

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 21, 2006

The forty-first meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on April 21, 2006, at the NRCCE Building in Morgantown, W.V. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Joe Campbell, D. J. Casto, Betty Chilton, Tom Clark, Tom Dover, Steve Farmer, Steve Goodwin, Russ Isaacs, Michael Lastinger, Doug Leech, Mark Manchin, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Parry Petroplus, and Robert Wells. Rod Thorn was 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 Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;

Vice President for Research and Economic Development, John Weete;

Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips;

Associate General Counsel, Bobbie Brandt;

Associate General Counsel, Juan Rossello;

Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, David Miller;

Special Assistant to the President/Provost, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Ginny Petersen;

Sr. Associate Provost, Russ Dean;

Sr. Advisor to the Provost, Nancy Lohmann;

Associate Provost for Information Technology, Sid Morrison;

Dean of Students, David Stewart

Director of SABO, Les Carpenter;

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brenda Thompson;

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, Liz Reynolds (Interim)

Interim Assistant Vice President for Planning, David Watkins;

Deputy Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master;

Assistant Director of University News Service, Bill Nevin;

Director of Internal Audit, William Quigley;

Student Body President, Jason Gross;

Faculty Senate Chair-elect, Parviz Famouri;

Several members of the Classified Staff Council;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Joe Badgley, Dean of Students

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Lanny Janeksela, Vice President for Academic Affairs;

Scott Hurst, Associate Provost;

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;

A member of the classified staff;

Several members of the Press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Petroplus moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b) , 8, 10, 12. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Mr. Barnette moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.*

RECESS FOR COMMITTEES

At 9:45 a.m., the Chair recessed the meeting for Committee Meetings.

At 12:45 p.m., the Chair reconvened the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Isaacs moved that the minutes of the meeting of February 10, 2006 and April 4, 2006 be approved as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

ACTIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

After discussions in executive session, the Board took the following actions:

1. Mr. Mattern moved that the Board approve the naming of the Eastern Panhandle Health Sciences building in honor of Erma Byrd, the late wife of U.S. Senator Robert C. Byrd. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
2. Mr. Martinelli moved that the Board maintain its legal position on the Zero Step issue. The motion was seconded and approved.
3. Mr. Campbell moved that the Board approve the appointment of Marie Foster Gnage to an outside Board of Advisors. The motion was seconded and approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty made a series of announcements, calling the Board's attention to the purpose of the building where the meeting was being held, the murals on the wall that had been donated to the University after their appearance in the Spider Man movie, and the Honors Convocation to be held that evening in the Mountainlair. He announced plans for a Board Retreat at the end of summer, and thanked the Board members who had served on the search committee for a new Vice President for Administration and Finance. He congratulated the successful candidate, Narvel Weese.

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

President Hardesty reported that the University's growth agenda is on track, with a projected freshman class of 4,600, and that research is robust, though perhaps not quite as strong as last year, due to a large, one-time grant during the last fiscal year. He noted the great year the University has had in sports, and that, overall, the University is doing well.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: Russ Isaacs reported that the Audit Committee had met on Thursday, April 20, 2006, and heard reports from the External Auditors, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Internal Auditor. They approved the Auditors fee and work schedule, and received a concurring vote of approval for the fee schedule from the full board. They also discussed financial matters, internal audit reports, and the Ethics Hotline. The committee is also working on a revised Audit Committee Charter.

Community & Technical College/Regional Campus Committee: Joe Campbell reported that the C&TC/RC Committee had had a good meeting on the campus of Potomac State College on April 20, 2006. They learned more about the tuition and fees and certificate approval processes from Jo Harris, and about the competitors, enrollment goals, faculty and staff needs, and academic programs at Potomac State College. He noted that with three-fourths of all students commuting to PSC, parking is becoming an increasing problem. The committee reviewed plans for a new dormitory and parking, renovations to the library, and complemented the staff on the pride they take in their campus and facilities, noting everything was beautiful and well cared for.

Planning and Policy Committee: Robert Wells reported that the Planning and Policy Committee had heard a report on the implementation plans for HB4690 – the “Tech” bill, which will make WVUIT a full division of WVU by 2007. They also received a briefing on the progress being made on the University's 2010 plan. They voted to move the proposed Student Code of Conduct policy to the consent agenda.

Finance and Operations Committee: Parry Petroplus noted that the full board had been present for the Finance and Operations Committee meeting, hearing a legislative update, a report on Sources and Uses of Funds, and receiving notice of a series of proposed Board policies put out for public comment. They also approved placing the Tuition and Fee proposal on the Consent agenda.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Annual Report of the President of The Community & Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology: Beverly Jo Harris, Campus President of The Community & Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology gave her annual report on her campus, which she titled “The Community College with the Tech Advantage.” She noted that they had been named one of the Top Four Small Community Colleges in the Nation, and had received CCSSE National Recognition. (Dr. Harris' notes have been filed with the official Board Minutes)

Annual Report of the Student Representative to the Board: D. J. Casto, Student Representative to the Board of Governors, gave a report of the major accomplishments of the Student Government during the year, and the issues and concerns they hope to address in future years. Foremost among the accomplishments were improved communications with the University's administration, the opening of a coffee shop in the downtown library, the opening of Burger King in the food court in the Mountainlair, and the award of a grant to add a sidewalk to a heavily traveled section of Willowdale Road, close to the football stadium and the hospital. (Mr. Castos' notes have been filed with the official Board Minutes.)

A Morgantown Update: Mayor Ron Justice, City Councilman Frank Scafella, and City Manager Dan Boroff presented information about the efforts underway to grow the quality of life in Morgantown as the economy and city grow in other ways. They discussed transportation needs, the work on beautifying the riverfront, and the numerous new endeavors underway in the city. They thanked the Board for the part the University has played in helping to bring about some of the improvements, and called upon them to stay the course to help sustain the vision.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Petroplus moved approval of the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded, and the following items were unanimously approved:

1. Appointment to a County Extension Service Committee

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve Margaret D. Smith for a position on the County Extension Service Committee in Lewis County.

2. Undergraduate Program Review Recommendations

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the recommendations of the Program Review Committee for 2005-2006 for Undergraduate programs.

3. Approval of Program Specific Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Washington State Community College and West Virginia University at Parkersburg

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors, approves the revised Program Specific Tuition Reciprocity Agreement between Washington State Community College in Marietta, Ohio and West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

4. Establishment of a Study Abroad Fee

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors supports establishment of a study abroad fee and study abroad off-campus fee to be assessed in place of the usual tuition/fees for students studying abroad.

5. Reallocation of HEPC Bond Funds

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves transfer of \$5,900,000 of HEPC bond funds from the Engineering Sciences Brick Façade Project and the Downtown Infrastructure Project, to the Allen Percival Hall Abatement Project and the Brooks Hall Renovation Project.

6. Revision of Capital Projects Financing Plan and the Capital Projects Budget as well as the Approval of Funding for the Law School Abatement Project.

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves: revisions to the financing plan for Capital Projects previously approved at the Board's November 5, 2004 meeting; revisions to previously approved capital project budgets; and the allocation of funds to support the Law School Abatement project.

7. Approval of Tuition and Fees for 2006-2007

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the Tuition & Fees schedule for 2006-2007 for West Virginia University and Potomac State College. (The fee schedules have been filed with the official Board Minutes.)

8. Approval of a Student Code of Conduct Policy – Policy 31.

Resolved: the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves Policy 31: the WVU Student Code of Conduct. (Policy is posted at: <http://www.wvu.edu/~bog/bogpolicies.htm>)

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Leech appointed a nominating committee consisting of Parry Petroplus, chairman, Ted Mattern and Steve Farmer. They are to present a slate of officers at the June BOG meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Leech noted that the next meeting will be on June 1-2, 2006 in Charleston.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Elizabeth E. Chilton
Secretary