

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 2, 2001

The fourth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held at 1:00 p.m. on November 2, 2001 in the Gold Ballroom of the Mountainlair. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Sam Chico, Betty Chilton, Paul Gates, Terry Jones, Vaughn Kiger, Doug Leech, Joe Lopez, Paul Martinelli, Roy Nutter, Jeremy Posey, Tom Potter and Sandra Weese. Cathy Armstrong 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;

Executive Officer for Communication, Carolyn Curry

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;

Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Rosemary Haggett;

Associate Provost for Extension and Public Service, Larry Cote;

Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob Biddington;

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;

Exec. Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Shelia Powell;

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;

Division Leader, WVU Extension, Dennis Godfrey;

Director of Communications, WVU Extension, Ann Berry;

Director, Accounting and Financial Systems, John Williams.

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Erik Bitterbaum, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

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:
Becky Lofstead, WVU News Service
Jim Bissett, Dominion Post

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaughn Kiger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Barnette moved that the minutes of the meeting of October 5, 2001 be approved as written*. The motion was seconded and carried.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Kiger called upon Mr. Barnette who congratulated Joseph Lopez for serving on a panel appearing before the National Business Roundtable recently regarding terrorism. Others on the panel included former Secretary of State, Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of Defense, William S. Cohen, and national news commentator, Andrea Mitchell.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President David C. Hardesty, Jr. reported that he had participated over the noon hour in a presentation of a \$500,000 gift from Dow Chemical Company to the Chemical Engineering Department at West Virginia University.

He also noted that he had recently undertaken a number of leadership training efforts including a charge given to his executive staff, (included in the agenda book) and visits to Regional Campus leaders. He called attention to the Annual Report that Mary Rittling had prepared for Potomac State College as a good indicator of accomplishments and campus leadership.

President Hardesty reported that the Policy Commission has passed a Rule on Rules that represents a great deal of work for the governing boards in the coming months, as we begin to work through the many Board policies.

President Hardesty announced that despite the declining number of high school graduates, FTE enrollment at all campuses of West Virginia University this Fall is up 3.3%, while headcount enrollment for all campuses is up 3.76%. He commended each school for their success, especially Potomac State College of West Virginia University, which had a 14.32% FTE increase. (See attached chart.)

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive: Mr. Barnette reported that the executive committee met on the morning of November 2nd and discussed the delegation of powers from the Board of Governors to the President of West Virginia University as required by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. He reported that the Committee was recommending approval of the revised draft of a Resolution delegating power to the president, but also had asked for a further report to the Board in February regarding the specifics of the past delegation to the president by the Board of Trustees, Policy Commission, or state statute, and any limitation on that delegation. The report is also to include the statute that allows delegation. He noted that the Executive Committee has also asked for a draft of a policy statement of Board Operating Procedures at the February meeting.

Mr. Barnette moved that the Resolution (see attached) delegating powers to the president be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried.

Academic Affairs: Mr. Potter reported that the Academic Affairs Committee and the Business Affairs committee met jointly to hear a report on the Compact Update and Fee Waivers. He noted that both would be brought before the Board for a vote under “action items.”

Student Affairs: Mr. Leech reported that the Assistant Dean for International Students and Scholars, Peter Li, had given the Student Affairs committee a thorough briefing on the activities of his office. He noted that WVU has 1180 students and 280 visiting scholars from foreign countries on campus, with India and China being represented most frequently. Mr. Li had reported that the events of September 11th had been particularly stressful for many international students, and that the office of International Students and Scholars had been working to lend support to these students.

University Relations: Terry Jones reported that the University Relations committee received a report from Dave Miller, Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs, concerning the current legislative deliberations on malpractice coverage. Dr. Robert D’Alessandri also contributed to the discussion, describing the impact of losing surgeons and other specialists on the charity care load of WVU and WVUH. Mr. Jones introduced a Resolution (see attached) calling on the State of West Virginia to continue working to resolve the crisis, and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded and carried.

Carolyn Curry, Interim Vice President for Institutional Advancement and Executive Assistant for Communications, presented information on recruiting and marketing to today’s students, describing the current research on the “Millennial” generation and the things that influence or motivate them.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Miscellaneous Issues: President David Hardesty distributed a list of the University Colloquium and the course offerings that have been developed on campus in response to the happenings of September 11, 2001. He also announced that Vice President Ken Gray has been selected as the Outstanding Alumni to be honored at this year’s homecoming.

Strategic Indicators: Dr. Scott Kelley introduced Dr. Kent Chabotar, Adjunct Professor at Harvard University and Vice President for Finance and Administration and Treasurer at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, Maine, who presented a lecture on *Strategic Thinking for Trustees*. He discussed the Core Questions, Critical Decision Areas, and a series of Strategic Indicators that need to be addressed by those involved in governance, and compared what is done at WVU with the national standard.

Scott Kelley distributed the draft of indicators on students, technology and engagement which together with the previously distributed indicators on research will comprise the WVU Key Indicator set. These indicators are intended to answer four questions: 1. Are we in compliance with regulations and legal requirements; 2. Are we achieving our strategic plan; 3. Are we achieving our annual business plan; 4. Are we achieving our vision and goals?

Mr. Barnette suggested that certain indicators be repeated at each meeting as a means of ascertaining "how we are doing, and how we have done since the last meeting." Dr. Kelley noted that many of the most important indicators in higher education do not vary much month to month.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the updated Compact with West Virginia

Mr. Potter moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the updated Compacts of West Virginia University, Potomac State College of West Virginia University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, West Virginia University Institute of Technology and West Virginia University Institute of Technology Community College and authorize their submission to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Receipt of Tuition and Fee Waivers

Mr. Potter moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors enter the report of the Institutional Undergraduate Fee Waivers for Fall 2001 at West Virginia University, Potomac State College of West Virginia University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, and West Virginia University Institute of Technology and the Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers at West Virginia University Institute of Technology into its minutes, and authorize the forwarding of the required report to the legislative auditor. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Posey distributed copies of *The Voice*, a publication of student government, and a copy of a letter to the editor of the Daily Athenaeum from Mr. Posey. He explained that the letter was in reference to a recent referendum on the student membership on the Board of Governors in the coming years. He noted that the Student Body President will sit on the Board of Governors in the future, and that he is supportive of that decision.

Mr. Posey noted his interest in giving the Board members a tour of the student government wing of the Mountainlair at a future meeting, and invited the members to note the new addition of *Mean Genes* in the food court of the Mountainlair.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Lopez moved that the Board go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss pending litigation. The motion was seconded and carried without dissent, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Ms. Weese moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and carried.

Mr. Lopez moved that the Executive Committee of the Board be authorized to act on behalf of the board if any emergency issues arise regarding the pending litigation before the next meeting. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Posey asked that board members be apprised of any such action if it is taken.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kiger thanked the Board Members for their participation and outstanding attendance record.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Virginia Petersen
Assistant Secretary