

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD
OF GOVERNORS

February 10, 2021

The one hundred ninetieth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on February 10, 2021 in Morgantown, WV via zoom. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Marty Becker, Charles Capito, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, J. Thomas Jones, Dr. Patrice Harris, Dr. Stanley Hileman, Lisa A. Martin, Taunja Willis Miller, Dr. Emily Murphy, Richard Pill, Chase Riggs, Ed Robinson, Dr. Kimberly Weaver and William Wilmoth. Board member Benjamin Statler was absent and excused.

Note: With this meeting being conducted via zoom, there was no way to ascertain all other participants but the following WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) participating included:

President, E. Gordon Gee;
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Maryanne Reed;
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;
Vice President for Global Strategies in Higher Education, Amber Brugnoli;
Dean of Students, Corey Farris;
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Meshea Poore;
Vice Provost for Academic Strategies, Curriculum and Assessment, Paul Kreider;
Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives, Mark Gavin;
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Anjali Halabe;
Director of Internal Audit, Bryan Shaver;
Associate Vice President of Business & Auxiliary Services, Ted Svehlik;
Assistant Vice President for Finance, David Kosslow;
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Evan Widders;
President, WVU Potomac State College, Jennifer Orlikoff;
President, WVU Tech, Carolyn Long;
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;
Director of Communications, Office of the Provost, Kimberly Becker;
Director of Communications, Centers and Institutes, Office of the Provost, Katie Farmer;
Director of Communications and Marketing for Strategic Initiatives, Erin Newmeyer;
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;

Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,
April Kaul; Major General James Hoyer; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press also participated.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman David Alvarez at 12:10 p.m.
A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Alvarez requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§6-9A-4(b)(9) and (12) to discuss: a. Commercial competition matters, the purchase, sale or lease of property, and/or the investment of public funds or other matters involving commercial competition, which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University, b. Potential strategic initiatives relating to academic and administrative priorities, and c. Report by General Counsel. The motion was made by William Wilmoth, seconded by Marty Becker, and passed. Following Executive Session J. Thomas Jones moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed. Chairman Alvarez stated that no actions were taken as a result of today's Executive Session discussions.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Provost Maryanne Reed provided the following Academic Affairs Updates:

Start to Spring Semester

I'm happy to report that our Spring semester is off to a relatively smooth start, despite the continued challenges posed by the COVID-19 epidemic – and the weather. On January 20th, we cancelled classes in the morning on the Morgantown campus because of an early morning snowstorm. This resulted in the University having to make another change to the academic calendar in order to meet the number of days of instruction required by H-L-C and the Department of Education. As a result, the Finals prep day – originally scheduled for May 3rd – has been replaced with another day of instruction. And moving forward, if the University has to close the campus for inclement weather or any reason, all instruction will automatically switch to online or remote instruction.

We have had fewer complaints at the start of the semester (compared to Fall) from students, and it appears that our students and faculty have become more comfortable with the mix of in-person, online and hybrid instruction — which has become our new “normal” for the time being. Because of the lower incidents of COVID-19 on campus, the Research Office has been able to ramp up its operations. As of Monday, all clinical trials (with in-person contact)

have been allowed to resume with COVID-19 safety protocols in place, as has face-to-face “human subject” research.

Student Support

We are continuing to support our students in a myriad of ways. In addition to our academic support services available to all students, the CARE Team provides individualized support and guidance to students who may be struggling with issues outside of the classroom, such as financial issues or health concerns. For example, the CARE Team calls students who are in isolation or in quarantine to ensure these students feel supported and are getting what they need, whether it be food, supplies from the drug store, or medication information.

Student Life also continues to engage students in activities that keep them connected to the University and one another. The “Refresh” program series offers live demonstrations of cooking, crafting, fitness and personal care. Students pick up free supplies and ingredients at one of two Refresh “offices.” Also, there are weekly virtual games with winners awarded cash prizes or gear such as headphones and WVU swag.

The University provides 24/7 mental health support to our student through tele-counseling, along with in-person crisis support and a Crisis Text Line. And there is a new partnership between the Student Recreation Center and the Carruth Center is offering programs to support good mental health through fitness, running, outdoor activities, and other programs to get students physically moving.

Faculty Support

In addition to supporting our students we continue to support our faculty and staff, who have been working very hard during this time and are also experiencing a high level of stress and strain. My office has worked with experts across campus to develop workshops focused on the mental health and well-being for our faculty and staff. These include a workshop on mindfulness and mantra meditation, one about self-care practices, and two workshops focused on identifying mental health issues among faculty, staff and students, and linking them to the resources available at WVU. We have also partnered with Student Life and Talent and Culture to develop a “Refresh” series for employees. What began as a student-focused series now includes activities specifically targeted to WVU faculty and staff. In partnership with WVU Honors Test Well Center and academic units and tutoring centers across campus, the Provost’s office continues to offer a free virtual tutoring program for children of WVU faculty and staff enrolled in K-12 schools. With additional tutors identified and trained for the Spring 2021 semester, we were able to expand the number of families we can serve. Tutoring is currently being offered in scheduled groups of two school-age children with one tutor and through drop-in sessions at scheduled times Monday through Friday.

Looking Ahead

Looking ahead, we haven't yet made a final decision about fall, although (with increased vaccinations), we remain hopeful that we can return to a regular on-campus school year. Summer school is always a mix of on-campus and online instruction and will remain that way. We will be launching our first May-mester this year, a new accelerated three-week term that starts immediately after graduation. But like our Winter Intersession term, May-mester will be offered fully online.

Based on the growing popularity of Winter Intersession, we believe these shorter parts of term are appealing to those students who are interested in accelerating their degree progression. Enrollment in this year's Winter Intersession increased by more than 33 percent from last year.

We hope to have a decision in mid-March (if not sooner), about which summer camps will be allowed to be held in person this year and whether to allow a residential component.

Law School Dean's Search

Our search for a new dean of the WVU College of Law has successfully concluded with the hiring of a new dean. I'm pleased to announce that Amelia Rinehart, an associate dean from the University of Utah College of Law, will be joining our campus and community on July 1st.

Dean Rinehart is an accomplished law professor and administrator with a professional background in patent law. She comes highly recommended and made a terrific impression during her both her virtual and "in-person" visits to campus. She is a top-notch hire, and I'm confident she will make her mark here at WVU.

APPROVAL OF FINAL AMENDED RULE – WVU BOG TALENT AND CULTURE RULE 3.4 – DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING FOR FTA AND FMSCA COVERED POSITIONS

General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor, provided the following information regarding the approval of this final amended rule.

At the Board's December 18, 2020 meeting, it issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the amendment of BOG Talent and Culture Rule 3.4. The proposed changes seek to amend current BOG Rule 3.4 to comply with federal regulations that expanded the list of required drugs to be tested and to clarify and add certain drug-related prohibitions not addressed in the Rule as originally adopted.

The proposed changes to the Rule were posted for the required thirty (30) day public comment period. Given that the holiday break occurred during the 30-day period, we extended the public comment period until January 29, 2021. No comments were received. If approved,

the amended Rule will be effective in 15 business days. Accordingly, the Board of Governors is asked to approve the final amended Rule. Whereupon, Taunja Willis Miller moved that the board approve West Virginia University Board of Governors Talent and Culture Rule 3.4 – Drug and Alcohol Testing for FTA and FMSCA Covered Positions, as presented, pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 1.1. The motion was seconded by William Wilmoth and passed.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop, provided the following overview of the current legislative session:

The legislative session restarted today and we are anxiously awaiting the Governor’s State of the State. While we will hear more directly from the Governor tonight, we have heard that the Legislature will spend time on fiscal matters, including our budget and taxation matters; broadband; and recovering from COVID19. As always, we have been in touch with our delegation and with the leadership in the Legislature and with the Governor. We will know more in the future days and weeks. The Legislature is working under different circumstances with the pandemic, with limited committee rooms available. Our main concerns for the session relate to making sure that the Legislature continues to value the investment it makes in WVU specifically and education in general.

FINANCE AND COVID UPDATE

The board received information about the positive national attention surrounding the success of COVID-19 vaccination efforts across the State and supported by WVU.

President Gee started off stating how grateful he was to Governor Jim Justice for his leadership, as well as Dr. Clay Marsh, the West Virginia Coronavirus Czar and our Health Sciences Vice President and Executive Dean. The president added that many WVU Medicine professionals are working hard to support Gov. Justice’s ongoing efforts to vaccinate West Virginians and we all owe them thanks for making us proud—and keeping us healthy.

Testing and vaccinations

Ted Svehlik, Associate Vice President of Auxiliary and Business Services, noted lower positive test results among students this spring compared to the fall, as well as a positivity rate well below the state and Monongalia County. WVU has expanded testing and types of testing to include rapid antigen and self-swab options. The University will continue to receive a limited number of COVID-19 vaccine doses designated for higher education employees. To date, 240 employees have received two doses, and another 830 employees have received the first dose. Additionally, 697 clinically active Health Sciences students working or on rotation in high-risk areas have received a first dose. However, with the recent launch of the statewide vaccine pre-registration portal and vaccination clinics now established in all 55 counties, WVU soon will

begin phasing out the vaccination clinic located at the Student Recreation Center. In the meantime, the University will continue to distribute doses in accordance with State guidelines developed by the West Virginia Joint Interagency Task Force. All updates regarding testing, quarantine, isolation and vaccinations are available through WVU's public COVID dashboards at the Return to Campus website.

COVID-19 Finances and Federal Relief

Paula Congelio, Vice President of Finance and Chief Financial Officer, outlined more than \$18.4 million in pandemic-related expenses incurred to date including testing, PPE, transportation, distance learning and teleworking costs, among others. The University has also seen revenue losses in tuition and fees, housing and dining, parking, athletics and other sources totaling \$55,389,000. Last spring, WVU received \$20.2 million from the federal CARES Act. The first installment of approximately \$10 million provided emergency assistance to students. The rest was used to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to COVID-19. Vice President Congelio stated that the University used these moneys to offset the more than \$13.6 million in housing and dining refunds that we have paid to our students. In December, Congress passed additional relief totaling approximately \$30 million which will be used similarly.

The University, Congelio added, has strategically navigated the financial challenges of the pandemic through a variety of measures including:

- Reducing more than \$35 million in expenses over initial expected budget.
- Pausing and re-evaluating capital projects.
- Maximizing reimbursement of expenses and loss of revenues at the state and federal level.

Response and Impact to the State

From testing and contact tracing, research and development efforts, public outreach, education and assisting with vaccine distribution, WVU has supported and partnered with local, county and state entities, various agencies, the National Guard and others throughout the pandemic. Jim Hoyer, who serves on the State's COVID-19 task force and recently retired as adjutant general of the West Virginia National Guard before transitioning to WVU, shared his perspective on the University's impact. General Hoyer stated that from his 40 years of emergency response in this state, he can state that West Virginia University has been absolutely pivotal in the State's success. He continued by saying that the ability to operationalize the institution to mobilize its land-grant mission gave us things that other states didn't have and that it has absolutely saved lives.

TRANSFORMATION UPDATE

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Maryanne Reed shared the following information regarding Academic Transformation at WVU,

Per President Gee's charge at the December Board of Governors meeting, my office, in partnership with the Education Advisory Board (EAB) is leading a process of Academic Transformation on the WVU campuses. This work is part of a larger university-wide transformation effort that has been underway for the past several years. But this effort is focused on transforming our academic offerings and services to be both rigorous and highly relevant to our students—and the industries and communities we serve.

Our goal is to help implement President Gee's BIG vision to re-make WVU into the Land Grant University of the Future. As part of this effort, we will be identifying new areas of opportunity and investment, as well as targeting areas where we can be more efficient and effective, which will allow us to realign resources to support our growth and continued success. (resource-constrained environment.)

Initial Activities

Our initial work is being divided into several areas.

- We have begun to examine our program portfolio, to assess the relative “health” of our undergraduate and graduate programs. We are using a data-driven approach that will compile (and ultimately rank) such data as current enrollment #'s and trends, student success markers, market demand, and career opportunities for our graduates, as well as each programs contribution to the University's R-1 mission. This process will enable us to determine which of our current programs we want to maintain, grow, reduce or sunset.
- We have begun the process of reviewing the possibility of new academic structures – based on mergers or consolidations — if there are cost savings to be had – and IF these new structures will lead to further growth and opportunity. With EAB, we are doing some national benchmarking, and looking for redundancies in our academic programming, configurations that don't make sense as they once did.
- And we have begun the process of identifying instructional efficiencies, such as ensuring our classes are full and that we are offering the right number of sections of required courses and that teaching assignments are distributed fairly and consistently across academic units.

Immediate Next Steps: Engaging Stakeholders

We know that many people will be impacted by this effort, and so we want to make sure to engage key stakeholders at various points in the process. Two groups that are key to this effort include our faculty and academic leaders.

In the next week or so, I will be announcing the formation of an Academic Transformation Advisory Committee (comprised primarily of faculty, but also some staff members who work on recruitment and retention). My team worked with faculty senate leaders and deans to identify the faculty and staff representatives who will serve on this committee. This group will meet with EAB analyst David Attis (bi-weekly basis), to review, respond and provide feedback on the data and analysis generated by my office.

In addition, my team will meet regularly with our academic deans and campus presidents to share our data and analysis. Feedback from both groups will enable us to fine-tune our efforts and will help to share our final recommendations.

In addition, I will be announcing the formation of three other committees, who will regularly engage faculty, key staff members, academic leaders. These include:

- A Student Success Committee (Retention Committee) led by Associate Provost Evan Widders. This group will be taking both a short-term and longer look at our student success programs and practices, and will likely recommend a number of small and significant changes designed to increase student retention, persistence, and completion rates. (Right thing/smart thing to do)
- Another Committee, which will be heavily-dominated by faculty is the Faculty Rewards and Recognition Committee. This committee will be tasked with reviewing and revising our faculty rewards structure to ensure that we are incentivizing behavior and activities that further promote growth and excellence.
- And our Graduate Programs taskforce is going to be re-focused, so that it primarily addresses Academic Transformation aimed at Ph.D. and doctoral programs.

Deliverables and Timing

- Next Friday, Dr. Kim Weaver will be leading a meeting of the Board's Academic Affairs Committee, (group that hasn't met in a while, but one that we engage with during this process.) That will be a working session to address the strategic transformation process. First hour, David Attis, presentation, what this looks nationally, the initiatives/activities that generate the most successful outcomes, best practices, pitfalls to avoid. Second hour, discussing our approach and getting feedback from board members.
- We will provide another update at the April Board meeting
- Plan is to provide a first set of recommendations to the Board at our June Board meeting (2-3 year process, budget models, parts of term)

Coming Soon - Innovation Summits: Spring 2020

Finally, coming soon....My office will be working in partnership with academic leaders across campus, including Heath Sciences, and representatives from the WVU Foundation to host one, possibly two, Big ideas Innovation Summits later this Spring. This will be a brainstorming event, bringing together the best minds of the university to anticipate future opportunities for growth and differentiation, building from our current strengths and in response to emerging trends in the marketplace. BIG ideas summit, looking at

themes/topics/buckets that cut across colleges and disciplines and that are very future forward. Including things like the Future of Work, Advances in Health and Wellness, the Outdoor Economy.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Thomas Jones moved that the minutes of the November 6, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and the December 18, 2020 Regular Board Meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by William Wilmoth and passed

COMMITTEE REPORTS

February 10, 2021 Audit Committee Meeting: J. Thomas Jones, Audit Committee Chairman, reported that during this meeting members of the Audit Committee approved the execution of audit engagement letters and received reports from the General Counsel and Director of Internal Audit. The committee also had a discuss on Information Technology and Chair Jones suggested that the board should receive an Information Technology overview at a future board meeting.

February 10, 2021 Finance and Facilities and Revitalization Committee Meeting: Marty Becker, Finance and Facilities and Revitalization Committee Chairman, reported that during this committee meeting a variety of financial matters related to WVU and the pandemic were discussed and that no actions were taken as a result of said discussions.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gee offered the following comments:

Eagle Scout

I am proud to report that a West Virginia University student is among the nation's first female Eagle Scouts. Frannie Kitzmiller, a first-year criminology student and Morgantown native, said of her accomplishment: "I wanted to become an Eagle Scout to set a goal for younger girls. I want them to know they can achieve it, too." To earn Eagle Scout status involves taking on leadership roles within the troop and community; earning at least 21 merit badges; and completing a large community service project. Frannie partnered with Chestnut Ridge Park and Campground for a remodeling project at the park's schoolhouse. I know well the leadership skills and confidence one gains through becoming an Eagle Scout, and I am delighted that young women like Frannie now have access to this opportunity.

Racial and social justice

We continue to raise awareness and work on issues relevant to racial and social justice. Recent initiatives across our campus include:

- The annual Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast, led by the Center for Black Culture and Research, which successfully was reimaged as a virtual event for this year's celebration of King's birthday.

- Last month, the Social Action Clinic held a conversation with voices from the University and the greater Morgantown community about creating and empowering sustainable solutions for social needs. I enjoyed participating in this exchange of ideas aimed at making Morgantown an even better place to live.
- In honor of Black History Month, the Student National Medical Association and the Multicultural Association of Students in Healthcare have organized a talk series called "Reaching Back, Pulling Forward." Three talks remain in this series, focusing on diversity, inclusion and equity in today's healthcare and educational settings. I would encourage everyone to check the School of Medicine news web page for details.
- Rise WVU will host its 3rd Annual Black Love Day Celebration tomorrow with an interactive panel discussion about media representation and community dynamics. Black Love Day was founded to encourage black self-love, increase peace to stop violence and facilitate racial healing. Check on refresh.wvu.edu for information on this event.
- Also tomorrow, the Faculty Senate Inclusion and Diversity Committee will host a virtual Social Justice Summit focusing on narratives and the importance of Black voices. (socialjusticesummit.wordpress.com) Tomorrow's events include a Healthcare Disparities Panel aimed primarily at students planning medical careers. The School of Public Health web page has details about this event, which is also hosted by the Chambers College.
- Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Meshea Poore has launched a weekly series of short videos to help Mountaineers live, learn and work together with care and respect. Her first video addressed empathy and respect. Watch for a new video each Tuesday on topics including ableism; free speech and counter speech; cultural appropriation; and the land-grant mission.
- Finally, the Honors College has launched an Honors Students of Color Affinity Group and an Honors LGBTQ+ & Allies Affinity Group. They have also added a diversity module to the first-year Honors seminar course and worked to ensure that Honors Ambassadors are reflective of our entire student composition.

Research

As an R1 university, we are uniquely able to engage students—including undergraduates—in meaningful research opportunities. Seventy-five undergraduates have begun their research experience in our Research Apprenticeship Program this spring—our largest spring cohort yet. Additionally, 88 are continuing ongoing apprenticeships and 44 program graduates are continuing their research. It has been challenging for faculty members to mentor these students amid the current COVID-19 restrictions, and I greatly appreciate their commitment.

Thank you to Governor

Finally, I would like to say how pleased I am with West Virginia's successful COVID-19 vaccine rollout. I am sure many of you have seen the national media coverage about our progress, which has outpaced that of many other states. I am grateful to Governor Jim Justice for his leadership, as well as Dr. Clay Marsh, West Virginia Coronavirus Czar and our Health Sciences vice president and executive dean. Many WVU Medicine professionals are working hard to support Governor Justice's on-going efforts to vaccinate West Virginians. We all owe them thanks for making us proud—and keeping us healthy.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any Board members pertaining to the Information Items contained within today's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Alvarez called for any discussion of today's Consent Agenda items and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote. There being no such request made William Wilmoth moved that today's Consent Agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- 1. Approval of the West Virginia University Personal Rapid Transit System Title VI Program Update**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the West Virginia University Personal Rapid Transit System Title VI Program Update, as presented
- 2. Approval of New Major: BA Bachelor of Arts in Art Therapy within the College of Creative Arts**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new BA degree in Art Therapy in the College of Creative Arts.
- 3. Approval of New Degree Program: BIS Bachelor of Integrated Studies within the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new BIS degree program in Integrated Studies in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences
- 4. Approval of New Degree Program: BS Bachelor of Science in Data Science within the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new BS degree program in Data Science in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences.

5. Approval of New Graduate Certificate in Nurse Executive Leadership in the School of Nursing

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new graduate certificate in Nurse Executive Leadership within the School of Nursing

6. Approval of New Undergraduate Certificate in Behavior Analysis

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of an undergraduate certificate in Behavior Analysis within the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences

7. Authorizing Resolution of the West Virginia University Board of Governors for the amendment of the First Supplemental Indenture to the existing Bond Indenture

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the amendment of the First Supplemental Indenture dated as of August 1, 2011 (the “First Supplement”) deleting the debt service coverage requirement (“DSC Requirement”) and the entering into of the Twelfth Supplemental Indenture (the “Twelfth Supplement”) to carry out the same. The Board further resolves it is in the best interest of this Board to grant to the President and the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives of the University, acting together or individually (each, an “Authorized Officer”), the power and authority to negotiate and enter into any agreements required for the amendment of the First Supplement and entering into the Twelfth Supplement, to execute and deliver the Twelfth Supplement, and to take other actions, and to execute and deliver other documents as maybe necessary or desirable to consummate the foregoing as contemplated by this Resolution, as presented

8. Sale of Interest in Estate Assets

Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the sale of real and personal assets bequeathed and devised by Mr. Phillip Robert Kessel to the “Potomac State College.”

9. Sale of Partial Interest in Real Property (Land and Building)

Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the sale of the University’s partial interest in a parcel containing 51,168 square feet or 1.175 acres, more or less, located in the Seventh Ward of Morgantown, West Virginia. Accordingly, the Board grants authority to the President or the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives to initiate, negotiate, and close this sale on terms deemed favorable to the University

10. Sale of Real Property (Vacant Land)

Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the sale of real property (located in North Central West Virginia, which was acquired less than five years ago) as discussed during today’s Executive Session. Accordingly, the Board grants authority to the President or the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives to finalize and close on this sale

11. Acquisition of Real Property

Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the acquisition of real property (a building and real property in Morgantown, West Virginia, which will make a suitable location for a recently established University program which will be launching soon. The building in question exceeds 5,000 square feet) as discussed during today's Executive Session. Accordingly, the Board grants authority to the President or the Vice President for Strategic Initiatives to negotiate and finalize an acquisition by lease, purchase, or a combination of the two, upon terms deemed favorable to the University

12. Appointment to County Extension Committees

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia, as presented

**GENERAL DISCUSSION AND
ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Alvarez announced that the Board will conduct its next regular meeting on April 23, 2021. There being no further business to come before the Board, Lisa A. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by William Wilmoth and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Taunja Willis Miller, Secretary