

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

November 2, 2007

The fifty-fifth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on November 2, 2007, at Erickson Alumni Center in Morgantown, WV. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, James Dailey, Linda Dickirson, Steve Farmer, Steve Goodwin, David Kirkpatrick, Steve Kite, Carolyn Long, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Bill Nutting, Drew Payne, Parry Petroplus, Ed Robinson, Sally Smith and Robert Wells. Ellen Cappellanti and Tom Clark were absent and excused.

WVU officers, regional campus officers and representatives present were:

**From WVU:**

President Michael Garrison;  
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang;  
Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;  
Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;  
Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;  
Vice President for Advancement & Marketing, Chris Martin;  
Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Alex Macia;  
Interim Vice President for Research, Curt Peterson;  
Chief of Staff, Craig Walker;  
Executive Officer for Communications, Bill Case;  
Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;  
Executive Officer for Social Justice, Jennifer McIntosh;  
Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin;  
Associate Vice President for Planning & Treasury Operations, Liz Reynolds;  
Associate Vice President for Facilities, Joe Fisher;  
Associate Provost for Information Technology, Sid Morrison;  
Associate Director-Organizational Advancement, WVU Extension Service, Ann Berry;  
Dean of Students, David Stewart;  
Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brenda Thompson;  
Executive Director for Students Affairs, Mary Collins;  
Director of Internal Audit, William Quigley;  
Executive Director of Accounting, Reporting & Analysis, Anjali Halabe;  
Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Cheryl Torsney;  
Assistant Vice President for Graduate Education, Jonathan Cumming;  
Associate Athletic Director/Finance and Administration, Russ Sharp;  
Executive Director of Student Affairs Business Operations, Les Carpenter;  
Director, News and Information Services, Amy Neil; and,  
Special Assistant to the President, Valerie Lopez.

**From WVU at Parkersburg:**

Marie Gnage, Campus President

**From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:**  
Charles Bayless, Campus Provost

**From the Community & Technical College at WVUIT:**  
Beverly Jo Harris, Campus President

**From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:**  
Kerry Odell, Campus Provost

**Members of the Press were also present.**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Wells moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b) for the purpose of discussing personnel issues. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Mr. Dailey moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Mattern moved that the minutes of the meeting of August 31, 2007 be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Garrison expressed his appreciation to the Board for their support and participation in the inauguration/homecoming events during the week of October 15. He indicated that his office is working on several issues, including review of the structure within Health Sciences; University salaries - which are being reviewed by the Total Compensation Work Group; and updates/reviews related to the newly created text messaging system. President Garrison announced that he has received overwhelming cooperation among the University community, and that open dialogue within the university community and its constituent groups will continue to be used as a managerial tool within this administration. He will reach his 100 day mark in December and will be prepared to submit this 100 Day Report to the Board for discussion during its December meeting.

Chairman Goodwin stated that the Board was proud of the events accomplished by President Garrison to date. He further encouraged the University community to continue an open dialogue with both the President's administration and the Board of Governors. To this end,

the Board will continue its conversations in earnest with staff and employees through representatives Martinelli and Nebel.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit Committee:** Chairman Hank Barnette reported that the audit committee met on November 1, 2007, during which it heard reports from the Chief Financial Officer, General Counsel, the Director of Internal Audit, and representatives from Deloitte & Touche, the independent auditor. Chairman Barnette announced that the University received an unqualified opinion with respect to its financial position from Deloitte & Touche; that the independent auditor reported complete cooperation with the University community in conducting its audit; and that there were no outstanding, unresolved issues to bring to the attention of the Board

## **BOARD ITEMS**

### **FY07 Combined Financial Statements**

Narvel Weese, Vice President for Administration and Finance, recognized the efforts of certain key members of his staff in preparing the FY07 Combined Financial Statements. He also acknowledged that the University has received an unqualified opinion from Deloitte & Touche (which is the highest opinion an external auditor can render for an institution); and that for the fourth consecutive year WVU has not received a management letter. Vice President Weese summarized the University's financial statement as stable and continuing to operate at a positive margin of 1.9% (\$14 million before the recognition of capital gifts, grants and bond proceeds).

Dan Durbin, Associate Vice President for Finance, provided an overview of the West Virginia University (Combined) Annual Financial Report for FY 2007 – which: (a) identified the sources of the financial statements examined (namely, West Virginia University, Potomac State College of West Virginia University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, The Community and Technical College at WVUIT, and WVU Research Corporation); (b) expanded upon WVU's financial position, financial performance, and composite financial index; and, (c) concluded with a discussion of the findings of the external audit report (unqualified opinion and no management letter).

After discussion, Mr. Wells moved that the FY07 Combined Financial Statements be moved to the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded and passed.

### **Draft – 2007 Report on the WVU 2010 Plan**

Provost Gerald Lang presented an update on progress made to date on the 2010 Strategic Plan. A comprehensive report was included in the Agenda Book

### **Bookstores Policy**

Alex Macia, Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, reported on West Virginia University's proposed "Bookstores" policy, affecting West Virginia University and Regional Campuses. Pursuant to Senate Bill 674, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission requested that WVU formulate a bookstore policy consistent with the governing statute (WV Code §18B-10-14). The proposed policy was appropriately posted for a 30 day comment period (in September, 2007), revised and re-posted, along with comments received, for

an additional 10 day period. After discussion, Mr. Wells moved to approve the proposed “Bookstores” policy, as amended. The motion was seconded and passed.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Goodwin called for discussion of the Consent Agenda items. Mr. Mattern then moved for approval of the items as presented. The motion was seconded and the following items were approved.

### **1. Appointment to the Parkersburg Board of Advisors**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the appointment of Mr. Gerald El Chaar to the Board of Advisors of West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

### **2. Resolution Authorizing Membership in Commonfund**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes membership in Commonfund and that authorized representatives by title are the President and the Vice President for Administration and Finance.

### **3. Supplemental and Amendatory Resolution (Engineering Sciences Building)**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the resolution supplementing and amending the resolution adopted on April 13, 2007, authorizing one or more lease-purchase agreements in aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$13,000,000 to finance proposed capital projects for West Virginia University, including an engineering sciences building; recognizing that the proposed capital projects may be permanently financed through the issuance of revenue bonds as an alternative to entering into one or more lease-purchase agreements as authorized in the original resolution; and increasing the maximum amounts of tax-exempt obligations that may be issued and of funds that may be reimbursed as expenditures in connection with the proposed capital projects.

### **4. New Major in Design Studies (DS) under the B. S. in Family and Consumer Sciences**

Resolved: That West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the offering of a new major in Design Studies (DS) under the B. S. in Family and Consumer Sciences.

### **5. Milan Puskar Center – Phase II Locker Room Renovation Project and Financing and Reimbursement Resolution**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the Milan Puskar Center – Phase II Locker Room Renovations Project with a budget of \$6,800,000 and approves the Financing and Reimbursement Resolution of the West Virginia University Board of Governors approving a proposed capital project for West Virginia University, being the renovation of a locker room at Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium; recognizing that the proposed capital project may be permanently financed through the issuance of tax exempt bonds; declaring the reasonable expectation of the West Virginia University Board of Governors to reimburse the University’s general fund for capital expenditures in connection with the renovation of a locker room at Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium made prior to the issuance of the bonds by the

University; authorizing certain other actions and documents in connection therewith; delegating to certain officers of West Virginia University and this Board certain responsibilities in connection with the financing; and taking other actions in connection with such capital projects and financing.

#### **6. Receipt and Acceptance of the FY07 Combined Financial Statements**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors accepts the FY07 Combined Financial Statements for West Virginia University.

### **OTHER BUSINESS AND GENERAL DISCUSSION**

President Garrison provided an additional report related to a recent incident and the new text messaging system. He advised that the text messaging system was implemented in conjunction with student government as a result of feedback from student forums. The system is operational with current monitoring to enhance/improve its overall effectiveness. He encouraged all faculty, administration, and students to sign up for this free service.

Chairman Goodwin noted that cultural changes were occurring at West Virginia University related to interactions among the faculty, staff, students, and administration. Although governance by the Board is established by statute, Chairman Goodwin appreciates and encourages the University community to continue to offer valuable input related to this process. Faculty representative, Professor Steve Kite, reported to the Board on the establishment of the Work Group on Faculty Shared Governance, which is populated by a diverse group of faculty, administrators, and Board contributors to West Virginia University. Virginia Franke Kleist is the chair of the committee, which is charged with creating a formal mechanism for encouraging interaction and dialogue, as well as building an environment to effect repairs to and encourage mutual respect among the governing constituencies who work together for the good of West Virginia University.

Student representative and Student Government President, David Kirkpatrick, read a letter to the Board from Erica N. Rogers, Board of Governors, Student Government Association, expressing appreciation for her attendance at the Leadership Dinner attended by Board members at Blaney House on November 1, and further extending an open invitation for any interested Board members to attend the SGA's Discussion on Off-Campus Housing, scheduled for Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Vandalia Lounge of the Mountainlair.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Mr. Goodwin announced that the next meeting will be held on February 15, 2008.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Wells moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary