2, 2001 be approved as written*. The motion was seconded and carried. The minutes of the executive committee meeting of November 26, 2001 were accepted as written.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Rockefeller Gift:

President David Hardesty acknowledged a recent \$15 M gift from Senator John D. Rockefeller IV and his family to the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute and thanked them for their generosity.

Statistical Overview of WVU:

President Hardesty based his report on various statistical profiles about West Virginia University and noted that it is important to understand how such data are read and used. He commented that most statistical reports are time specific, and often need to be interpreted by individuals who understand the data and their nuances.

He specifically cited the governors' recent announcement regarding infusing more research dollars into WVU initiatives; the \$87.5 million in sponsored programs and research awarded the University already this year; and the nearly 30,000 students attending the main campus and

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

WVU's three regional campuses. He gave a summary of WVU 's enrollment growth, the tuition picture, retention and graduation rates and state appropriations. He refuted and called "flawed" a recent study by the Lumina Foundation that depicted WVU and other West Virginia institutions as "unaffordable", and reiterated West Virginia University's designation as a "best buy in higher education."

Mr. Barnette noted the importance of studying such data.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive: Mr. Barnette reported that the executive committee met and discussed three topics: the clippings mailed to the BOG from Institutional Advancement; the University's sources of funding, and the need to compete for many of these funds; and organizational issues, including the advisability of forming additional committees within the Board.

Academic Affairs: Mr. Potter reported that the Academic Affairs Committee heard a report of the Sydney Banks Institute from Dr. Robert D'Alessandri, and learned about other changes taking place in the School of Medicine. They also considered three action items.

Business Affairs: Mr. Lopez reported that the Business Affairs Committee had considered four items for approval that would be considered under action items, and asked Dr. Erik Bitterbaum of West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Dr. Fred Butcher, of the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center to briefly describe the building and master plan issues they had presented to the committee.

Student Affairs: Mr. Leech reported that the Student Affairs committee had received a report of the Student Organizations Office at West Virginia University. They were pleased to learn of the leadership development opportunities presented through the student organizations on campus, and with the level of participation from the student body.

University Relations: Cathy Armstrong reported that the University Relations committee had learned from Carolyn Curry that the MIX system had been successfully initiated, and that each member of the BOG would receive an account of his/her own. The committee also received a report from Dave Miller, Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs, concerning the legislative session just getting underway. She noted that the Governor's state of the State address had included mention of WVU's research efforts for possible funding.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Report of the External Auditors: Vice President Scott Kelly introduced auditors from Deloitte and Touche accounting firm who presented their findings on the 2000-2001 audit they performed on West Virginia University and its Regional Campuses. In each case, they were able to give an Unqualified Opinion, and noted that there were no disagreements or problems with the audit. Items in the Management Letter were reviewed. There were no material weaknesses or reportable conditions.

The auditors noted that the audit next year will be substantially different as the law has changed and public institutions will be reviewed in a manner similar to the review given private

institutions of higher education. The Board asked to meet with the Auditors privately during the Executive Session.

Report from Classified Staff: Paul Martinelli, classified staff representative to the Board of Governors and to the statewide Classified Staff Advisory Council, and Terry Nebel, president of the WVU Staff Council gave a presentation on “Who are Classified Staff and What is Their Role in Higher Education.” They described the types of positions filled by classified staff, the communication efforts in place to represent classified staff interests and the legislative agenda they have established for this year.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of a Multicategorical Special Education Program in the College of Human Resources and Education at West Virginia University.

Mrs. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve a new program leading to certification in Multicategorical Special Education, and forward the program proposal to the Higher Education Policy Commission for final approval. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Approval Board of Governors Policy on Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion and Tenure.

Mr. Potter moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors adopt the proposed *Policy on Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion and Tenure*. The motion was seconded. After discussion, Mr. Barnette moved to table the motion until the February meeting, during which a report would be made to the full board on this subject. The motion was seconded and carried.

3. Approval of a Resolution in support of Independent Accreditation for the Community and Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

Ms. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve a Resolution (attached) in support of independent accreditation for the Community and Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology. The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Receipt of Tuition and Fee Waivers

Mrs. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors enter the report of the Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers at West Virginia University for Fall, 2001 into its minutes, and authorize the forwarding of the required report to the legislative auditor. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Permission to begin planning a new building for West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Ms. Armstrong moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the planning of a new multi-function building at West Virginia University at Parkersburg and that the WVU-Parkersburg Master Plan be updated to show the new building on previously identified “Potential Building” sites. She also moved that the request be forwarded to the Higher Education Policy Commission for final approval. The motion was seconded and carried.

6. Appointments to County Extension Service Committees.

Mrs. Chilton moved that the nominees and alternates for positions on County Extension Service Committees in Cabell, Grant, Greenbrier, Logan and Summers Counties be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.

7. Approval of a revised Master Plan for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center.

Mr. Lopez moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the changes to the master plan for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center, and submit the revised master plan to the Higher Education Policy Commission for final adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Armstrong moved that the Board go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss honorary degree nominees, pending litigation, possible land acquisition, and to hear the report of the auditors. The motion was seconded and carried without dissent, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. The meeting with the Auditors was held without benefit of council, or other university officers, being present. Following the discussion, Ms. Armstrong moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Potter moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors receive the report of the Auditors. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Potter moved that the honorary degree nominees from West Virginia University Institute of Technology be approved. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Posey reported that he planned to give a report on Students at the March meeting.

Ms. Armstrong complimented Vice President Kelley on his letter to the Chancellor regarding the potential 3% budget reduction.

Suggestions were made on ways to shorten future BOG meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kiger thanked the Board Members for their participation.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Virginia Petersen
Assistant Secretary