

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

April 2, 2004

The twenty-third meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on April 2, 2004, at the Erickson Alumni Center in Morgantown, WV. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Charlie Battleson, Betty Chilton, Paul Gates, Steve Goodwin, Russ Isaacs, Terry Jones, Joe Lopez, Vaughn Kiger, Paul Martinelli, Parry Petroplus, Michael Vetere, and Chris Wilkinson. Doug Leech and Rod Thorn were absent and excused. Potential new board members Joe Campbell and Ralph Sevy were in attendance.

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

**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 Student Affairs, Ken Gray;  
Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Christine Martin;  
General Counsel, Tom Dorer;  
Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips;  
Associate Provost, Russ Dean;  
Associate Provost for Curriculum, Cheryl Torsney;  
Associate Vice President for Finance, Gary Rogers;  
Assistant Vice President for Facilities, Joe Fisher;  
Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob Biddington;  
Assistant Vice President for Human Resources (Interim), Elizabeth Reynolds;  
Executive Director for Student Affairs, Mary Collins;  
Special Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Sheila Powell;  
Dean of Student Life, David Stewart;  
Special Advisor to the Provost, Nancy Lohmann;  
Special Assistant to the President, David Miller;  
Special Assistant to the President/Provost, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Ginny Petersen;  
Director of Internal Audit, William Quigley;  
Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;  
Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

**From WVU at Parkersburg:**

Joe Badgley, Interim Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU  
Al Cohens, Classified Staff Representative;

**From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:**

Karen LaRoe, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;  
Lanny Janeksela, Vice President for Academic Affairs;  
Jo Harris, Provost, Community and Technical College;  
Mike Neese, Assistant to the President & Dean of Students;  
Sid Cooper, Classified Staff Representative;

**From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:**  
Kerry Odell, Interim Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;  
Becky Wilkins, Classified Staff Representative;

**Several members of the Press were also present.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

### **RECESS**

Chairman Barnette declared the meeting in recess to allow committees to meet. The meeting reconvened at 11:15 a.m.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mrs. Chilton moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 13, 2004 be approved as written. The motion was seconded and passed\*.

### **CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Barnette welcomed Christine Martin as the new Vice President for Institutional Advancement. He complimented the outstanding presentations made by Vice Presidents Kelley and Lang at the strategic planning session the previous day, and noted that a similar strategic planning session will precede the June meeting, with the topics being the Health Sciences and Regional Campuses. Mr. Barnette congratulated President Hardesty on his selection as the president of the National 4-H Council, and noted that the Executive Committee had given President Hardesty permission to accept this appointment.

Mr. Barnette asked that the Board be prepared to critique the Board's performance as a Board of Governors at the June meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

President David Hardesty gave a brief report on the outcome of the recent legislative session. He noted the University's two requests were that the budget not be cut and that restrictive rules and regulations be eliminated in order to save the institution time and money.

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

President Hardesty noted that the University's budget cut was 4.26% except for the community colleges, which were cut about 2.5%. Total reductions were in excess of \$7.5M. The request for deregulation resulted in legislation which granted some flexibilities, but not enough to offset the reductions in the budget.

He noted that legislation reforming governance for the community and technical colleges in the state had been enacted, resulting in some changes for WVU's structure and governance. He welcomed Joe Campbell, representing WVU at Parkersburg and Ralph Sevy, representing the Community and Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology to the Board of Governors, and congratulated Jo Harris's on her new title as President of the CTC at WVUIT. He reported the addition of the Community and Technical College Council as the policy board for our Community and Technical Colleges, noting that the Policy Commission remains as the policy board for WVU and the Regional Campus four year programs.

President Hardesty noted that the reductions in state appropriations will result in the need for increased tuition and private funding as discussed at the April 1, 2004 strategic planning session of the Board.

President Hardesty congratulated the WVU Foundation on the success of the recently completed Capital Campaign, noting that the \$336 M raised greatly exceeded the original goal, and thanked all those involved.

He also commended the Health Sciences Center for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of health sciences education at WVU which was being recognized on campus this week-end, and announced the retirement of Karen LaRoe, President of West Virginia University Institute of Technology. He extended thanks, congratulations and best wishes Dr. LaRoe.

President Hardesty reported on the recent national success of a number of athletes and athletic programs, the national scholarships won by two WVU students, and the rating reaffirmation given to WVU by Moody's rating service relating to bond issuance.

President Hardesty thanked the Board for approving his participation as chairman of the National 4-H Council, noting that he will be the first land grant president to serve as chairman.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Executive:** Hank Barnette reported that the Executive Committee had reviewed the agenda for the BOG meeting and the Strategic Planning Session, heard a legislative report, and approved President Hardesty's chairmanship of the National 4-H Council.

**Academic Affairs:** Paul Gates, reporting for the Academic Affairs committee, noted that the committee had discussed three action items relating to Program Review, termination of an AAS Program at WVU – Parkersburg, and Tuition and Fee rates for the coming year. They also heard reports on the upcoming accreditation visits, changes in the Honors Program, and the Publishing Innovation Center at the Community and Technical College of West Virginia University Institute of Technology. At Dr. Gates' request, Provost Lang repeated the information about the proposed Tuition and Fee increases for the full board.

**Business Affairs:** Joe Lopez reported that the Business Affairs Committee had considered four action items, Repair of the Coliseum Roof and building exterior, Increasing the Budget for the Soccer Stadium, Sale of three parcels of land to the city of Morgantown, and a Resolution related to reimbursement of expenses from bond revenue.

**Student Affairs and University Relations:** Terry Jones reported that the Student Affairs and University Relations committees met together, and thus all members had been introduced to the new student body leaders, had heard a legislative update, and had been briefed on a Sportsmanship Steering Committee being formed.

**Audit Committee:** Vaughn Kiger reported that the Audit Committee had met with the External Auditors to receive their audit plan for the year. They also received updates on the Fiscal Year 03 Management Letter and on Sarbanes/Oxley implementation at the University, and had discussed the Internal Audit Plan for Fiscal Year 05.

### **ACTION ITEMS**

Based on discussions of each item at the respective Committee meeting, an explanation of each to the full board, and recommendations for approval by the appropriate committee, Mr. Barnette asked for final discussion on any action item.

There being no further questions, upon motion duly made by Mrs. Chilton and seconded, the following items were approved unanimously.

**1. Appointment of Members to the WVU-P Board of Advisors**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors appoint the following individuals to four-year terms on the Board of Advisors of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, effective July 1, 2004: Joe Campbell, Robert D'Avria, Linda Dickirson, Michael Hastings, Jim Hayhurst, Jr., George Kellenberger, Jim Mylott, William Niday, Joyce Okes, Tony Playtis, Trudy Seitza, and Gregory Smith. The motion was seconded and passed.

**2. Appointment of a Member to the CTC-WVUIT Board of Advisors**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the appointment of Ms. Sally E. Smith to the Board of Advisors of the Community and Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology. The motion was seconded and passed.

**3. Approval of a Naming Opportunity**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves a naming opportunity, details of which will be announced at an appropriate time. The motion was seconded and passed.

**4. Approval of a Foundation Agreement and Related Agreement**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve an agreement with the WVU Foundation and a related agreement, details of which will be announced at a later time. The motion was seconded and passed.

**5. Approval of Program Review Decisions**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the recommendations of the Program Review Committee for 2003-2004. The motion was seconded and passed.

**6. Approval to Terminate the AAS in Manufacturing Processes at WVU-P**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the termination of the AAS in Manufacturing Processes at West Virginia University at Parkersburg effective May 1, 2004. The motion was seconded and passed.

**7. Approval to Replace the Coliseum Roof and Repair the Exterior of the Coliseum**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the replacement of the Coliseum Roof, along with cleaning, caulking and repairs to the exterior of the Coliseum – contingent upon the availability of bond proceeds. The motion was seconded and passed.

**8. Approval to Sell Three Properties to the City of Morgantown**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the sale of three properties to the City of Morgantown for cooperative development of The Square at Falling Run. The motion was seconded and passed.

**9. Approval to Increase the Construction Budget for the New Soccer Stadium**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves an increase in the budget for the new Soccer Stadium at West Virginia University, contingent upon the availability of funds from private sources and/or the sale of bonds. The motion was seconded and passed.

**10. Approval of a Bond Reimbursement Resolution**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves a resolution which declares its intent to reimburse itself for certain capital expenditures made prior to the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds. The motion was seconded and passed.

After further opportunity for discussion, upon motion duly made by Mr. Isaacs and seconded, the following item was approved unanimously

**11. Approval of Tuition and Fees for 2004-2005**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the proposed Tuition and Fee Schedules for 2004-2005 for West Virginia University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, The Community and Technical College of West Virginia University Institute of Technology, and for Potomac State College of West Virginia University. The motion was seconded and passed. This included an approval of rates for resident tuition and fees that are 1.5% above the limit approved by the Higher Education Policy Commission, as permitted by West Virginia Code §18B-10-(k)-(1).

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

Paul Martinelli, accompanied by Becky Wilkins of Potomac State College of West Virginia University, Al Cohens of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, and Sid Cooper of West Virginia University Institute of Technology gave their annual report to the Board of Governors from the Classified Staff. They emphasized the variety of duties and responsibilities covered by classified staff and how they manage their positions even in times of financial shortages. Mr. Martinelli also discussed their legislative activities and the message they delivered to the legislators this session.

Mr. Barnette and Mr. Lopez extended their thanks and praise to all the “unsung heros” who make up the classified staff of the Institutions.

Scott Kelley presented an update on the 2003 Business Plan. He noted that both West Virginia’s and West Virginia University’s revenue collections were a little ahead of what had been anticipated, and that all key indicators are looking good for a successful completion to the budget year. He projected that the 2004-2005 plan would be close to completion by the June, 2004 Board meeting.

Cheryl Torsney, Associate Provost for Curriculum, briefed the Board on the upcoming ten year accreditation. She identified the weaknesses reported ten years ago, told what the University had done to address those weaknesses, and noted the weaknesses the University has identified for this review: low salaries and assessment issues. She noted that the current emphasis on Student Learning Outcomes (assessment) was something that we were working to address, but were not satisfied with our progress to date.

Interim Presidents Odell of Potomac State College of West Virginia University, and Badgley of WVU-P, gave a similar synopsis of their campus’ preparations for upcoming accreditation visits.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Barnette reminded Board members of the meeting with the members of the Higher Learning Commission for both WVU and WVU-P on April 20, 2004.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Barnette reminded members that the next meeting will be on June 10 - 11, 2004, with a strategic planning meeting scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup>. He urged everyone’s attendance.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Virginia Petersen  
Assistant Secretary