

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

January 12, 2006

The thirty-eighth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on January 12, 2006, via teleconference in Morgantown, W.V. Board members in attendance in person or by phone were Hank Barnette, Joe Campbell, Betty Chilton, Tom Clark, Tom Dover, Steve Goodwin, Doug Leech, Mark Manchin, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Parry Petroplus, and Robert Wells. D.J. Casto, Steve Farmer, Russ Isaacs, Michael Lastinger, and Rod Thorn were absent and excused.

WVU officers, and regional campus officers and representatives present were:

From WVU:

President David C. Hardesty, Jr.;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang;
Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;
Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Christine Martin;
Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob D'Alessandri;
Interim Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;
General Counsel, Tom Dorer;
Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips
Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, David Miller;
Special Assistant to the President/Provost, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Ginny Petersen;
Assistant to the President/Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;
Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Marie Foster Gnage, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Charles Bayless, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;
Lanny Janeksela, Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs
Gary Prince, Athletic Director

From the Community & Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Beverly Jo Harris, Campus President

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University

Kerry Odell, Campus Provost;

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Martinelli moved that the minutes of the meetings of December 16, 2005 be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.*

*Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Mr. Leech extended congratulations from the Board to President Hardesty and the University on the Sugar Bowl victory over the University of Georgia by the WVU football team.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty noted that the Sugar Bowl fan center and win had resulted in significant national publicity.

President Hardesty informed the Board that the Carnegie Foundation has changed the way it ranks Research universities. Under the new classification, WVU is now classified as among *Research Universities – (High Research Activity)*. He noted that this should not change the way WVU describe itself in most publications: as a “Public, Land Grant, Comprehensive Research University.”

BOARD ITEMS

- 1. Sugar Bowl Review:** President Hardesty publicly recognized the work done by Institutional Advancement under the direction of Robin Yorty in putting on a world class fan center at the Sugar Bowl. He noted that other universities are hearing about our fan centers, and visit them to review our practices. Over 17,000 visited the fan center and participated in the offerings which included interaction with forensic and engineering students and faculty, booths for the Parents Club, Alumni Association and the WVU Foundation, and other IA activities and “give-a-ways.”

Mr. Martinelli noted the very positive comments he heard from Georgia residents, even after the WVU victory.

President Hardesty reported that the WVU win was very important to the Big East and to the future of a Big East BCS bowl bid. He also noted that the WVU Basketball team is also garnering great national publicity this season.

- 2. Legislative Update:** Dave Miller, Special Assistant to the President for External Affairs, noted that the Legislature has convened. He reported that the Governor had mentioned the Dow Research Park plans and activities involving WVU and WVUIT in his State of the State address, and that there would be legislation introduced to bring about some of the plans called for in this proposal. He also noted the lack of any call for a reduction in budget allocations for higher education, and commented that higher education was seen as tied closely to the economic development issues in the Governor’s agenda.

Mr. Barnette asked about a report that West Virginia was one of two states to reduce state spending for higher education. President Hardesty noted that the report did not account for state allocation of lottery funds for higher education. Mr. Barnette asked that an attempt be made to get the original report corrected.

CONSENT AGENDA

There was one item on the Consent Agenda. After a brief description of the proposal by Dr. D'Alessandri, the following item was approved:

Approval of a Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences

Mr. Barnette moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the offering of a Ph.D. in Public Health Sciences. The motion was seconded and approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(12) & §6-9A-4(b)(10). The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Mrs. Chilton moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed. (Board members changed phone numbers, disconnecting and reconnecting with the public.)

ACTIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

After arising from Executive Session, the Board took the following action:

Approval of Honorary Degrees

Dr. Manchin moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve honorary degrees for West Virginia University and West Virginia University Institute of Technology as proposed, the names to be announced at the appropriate time. The motion was seconded and approved.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Leech noted that the next meeting will be on February 10, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Elizabeth E. Chilton
Secretary

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