

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

November 6, 2009

The seventy-ninth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on November 6, 2009 at the Erickson Alumni Center. Board members in attendance were Ellen Cappellanti, Dr. Nigel Clark, Dr. Tom Clark, James Dailey, Dr. Robert Griffith, Raymond Lane, Diane Lewis, Carolyn Long, Oliver Luck, Ted Mattern, Jo Morrow, Bill Nutting, Drew Payne, Ed Robinson, Dr. Charles Vest, and Jason Zuccari.

**WVU officers, divisional campus officers, and representatives participating included:**

President, James P. Clements;  
Chief of Staff, Jay Cole;  
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, E. Jane Martin;  
Health Sciences Chancellor, Christopher Colenda;  
Vice President for Administration and Finance, Narvel Weese;  
Chief Financial Officer for Health Sciences, Wendy King;  
Senior Associate Provost, Russell Dean;  
Associate Provost and CIO, Office of Information Technology, Rehan Khan;  
Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;  
Vice President for University Relations, Chris Martin;  
Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, & Assistant BOG Secretary,  
Mary Roberta Brandt;  
Deputy General Counsel, Beverly D. Kerr;  
Vice President for Human Resources, Margaret Phillips;  
Executive Officer for Social Justice, Jennifer McIntosh;  
Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;  
Senior Associate Athletic Director, Russ Sharp;  
Assistant Athletic Director, Mike Parsons;  
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin;  
Executive Director, Accounting, Reporting & Analysis, Anjali Halabe;  
Executive Director, Administrative Technology Solutions, Kate Hazen;  
Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brenda Thompson;  
WVU Registrar, Steve Robinson;  
West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Divisional Campus Provost,  
Scott Hurst;  
Potomac State College of West Virginia University, Divisional Campus Provost,  
Kerry Odell;  
Associate Director-Organizational Advancement, WVU Extension Service, Ann Berry;  
Associate Provost, Office of Graduate Academic Affairs, Jonathan Cumming;  
Associate Provost, Office of Undergraduate Academic Affairs, Elizabeth Dooley;  
Associate Vice President for Facilities, Joe Fisher;  
Director of Internal Audit, William Quigley;  
Director of Sustainability, Clement Solomon, Ph.D.;

Director of Treasury Operations, David Kosslow;  
Executive Director for Compensation Administration, Sheila Seccurro;  
Director, Benefits Administration, Toni Christian;  
Research Associate, Presidents Office for Social Justice, Rob Lyons;  
Director, Employee Relations, James A. Morris;  
Executive Director of Student Affairs Business Operations, Les Carpenter;  
Associate General Counsel, Shea R. Browning;  
Associate General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;  
Executive Director, Internal Communications, Becky Lofstead  
Members of WVU Staff Council along with other classified staff members; 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, Carolyn Long, at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established

### **BOARD ITEMS**

#### **Report from WVU's Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs:**

Dr. E. Jane Martin presented a report detailing her service as Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, which began on July 1, 2008 and will conclude on December 30, 2009, the date Michele G. Wheatly will begin her service as Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at West Virginia University. Dr. Martin's efforts during her eighteen months of service, in addition to maintaining the operations in academic and other units reporting to the Office of the Provost, were focused in three key areas: critical issues, leadership hiring, and strategic initiatives. She provided an overview of primary accomplishments in each area – as follows:

#### **CRITICAL ISSUES**

- AACRAO Student Academic Records Management Consultation Reports (Phase I and II) and Implementation of Report Recommendations

Consultants from the non-profit educational consulting group associated with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers were contracted to evaluate and make recommendations to improve the university's record keeping practices. Following their recommendations, the position of University Registrar, reporting to the Provost, was created; guidelines for the retention of academic records have been established; the process of centralizing and consolidating academic records is underway; along with the implementation of other AACRAO recommendations. In addition, a new position of Associate Registrar for Technology has been created and is currently being nationally advertised to support the new Office of the Registrar.

- Faculty Recruitment in STEM Fields

The Office of the Provost has pledged support for the recruitment of highly-qualified faculty members in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields by providing financial and logistical support for spousal hires. One individual has been successfully recruited in part by providing appropriate employment opportunities for the spouse. Although other hires did not work out for a variety of reasons, the fact that a spousal hire was possible allowed the recruitment efforts to progress to interview and negotiation. Strong recruitment efforts continue.

- Support for Diversity

The Office of the Provost has contributed to the successful recruitment of highly-qualified diversity faculty members by providing financial support for their salaries. This salary support has contributed to the recruitment of six new faculty members under this initiative.

## **LEADERSHIP HIRING**

- Associate Provost for International Academic Affairs: Michael Lastinger

The position of Director for the Office of International Programs has been changed to an Associate Provost for International Academic Affairs. An internal search was conducted, and Michael Lastinger, previously serving as interim director, was selected for this position. Study abroad topped 1,000 students for the 2008-2009 academic year. In addition, financial support has been provided for upgrading three positions in the Office of International Programs with a total commitment of \$40,000. Consultation is being arranged from a national expert regarding future directions.

- Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs: Elizabeth Dooley

The position of Associate Provost for Academic Programs has been changed in order to recognize the role and leadership of both undergraduate and graduate programs at WVU. The two new positions are Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs and Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs. Following the departure of the previous Associate Provost for Academic Programs, an internal search was conducted, and Elizabeth Dooley, previously serving as chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction/Literary Studies in the College of Human Resources, was selected for the position of Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs. This position will be supported by a new position of Director for Assessment and Retention. A search is currently underway.

- University Registrar: Steve Robinson

The position of University Registrar was created based upon recommendations of the AACROA report. A national search was conducted, and Steve Robinson was hired on June 30, 2009 to fill this position.

- Chief Information Officer and Associate Provost for Information Technology: Rehan Kahn

Following the retirement of the previous CIO, a national search was conducted, and Rehan Kahn was hired to fill this position, effective October 30, 2009. Mr. Khan was previously the associate chief information officer at the University of Georgia-Athens, where his primary responsibility was for IT services in administrative information systems.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVES**

- Support for Graduate Education

Space and support for graduate education has been provided as was recommended by the Graduate Education Task Force in relation to WVU's strategic plan. To elevate the status of graduate studies, the leadership of graduate academic affairs was changed from an assistant vice president position to Associate Provost for Graduate Academic Affairs. This position has been supported by three new full-time positions and a graduate assistant: a program coordinator with the title Graduate Recruitment and Fellowship Coordinator, a program coordinator with the title Graduate Professional Development Program Coordinator, and an administrative assistant. In addition, space in the Mountainlair has been renovated to provide a suite for the Office of Graduate Education and Life. This office has moved aggressively to improve the quality of graduate education and begin assessment of the need for new program areas.

- Intensive Engagement with the Deans

Three off-campus retreats over the past sixteen months have been held to facilitate strategic planning by and collaboration among the deans as issues of uncertainty, low morale, unclear purpose, and flagging commitment in a time of significant changes in the university were addressed. The deans have bonded and responded magnificently. Bi-monthly meetings with the deans as well as monthly individual meetings are held.

- Continued Implementation of the 2010 Plan

The Implementation Task Force met regularly (bi-monthly) and carried out the university wide goals for 2008-2009. Six focus groups were held during the year to gain input regarding the campus wide perspective of the gains of the plan. The group met with President Clements in September and will meet later this fall with the new Provost and then the new Associate Provost for Information Technology to strategize regarding the 2020 plan. Goals for 2009-2010 continue to be addressed.

Dr. Martin provided a few current updates for day-to-day matters being handled by her office, and summarized that the work of this office includes enrollment management (at an all-time high); budget oversight (fiscally sound); capital planning and capital construction oversight (significant renovations have been carried out as well as new building (Honors Hall)); information technology maintenance and improvement; collaboration with the WVU Foundation (monthly meetings with leadership and facilitation of individual meetings between the Vice President of Development, herself and each dean to revise requests for the future capital campaign); and collaboration with the Research Office (weekly meetings with VP Curt Peterson; co-chairing the Research Corp. Board of Directors; and facilitating individual meetings between

VP Peterson, herself, and each dean to discuss planning for research awards and grant contracts). Dr. Martin additionally remarked that there is no question that the Associate Provosts deserve the greatest share of thanks for the excellent daily operation of the Provost's Office. They are talented, committed, and hard-working and will be an asset to the new Provost.

Dr. Martin concluded that she has enjoyed the opportunity to serve as Interim Provost and Vice President and deeply appreciates the support of the Board of Governors in her work.

Chairman Long, on behalf of the Board of Governors, delivered a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Martin for her unselfish service to West Virginia University.

### **Report of WVU's Classified Employees Representative:**

Jo Morrow, Staff Representative to the BOG and Staff Council Chair, presented her first annual report, contained within today's agenda booklet, which included the following highlights:

- Identification of classified staff at West Virginia University who (a) are those employees whose jobs are assigned by titles, job families and pay grades as described in the Mercer classification; (b) are an important component in the University's day-to-day operations; (c) serve as the University's initial on-campus contact with students, parents, faculty, administration, and the public; and (d) provide a "home away from home" for many students.
- A description of the Classified Staff Employment Process, including classified staff demographics; WVU full-time staff representation by race/ethnicity; classified staff age and years of service; classified staff compensation ranges; and all current classified staff benefits .
- Classified Staff Council Election Positions – which include representatives from 5 categories (sectors) who are elected by classified staff for 2 year terms. The sector descriptions encompassed the following descriptions: Administrative/managerial, Professional/Non-Teaching; Paraprofessional/Technical, Physical Plant/Maintenance Service, and Clerical/Secretarial.
- Staff Council Programs – including Classified Staff Tuition Assistance, Employee Dependent Scholarship Program for Children of Classified Staff, Staff Council Emergency Relief Fund (Hearts and Hands Fund), the Faculty and Staff Assistance Program (FSAP).
- Classified Staff's compensation data and reasons why the unfunded salary schedule impacts the classified staff workforce in a negative manner.
- Classified Staff Concerns and "Wish List" – concluding with BOG member Morrow's suggestions that our Administration and Legislative representatives help realize classified staff's opportunity to make higher education in West Virginia competitive with our peers by considering salary increases and other initiatives to advance these goals.
- As part of her address today, Ms. Morrow asked members of WVU's classified staff, Linda Adams (who has taken advantage of the tuition assistance program) and Lana Cooke (who has been working on the development of a healthy campus workplace) to share their personal stories related to issues dealt with in today's presentation.

Chairman Long acknowledged the presence of staff council and members of classified staff who attended today's meeting and thanked them, collectively, for their continued concerns and dedicated service to West Virginia University.

### **SCHEDULE FOR THE BALANCE OF THIS MORNING'S MEETING**

Chairman Long announced that the Committees will meet next, followed by the Board's Executive Session, after which we will break for lunch and reconvene the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Therefore, Chairman Long requested, in advance, a motion that the Board go into Executive Session - under authority in West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) and §6-9A-4(b)(10) and (12) to discuss personnel issues, legal matters, receive an update on WVU's Affirmative Action Plan, and pose any relevant questions to WVU's External Auditors. The motion was made by Dr. Tom Clark, seconded by Dr. Nigel Clark, and passed.

### **DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Long announced that there were no discussions emanating from today's Executive Session to report upon.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Drew Payne moved that the minutes of the September 11, 2009 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Audit Committee:** James Dailey, Chairman of the Audit Committee, reported that the committee met yesterday afternoon at 3:00 p.m., and that Board members Carolyn Long, Ted Mattern, Dr. Nigel Clark, and Dr. Robert Griffith were also in attendance.

Also present during the Audit Committee meeting were Dennis Juran and Megan Masztak, representatives from Deloitte & Touche, the independent auditor, who distributed and discussed West Virginia University's Combined Financial Statements for the Years Ended June 30, 2009 and 2008 and Independent Auditors' Report. Mr. Juran provided a brief overview of new items included within these financial statements, and concluded that (a) the Independent Auditors' Report resulted in the issuance of an unqualified opinion related to these financial statements, (b) that for the 7th consecutive year no management letter was issued, and (c) that there were no deficiencies in WVU's internal controls and no instances of non-compliance.

While in session the committee received reports from (a) Vice President for Administration & Finance, Narvel Weese, relating to updates on issues encountered with WVU's hourly time keeping system (KRONOS), ARRA/Federal Stimulus Funds reporting, the University's Employee Services Portal and Self-Service HR; (b) Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin, provided a brief overview of the University's financial performance for FY2009; and (c) Executive Director of Administrative Technology Solutions, Kate Hazen, provided information related to Integrating Administrative Solutions through Technology.

While in Executive Session, the committee received reports from Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Mary Roberta Brandt, as well as Director of Internal Audit, William Quigley.

**Executive Committee:** Carolyn Long, Chairman of the Executive Committee, reported that the committee met yesterday evening, during which it discussed future plans with President Clements related to research and other relevant higher education issues, but that no decisions were made and no actions taken during the Executive Committee meeting.

**Finance Committee:** Ted Mattern, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported that Vice President for Administration and Finance, Narvel Weese, presented to the committee the FY2010 Key Monthly and Financial Indicators and Major Capital Projects Status Report through September 30, 2009.

Chair Mattern reported that VP Weese presented an update on major education and general capital priorities under consideration for inclusion in the next phase of the General University's Facilities Master Plan Projects, as presented at the September 11, 2009 Finance Committee meeting. VP Weese additionally led a discussion about the financial planning parameters that should guide the University over the next three years.

Chair Mattern reported that Senior Associate Athletic Director for Finance and Administration, Russ Sharp, provided a brief presentation related to the NCAA series of "dashboard" indicators designed as a tool for institutions to review fiscal information relative to peer groups. These data are reviewed by the University's President and Athletic Director as an expectation of NCAA best practices.

Chair Mattern reported that the committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended for approval as part of today's Consent Agenda, the following items: Receipt and Acceptance of FY09 Combined Financial Statements for West Virginia University, and the Revised FY2010 Budget, as presented.

**Joint Meeting of the Divisional Campus and Strategic Plans, Initiatives and Accreditations Committees:** Drew Payne presided as Chairman of this joint committee meeting.

During the Divisional Campus Committee meeting, Kerry S. Odell, Campus Provost of Potomac State College of West Virginia University, distributed and discussed his annual report - which highlighted the following areas: History, enrollment, state appropriations, tuition and fee revenues, challenges, response to challenges, and future challenges and opportunities.

Also during the Divisional Campus Committee meeting, Scott M. Hurst, Campus Provost of West Virginia University Institute of Technology provided an overview of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual WVU Tech Status Report for the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability, required by WV Code §18B-1-C-2(g) for submission to this committee on or before November 1, 2009. The committee then recommended this 4<sup>th</sup> Annual WVU Tech Status Report, as presented, for approval as part of today's Consent Agenda.

During the Strategic Plans, Initiatives and Accreditations Committee meeting, Dr. Curt Peterson, Vice President for Research & Economic Development & President, WVU Research Corporation, provided an update for the committee's continuing priority related to WVU's research enterprises, which addressed specific strategies being undertaken to increase support for faculty in preparing research proposals. Also during this committee meeting, Dr. Clement Solomon, Director of Sustainability, provided an overview of sustainability efforts on WVU's campus, which include recycling, building design, energy efficiency initiatives, student involvement, and other incentives being undertaken.

Also as part of the Strategic Plans, Initiatives and Accreditations Committee meeting, Chairman Payne reported that the committee reviewed, discussed, and recommended for approval as part of today's Consent Agenda, the following item: Approval of a New Degree Program: Master of Science in Finance in the College of Business & Economics, as presented.

Finally, Chairman Payne reported on the Research Trust Fund, listed initially as an Information Item on our current agenda. Mr. Payne advised that we have a total of \$683,533.00 of gifts in hand that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June, 2008. Mr. Payne announced that during the committee meeting, a motion was made and duly passed to move this Research Trust Fund agenda item to the Consent Agenda for approval. With the prerequisite certifications required in this process achieved, Mr. Payne, as Chairman of the Strategic Plans, Initiatives, and Accreditations Committee, recommended that the Board approve this request for match on its Consent Agenda. Upon such approval, the request can be sent to the Vice Chancellor for Science and Research in Charleston.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President James P. Clements presented his President's Report. The following encapsulates a summary of his remarks:

### **Summary of the President's State of the University Address:**

- As part of the summary of President Clements' State of the University Address – under Share Your Vision, the last question was to describe WVU in one word. He reported that 90% of more than 700 responses were very positive and included the following key phrases: Life-Changing, innovative, visionary, affordable, resilient, capable, committed, empowering, and finally a more than common one included "Home"

### **Leadership:**

- Chancellor Chris Colenda started this week (here today). Early feedback is very positive!
- Dr. Michele Wheatly has visited several times and is on track for her to hit the ground running January 1.
- Rehan Khan, our new CIO, started this week – and reports to the provost.
- We will be interviewing legal candidates over the next few weeks and hope to name someone before the end of the term.
- Several Deans searches are now getting underway



### **Research:**

- The Chronicle of Higher Education Almanac recently reported that WVU is among the “Biggest Gainers in Federal Funds for Academic Research and Development” from 2000 to 2007, with an increase of 135%. This ranked WVU 12th in research growth for the time period. As I have said, I hope we can double over the next decade.
- The good news: New competitive federal awards for the first three months of this fiscal year have already reached \$25 million – which equals the entire year’s funding level for competitive federal grants two years ago.
- The Research Corporation has an opportunity to be "fast-tracked" as a cleared institution as recognized by the Defense Security Service (SCIF). This status is a critical component for WVU to significantly expand its classified research.

### **NETL:**

- I want to share some great news reported just this week. Three industry-led teams that include WVU and four other major research universities (Carnegie Mellon, Pitt, Penn State, and Virginia Tech) were awarded the contract to provide research and engineering services to the National Energy Technology Laboratory (N-E-T-L). The collective value of the contracts involved is expected to exceed \$465 million over five years. This is funding for the entire partnership and we are well-positioned for a positive impact locally. It is where West Virginia’s flagship university should be and a credit to our faculty - and the staff and students with whom they work - that we are. The consortium of universities is through the C-W-P partnership of which WVU is one of the founding institutions. URS Corporation is the prime contactor on the program to provide fossil energy research. Booz Allen Hamilton will manage work on energy sector planning and analysis. KeyLogic (headquartered right here in Morgantown) is the prime contractor for project execution and integration. This is a landmark opportunity and we are extremely pleased and proud to be involved – and we are in good company with Carnegie Mellon, Pitt, Penn State, and Virginia Tech.

### **Enrollment:**

- Almost 32,000 statewide; graduate and professional enrollment up 4%; honors first-time freshmen up 17%, international undergraduate students up 7.3%, online and extended learning registrations up 10%, and Potomac State hit all-time record highs – thanks in large part to the exceptional efforts of Kerry O’Dell, Provost for Potomac State.

### **Private giving:**

- \$54.7 million last year is up slightly from the year before – which is an amazing show of support given the current economic context.

### **Actions to build on the momentum - Last month we announced a number of action items we are putting in place to address some immediate challenges – which include:**

1. **100 additional faculty over 3 years:** Our current student-faculty ratio is too high – several hundred below peers. Provost and Chancellor of HSC will strategically allocate these positions.

2. **Research grant support actions (free faculty to focus on their scholarship):** Again, this is something you heard about in the faculty's presentation last month, with an update provided today by Dr. Curt Peterson to the Strategic Plans, Initiatives and Accreditations committee. To support these efforts we are adding – an electronic grant proposal system – we will be getting rid of the “blue sheets” by March; budget development support to the faculty by December; and new faculty mentoring and training on grant process. We must do more than this - it is only a start!
3. **Health and wellness commitments for students (new student health and recreational space):** President Clements thanked SGA officers Jason Zuccari and Whitney Peters for their leadership on these issues. WVU is committed to a new student health/wellness facility and a plan ready to implement by end of this school year. WVU has committed \$1.5 million of capital funds for new and improved recreational and club sport fields.
4. **Retention review:** We will put as much effort into this as was put into growing enrollment on the front over the past decade.
5. **Supervisory training:** All employees are important and we want this to be a place people love to work. The President thanked Jo Morrow and Staff Council for raising this issue so strongly.

**Budget:**

- I need to spend a few minutes talking about finances. At the Finance Committee today, Vice President Weese brought forward the best current projections that we have, and I will just make a few comments. We are challenged by the uncertainty at the state level, which is compounded by the unfunded liabilities of retiree benefits. This past week state officials projected ending the year with the deficit, which must be corrected. It was estimated revenues could miss estimates by \$100 million. Among the corrective actions announced were mid-year state budget cuts. We do not know at all how this deficit will affect WVU.
- We are seeing universities around the country being hit by the recession – a few examples include:
  1. Virginia Tech is facing another \$26.4 million cut this semester, bringing total cuts to \$68.5 million in 5 separate cuts over the past 2 years. Tech is now considering cuts in the workforce.
  2. The University of California System is facing about \$600 million in state funding reductions. The California system reduced enrollment, increased tuition, and cut operating budgets.
  3. At the University of Kentucky, employees have not had pay raises in the last 2 years, and the school is now seeking to save \$5 million by not providing retirement benefit matches until an employee has worked at the university for 5 years.
  4. There have been reports of lay-offs at universities such as Temple, Florida State, Washington State, as well as privates like Yale, Stanford, and Princeton.
- While there is uncertainty, issues need to be addressed over the coming years. At WVU, we will continue to plan ways to move this institution forward. We understand without a shadow of a doubt that pay raises are important to both retention and recruitment. We will explore every possible scenario in the coming weeks and months. Although we are in a bit of a holding pattern given the latest news from the state, we will do all we can to continue addressing salary issues, including getting back to a July raise cycle as soon as possible. We realize this is an important issue for staff. Our finance officers will monitor all of the variables closely and keep you updated. As reported – we have a lot of momentum and we will build on it. To end on a positive note - this past week we announced increases for

scholarships and financial aid for the Fall 2010 semester. Access remains an important responsibility for us as a land-grant university. This past year, we invested an additional \$1 million in aid for students in difficult financial circumstances and we are adding an additional \$250,000 to that pool. Altogether about \$317 million of financial support was available to our students last year.

## **Recent Success Stories:**

### **1. Faculty**

- WVU has been working with the Chinese government on a coal-to-liquids plant since 2003, and it has just been announced that \$1.25 million from the federal 2010 Energy and Water Development Appropriations bill is coming our way. Our work on this project gives us great insight we can add to the national energy research agenda here in the U.S.
- The School of Nursing earned its largest single grant in its 50 year history - \$600,000 to help students pursue a nursing education and address nursing shortages in the state.
- WVU's Davis College of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Design received \$1.7 million from the "United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)": to establish an Environmental Research Center. The WVU center will help formulate policy and promote economic development focused on a sustainable and productive natural environment.
- Nanotechnology researchers have secured more than \$2.4 million in federally-sponsored, competitive research awards to study drug metabolism, molecular identification, non-linear optics and new energy sources. Grants were earned by faculty in Pharmacy, Chemistry, Physics, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering, Biology, and other departments.
- One of our great powerhouses is our Center for Alternative Fuels, Engines, and Emissions. This is a program our Board member, Dr. Nigel Clark, has helped to build. The center earns about \$5 million a year in grant funding and offers the only mobile emissions testing unit in North America. The focus is on heavy-duty vehicles such as trucks and buses, but also includes locomotives and ships. We recently welcomed back Chris Atkinson as the new director of the center. Chris is a graduate of MIT, who then got his master's at WVU, and returned to MIT for his doctoral studies. After completing his doctorate, he served on WVU's mechanical engineering faculty from 1991 to 2000. Dr. Nigel Clark is indeed a "rock star" in the automotive industry, and I want to publicly thank him for his incredible leadership in building the center.

### **2. Staff**

- The Divisional Campus committee was briefed today on the WVU Tech transition. I want to recognize the staff who put thousands of hours into the successes reported. The integration of the BANNER system, for example, is a huge milestone and took the expertise of a lot of staff to complete.
- Many of you also heard today from Dr. Clement Solomon, our sustainability director. Our sustainability program received a higher grade of B from Sustainable Endowments Institute, in large part thanks to the great support for the program out of our Facilities Services employees.

### 3. Students

- West Virginia University's Soils Team recently placed first in the Southeast Regional Collegiate Soils Contest, hosted by the University of Tennessee–Knoxville. Four WVU students placed in the top ten. Other schools that participated in the regional meet were Auburn University, Clemson University, the University of Florida, the University of Georgia, the University of Kentucky, North Carolina State University, the University of Tennessee, Tennessee Tech, Virginia Tech and Western Kentucky University.
- Senior WVU linebacker Reed Williams has been named to the 2009 National Scholar-Athlete class and is a finalist for the William V. Campbell Trophy, endowed by HealthSouth. He is one of 16 finalists selected out of 154 semi-finalists nationwide. Each finalist will receive an \$18,000 post-graduate scholarship. We have another former finalist sitting here with us today – Board member Oliver Luck (1981).

### 4. Facilities

- The Erickson Alumni Center received 2 awards this month: the “People’s Choice” for the Design Pittsburgh 2009 awards program. We were one of 89 buildings under consideration. Also, the building project and the March Westin contractor were recognized with the 2009 Excellence in Construction Award from Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC) of West Virginia.
- We opened the intermodal facility last month. This is an incredible facility containing 7,000 square feet and 500 parking spaces. The intermodal concept is a way to help with traffic – providing a place for people to leave their cars and take public transportation such as the PRT.

### 5. Other Items

- We had a great Diversity Week, highlighted by the Women of Color Day lunch with Dr. Sadie R. Gregory, of Coppin State as the keynote speaker. A special thanks to the staff who organized the week.
- I went to Extension's annual meeting this week – about 300 employees attended from around the state. Jackson's Mill is such a treasure. The event resonated with great enthusiasm. We have reached a new milestone: 1 in 4 youth (used to be 1 in 5 youth until this year) are touched by 4-H. A special thank you also to Chairman Carolyn Long for going the day before.

### **7 theme areas outlined in State of University address:**

- Looking to the future, I have outlined 7 areas to help focus our planning efforts. These include:
  1. Academic programs and faculty excellence,
  2. Research,
  3. Undergraduate education,
  4. Graduate education,
  5. State impact,
  6. Health Care, and
  7. Multiculturalism and globalization.

- These are not set in stone – we can add, change, modify together. I believe strongly in shared governance. It’s the only way I know to go about things. To achieve these goals, the Board of Governors, our faculty senators, our staff council members, our student government leaders have been and will be involved.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

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

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Chairman Long called for any discussion of the Consent Agenda items. There being none, Ted Mattern moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda items as presented in today’s agenda booklet. This motion was seconded by Jason Zuccari, and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

**1. Approval of New Degree Program: Master of Science in Finance**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of the MS in Finance in the College of Business & Economics.

**2. WV Code §18B-1C-2(g): November, 2009 Status Report of WVUIT**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the report titled “4th Annual WVU Tech Status Report” (as presented) that will be submitted to the West Virginia Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability on October 30, 2009.

**3. Receipt and Acceptance of the FY09 Combined Financial Statements for West Virginia University**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors accepts the FY09 Combined Financial Statement for West Virginia University, as presented.

**4. Approval of Revised FY2010 Budget**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the FY 2010 Budget, as presented.

**5. Research Trust Fund**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the total of \$683,533.00 of gifts that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June, 2008, for a matching request pursuant to the provisions of said Research Trust Fund strategic plan.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Long publicly acknowledged the excellent work done by Provost Scott Hurst and his staff in the preparation and timely submission of the WVUIT November, 2009 Status Report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability.

SGA President and BOG member, Jason Zuccari, stated that the Student Government Association passed a resolution supporting a smoke free Health Sciences Center. Additionally, President Clements is convening a task force to examine WVU's existing campus smoking policy and Mr. Zuccari advised that 3 SGA students will be appointed to this task force, and will share their Health Sciences resolution with this group.

Chairman Carolyn Long wanted to publicly express her appreciation to former Board member, Steve Goodwin, for his exemplary service to West Virginia University, both as a Board member and Board Chairman.

## **NEXT MEETING**

Chairman Long announced that the next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2009, as a telephone meeting with will originate in Morgantown.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, James Dailey moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jason Zuccari, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary