

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

July 11, 2001

The first meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on July 11, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. in the President's Conference Room in Stewart Hall. Board members in attendance were Vaughn Kiger, Roy Nutter and Paul Martinelli. Members joining by phone were Cathy Armstrong, Hank Barnette, Sam Chico, Betty Chilton, Paul Gates, Doug Leech, Joe Lopez, Jeremy Posey, Tom Potter, Rod Thorn, and Sandra Weese. Absent was Terry Jones.

A number of WVU officers and representatives of the press were also present: President, David C. Hardesty, Jr., Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang, Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources, Scott Kelley, Chief of Staff and Vice President for Institutional Advancement, David Satterfield, Executive Officer and General Counsel, Jon Reed, Associate Provost for Extension and Public Service, Larry Cote, Associate Vice President for Finance, Terry Ondreyka, Special Assistant to the President and Provost, Ginny Petersen, Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources, Sherri Belmear, Director of News and Information Services, Becky Lofstead, and Dominion Post Reporter, Monte Maxwell. Joining by phone were: Campus President and Regional Vice President, Mary Rittling, Potomac State College of West Virginia University; Campus President and Regional Vice President, Eric Bitterbaum, West Virginia University at Parkersburg, Campus President and Regional Vice President, Karen Laroe, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean, WVU School of Medicine, Robert M. D'Alessandri, Sr. Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher, and Associate Vice President for Finance-Health Sciences, James Hackett.

The meeting was called to order by WVU President, David C. Hardesty, Jr..

SWEARING IN OF MEMBERS

Jon Reed, Executive Officer and General Counsel for West Virginia University administered the oath of office to the Board Members. He also reminded the members that they should return the original, signed and notarized copy of the written oath of office to his office, and the paperwork sent to them by the Governor to the Governor's office.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominating Committee Chairman Thomas Potter reported that he and fellow members Hank Barnette and Terry Jones proposed the following slate of officers for the coming year: Chairman, Vaughn L. Kiger; Vice-chairman, Curtis H. Barnette; Secretary, Cathy M. Armstrong. Committee Chairs proposed included: Thomas Potter, Academic Affairs; Joseph Lopez, Business Affairs; Douglas Leech, Student Affairs; Terry Jones, University Relations.

Mr. Barnette moved that the slate of nominees be approved as presented. The motion was seconded and carried.*

On a motion by Mr. Potter, which was seconded and carried, the following committee assignments were approved:

Name	Executive & Board Affairs	Academic Affairs	Business Affairs	Student Affairs	University Relations
Cathy Armstrong	√	√			√
Hank Barnette	√		√		√
Sam Chico III			√	√	
Betty Chilton		√			√
Paul Gates		√		√	
Terry Jones	√	√			√Chair
Vaughn Kiger	√		√		√
Doug Leech	√	√		√Chair	
Joe Lopez	√		√Chair		√
Paul Martinelli			√	√	
Roy Nutter		√			√
Jeremy Posey			√	√	
Tom Potter	√	√Chair			√
Rod Thorn			√	√	
Sandra Weese		√		√	

Mr. Potter reported that the nominating committee recommended that the executive committee address terms of office and method of selection of officers before next year's elections.

ASSUMPTION OF CHAIR

Mr. Kiger assumed the Chairmanship of the Board and thanked the board members for their confidence in him. He also noted the historic nature of the day. He commented that the Board should look forward to the challenges that it would be presented with as West Virginia University's governing board.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Potter moved that the minutes of the May 18, 2001 meeting of the Board of Advisors be approved as written. The motion was seconded and carried.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RECOGNITIONS

Chairman Kiger asked board members to review the information contained in the membership list, and let Ginny Petersen know of any corrections that might be needed.

Resolutions honoring Mary Margaret Lopez, David J. Workman and Robert K. Griffith for their service on the West Virginia University Institutional Board of Advisors were read by Mr. Reed . Upon motion duly made and seconded they were approved. They will be delivered to the honorees. (See Appendix A, B, and C)

Mr. Kiger called the board members attention to the list of meeting dates for the coming year, and noted especially the BOG training session to take place in Charleston on August 2 –3, 2001.

Mrs. Petersen announced that, barring unforeseen circumstances, all meetings of the full Board will be accessible by telephone.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President David C. Hardesty, Jr. reported on the following items:

1. The Policy Commission passed a resolution that powers previously delegated to the President of an institution remain with the President until December 1st or until such time as the institution's Board of Governors acts to affirm or alter the delegation. This will facilitate the orderly conduct of institutional business pending the Board's consideration of the delegation issue.
2. The Policy Commission passed a resolution that powers previously delegated to President's of institutions remain with the Presidents until December 1st or until such time as the Board of Governors acts to affirm or alter the delegation.
2. West Virginia University' research and sponsored programs receipts this past year of \$88.7 M were the highest ever. He noted that the funds received were 60% Federal, 15% State and 24% private. The School of Medicine and the College of Engineering and Mineral Resources account for 41% of all receipts. Eighteen percent of those moneys were earmarked for West Virginia University. One of the goals of the University is to increase the dollars received through competitive efforts. The target is \$100 million within the next two years.
3. The West Virginia University Foundation, Inc., has also had a good year, and board members will learn more of its success in the coming months.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Barnette reviewed the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting which were contained in the Board Agenda Book.

At Mr. Barnette's suggestion, the names and addresses of the university leadership will be included in future agenda books.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Extension Service Committee Appointments:

President Hardesty explained the purpose of the Extension Service Committees. Mr. Chico moved that the nominees and alternate nominees for positions on County Extension Service Committees be approved as presented. The motion was seconded, and carried.

3. United Health System, Inc. Appointment:

Mr. Barnette moved that Cathy M. Armstrong be appointed by the Board of Governors to be its representative on the Board of United Health Systems, Inc. (a position she had been filling as the representative of the Interim Governing Board.) The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Acquisition of Property in Sunnyside:

After a presentation by Vice President Scott Kelley and discussion by the Board, Mr. Potter moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors adopt the following resolution: Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors grants permission for West Virginia University to proceed with the purchase of seven parcels of land in Sunnyside, and right of first refusal on six other parcels, at a purchase price not to exceed \$1,100,000, and authorizes Vice President Scott Kelley to execute the purchase on its behalf. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Acquisition of Masonic Lodge Property:

After a presentation by Vice President Scott Kelley and discussion by the Board, Mrs. Weese moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors adopt the following resolution. Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors grants permission for West Virginia University to proceed with the purchase of the Masonic Lodge #4 property as described, at a purchase price not to exceed \$405,00, and authorizes Vice President Scott Kelley to execute the purchase on their behalf. The motion was seconded and carried. [Mr. Kiger did not participate in the discussion, and abstained from voting on the issue. President Hardesty noted that while Mr. Kiger had notified the University that the property was on the market, he had played no part in the negotiations, and received no commission on the sale of the property.]

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Potter moved that the Board move into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4, to discuss a naming opportunity. The motion was seconded and carried without dissent, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following a discussion, Mr. Potter moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and carried.

NAMING OPPORTUNITY

Ms. Armstrong moved that the Board of Governors approve the naming opportunity discussed in Executive Session, with the details to be announced at an appropriate time of the University's choosing. The motion was seconded and carried.

REVIEW OF DRAFT AGENDA

The draft agenda for the September meeting contained in the Agenda Book was reviewed. Mr. Barnette requested that a legal analysis of board member responsibilities be undertaken and reported to the Board at the September meeting. He suggested that development of a two year agenda of recurrent board issues and an appropriate reporting format to apprise the Board of the financial health of the University be referred to the Business Affairs committee for discussion and planning.

Mr. Posey inquired about the plans for constituency reports. President Hardesty noted the possibility of yearly comprehensive reports by constituency representatives, and the right of any board member to make a report at any meeting under Member Comments.

OTHER ITEMS

President Hardesty reported that the Executive Committee would be meeting telephonically on August 9th to work on his presidential Goals and Objectives.

President Hardesty also informed the Board that a succession plan for WVU currently exists, providing for continued leadership of the University in the event of the president's death or disability, until the Board takes action appropriate to the circumstance.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Paul Martinelli and Roy Nutter noted their pleasure in serving on the board.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Cathy Armstrong, Secretary

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