

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 16, 2011

The ninety-ninth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a telephone meeting) was held on December 16, 2011, with the call originating in the West Virginia University Stewart Hall President's Conference Room. Board members in attendance/participating included Jason Bailey, Ellen Cappellanti, Dr. Tom Clark, Dr. Lesley Cottrell, James W. Dailey, II, Thomas Flaherty, Dr. Robert Griffith, Raymond J. Lane, Diane Lewis, Dixie Martinelli, William Nutting, Andrew A. Payne, III, Ed Robinson, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, and William Wilmoth. Board member, Dr. Charles Vest, was absent and excused.

WVU officers and representatives participating included:

President, James P. Clements;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Michele Wheatly;
Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel & Assistant BOG
Secretary, William H. Hutchens, III;
Vice President for University Relations, Chris Martin;
Athletic Director, Oliver Luck;
Executive Office for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;
Associate Vice President for Planning & Treasury Operations, Liz Reynolds;
Assistant Vice President for University Communications, Becky Lofstead; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Andrew A. Payne, III, at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

BOARD ITEMS

Research Trust Fund:

Provost Michele Wheatly reported that for today's meeting, West Virginia University has gifts received and pledges recorded, as certified by the WVU Foundation and Dr. Curt Peterson, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, as to consistency with the Research Trust Fund Strategic Plan, totaling the sum of \$571,870.00 that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June, 2008, and modified December, 2010. With the pre-requisite certifications required in this process achieved, Chairman Payne recommended that the Board approve this request for match. Upon such approval, the request can be sent to the Vice Chancellor for Science and Research in Charleston.

Thereupon, Dr. Robert Griffith moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves today's total of \$571,870.00 of gifts received and pledges recorded that

fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June, 2008, and modified December, 2010, for a matching request pursuant to the provisions of said Research Trust Fund strategic plan. This motion was seconded by Ellen Cappellanti, and passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Payne requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§ 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(6), (b)(9), (b)(10), and (b)(12) to discuss: a. Personnel issues, b. Legal matters, c. Matters Involving Commercial Competition, d. Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates (*if approved, this item will be moved to today's Consent Agenda*), and e. Research Trust Fund Gift and Naming Opportunity. The motion was made by Dr. Tom Clark, seconded by Dixie Martinelli, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Jason Bailey moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by Ed Robinson, and passed.

DISCUSSION EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Payne requested a motion to move the Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates to today's Consent Agenda, with a notation that the persons to be honored will be announced at a later date. This motion was made by J. R. Rogers, seconded by James W. Dailey, II, and passed. It is noted that BOG member, Dr. Tom Clark, abstained from the vote on the honorary degree candidates since he was a member of Nominating Committee involved in this process.

Chairman Payne requested a motion to approve the Research Trust Fund Gift and Naming Opportunity discussed during Executive Session, which details will be released at a later time, to be coordinated with the donor. This motion was made by Ellen Cappellanti, seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Payne called for any discussion of today's Consent Agenda item. There being none, Dr. Tom Clark moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda item appearing in today's agenda booklet. This motion was seconded by William Wilmoth, and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda item was approved:

1. Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves individuals for Honorary Degrees from West Virginia University. The persons to be honored will be announced at a later date.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Payne offered remarks on the recent resignation of BOG member, Carolyn Long, which sentiments were echoed by other Board members in attendance. Highlights included:

- Carolyn Long provided outstanding service to the Board of Governors, as a Board member beginning in 2006, and Chairman from 2008 through June, 2011. As Chairman, Carolyn furnished exemplary leadership for the Board during a crucial period of transition at West Virginia University and upon her departure she left the University on very solid ground.
- Carolyn Long gave generously of her time, talent and educational expertise in support of West Virginia University and has been a strong and articulate advocate to further the interests of this institution and the State of West Virginia.
- Carolyn Long was very helpful to Mr. Payne in undertaking his new role as Chairman, providing generously of her time and support during this transition.
- The Board as a whole expresses its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Carolyn Long for her distinguished leadership and service as part of the West Virginia University Board of Governors.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Payne reminded everyone that our next regular meetings would be held in Morgantown on February 23-24, 2012. There being no further business, Chairman Payne requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. This motion was made by Dr. Lesley Cottrell, seconded by Dr. Robert Griffith, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Secretary