

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

April 15, 2016

The one hundred thirty-seventh meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on April 15, 2016 in Morgantown, WV. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Gregory Babe, George Capel, Ellen Cappellanti, James W. Dailey, II, Thomas Flaherty, Dr. Robert Griffith, J. Thomas Jones, Raymond Lane, Diane Lewis, Dixie Martinelli, William Nutting, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, Ed Robinson, Dr. Richard Turton, Dr. Kim Weaver and William Wilmoth.

**WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) present included:**

President, E. Gordon Gee;  
Vice President, Legal, Government and Entrepreneurial Engagement, Rob Alsop;  
Provost, Joyce McConnell;  
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;  
Vice President for Finance and Administration, Narvel Weese;  
Vice President for Student Life, William Schafer;  
Vice Provost, Russell Dean;  
Vice President for Research, Fred King;  
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;  
Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, WVU Health Sciences,  
Louise Veselicky;  
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;  
President, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Carolyn Long;  
Campus Provost, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Nigel Clark;  
President, Potomac State College of West Virginia University, Leonard Colelli;  
Senior Associate Vice President for Academic and Public Strategy, Rochelle Goodwin;  
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin;  
Associate Vice President for Planning & Treasury Operations, Liz Reynolds;  
Associate Vice President for Facilities and Services, Randy Hudak;  
Director, Internal Audit, Bryan Shaver;  
Chair, WVU Institute of Technology Faculty Assembly, Paul Rakes;  
Chair, Faculty Assembly at Potomac State, Jennifer Merrifield;  
Student Affairs Chief Business and Planning Officer, Les Carpenter;  
Senior Writer, University Relations/News, Jake Stump;  
Special Events Coordinator, Katie O'Connor;  
WVU's ACCE representative, Paul Martinelli;  
Members of the current and past Student Government Associations; 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, Thomas V. Flaherty, at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

## **BOARD PRESENTATIONS**

### **Academic Affairs Updates**

Provost Joyce McConnell briefed the board on SWOT team updates and strategies to ensure guaranteed access to graduate and undergraduate students, as well as efforts to enhance retention. She including updates on Project 168; exciting curriculum endeavors - including entrepreneurship; faculty development and outstanding faculty success stories.

The President West Virginia University Institute of Technology, Carolyn Long, provided updates from WVU Institute of Technology related to their ongoing transition plans involving faculty, students, facilities, athletics, other regional academic institutions, and community interaction. They have been providing tours of the Beckley campus three days a week for current Tech students. A full complement of freshman classes will be offered in fall, 2016 at WVU Beckley while all WVU Tech academic programs, including its outstanding engineering program, will move to the Beckley campus in the fall of 2017.

Related to the transition involving WVU Tech and the Beckley campus, Senior Associate Vice President for Academic and Public Strategy, Rochelle Goodwin, provided an update on the strides being made as part of a WVU Upper Kanawha Valley Collaboration Agreement entered into by West Virginia University, The County Commission of Kanawha County, the County Commission of Fayette County, the Town of Montgomery, and the Town of Smithers.

### **Legislative Updates**

Vice President, Legal, Government and Entrepreneurial Engagement, Rob Alsop, provided an overview of current matters related to West Virginia's legislative session that may affect West Virginia University and its divisional campuses. Below are highlights from his presentation:

- There is still no budget at this point in time for the Fiscal Year 2017 budget year.
- Representatives of the Governor's Office, the House, and the Senate remain in discussions and negotiations relating to the budget.
- Four key factors that will determine how this budget will affect WVU include: the shortfall for Fiscal Year 2016, the amount of new, base revenues; the amount of one-time moneys and rainy day fund moneys; and the amount of cuts.
- Our mission is to focus on our strengths and the need to invest in this University; that we have a responsibility to lead and be a good partner for our State; and that we are the change agent that the State needs right now.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Flaherty requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), and (b)(12) to discuss legal, personnel, and deliberative matters; matters not considered public records; matters related to construction planning, commercial competition matters, the purchase, sale or lease of property, and/or the investment of public funds. The motion was made by George Capel, seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, David Alvarez moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers and passed.

## **DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Flaherty asked if there was a motion resulting from the discussions that occurred during today's Executive Session. Accordingly, James W. Dailey, II moved that the chairman appointment all committees of the Board, including evaluation and compensation committees, to complete a presidential evaluation and contract renewal process consistent with the statutory requirements of Chapter 18B of the West Virginia Code and any applicable rules. This motion was seconded by Ellen Cappellanti and passed by a unanimous vote of all board members in attendance. Chairman Flaherty announced that he would chair the presidential compensation committee while Vice Chairman, William Wilmoth, would chair the presidential evaluation committee.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FACULTY REPRESENTATIVES TO THE WVU BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Dr. Richard Turton provided an informative albeit delightful overview on what motivates faculty while Dr. Robert Griffith provided an in-depth analysis related to faculty salaries. In addition, Paul Rakes, Chair, WVU Institute of Technology Faculty Assembly, and Jennifer Merrifield, Faculty Assembly Chair at Potomac State, provided comprehensive outlines of life as a faculty member at each of WVU's divisional campuses.

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE WVU BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

George Capel, current Student Government Association representative on the Board of Governors, along with other members of his administration, provided a summary of their past year's vision related to community service, public affairs, advocacy and outreach – listing several achievements of the SGA over the past year, including: advocating for Mountie Bounty to off-campus establishments; hosting flu shot clinics in the Mountainlair; preparing care packages for families in intensive care units; promoting sexual assault prevention and advocating for LGBTQ and veteran students.

Mr. Capel then introduced new SGA President, Julie Merow, who, along with other members of her administration, outlined their 2016-2017 goals for the upcoming year,

including: Creation of a student assembly comprised of 2 representatives from each college and 17 campus-wide senators; advocating for a non-voting student member on the Morgantown City Council; and rebranding the Student Government Association.

### **RECRUITMENT VIDEO**

It is noted for the record that the board viewed a new recruitment video from WVU Medicine – highlighting what attracts new hires not only to our state but specifically to WVU Medicine.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

David Alvarez moved that the minutes of the February 18, 2016 regular meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Griffith, and passed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

David Alvarez, who chaired a Joint Strategic Plans and Initiatives and Finance and Facilities and Revitalization Committee on April 6, 2016, reported that there were Executive Session discussions during this meeting, but there was no Board action to report as a result of this committee meeting.

William Wilmoth, Audit Committee Chairman, reported on the April 14, 2016 Audit Committee meeting, during which Vice President Narvel Weese provided updates on several issues and Senior Associate Vice President, Dan Durbin, distributed and discussed the external auditors' review of WVU's December 31, 2016 financial statements. Chairman Wilmoth also stated that during Executive Session reports were given by the Director of Internal Audit, Bryan Shaver, and General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor.

Thomas Flaherty, who chaired a Joint Strategic Plans and Initiatives and Academic Affairs and Accreditation Committee Meeting on April 14, 2016, reported that there were Executive Session discussions during this meeting, but there was no Board action to report as a result of this committee meeting.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

During his report, President Gee re-emphasized the importance of the new Carnegie research classification and noted he will hold a special State of the University on March 1 to both celebrate that milestone and outline a vision for continued momentum. Dr. Gee also noted the medical amnesty policy as important for students, and touched on earlier comments about the current legislative session.

## 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 Flaherty called for any discussion of today's Consent Agenda items, and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote. There being none, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda items as presented in today's agenda booklet. This motion was seconded by J. Thomas Jones, and passed

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

**1. Approval of New Degree Program: Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services and Outcomes Research**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of the Doctor of Philosophy in Health Services and Outcomes Research in the School of Pharmacy.

**2. Approval of New Degree Program: Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a BSBAD in Entrepreneurship & Innovation in the College of Business and Economics at the WVU main campus.

**3. Beckley Campus – Engineering Lab Building**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the construction of the Engineering Lab Building on the Beckley Campus.

**4. Department of Defense Security Clearance Exclusion Resolution**

Resolved: The West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the exclusion of West Virginia University access to classified information in the custody of West Virginia University Innovation Corporation; that West Virginia University Innovation Corporation, has been delegated full authority to act completely independent of West Virginia University in all matters that involve or relate to West Virginia University Innovation Corporation's responsibility to perform on classified contracts, and for the purpose of exempting West Virginia University from necessity of process for clearance under of the Department of Defense Regulations, all as set forth in a Resolution, as presented.

**5. Appointment to County Extension Committees**

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia, as presented.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Chairman Flaherty noted that the board needs to appoint a nominating committee to prepare and present a slate of officers at the June 17, 2016 board meeting. Accordingly, David Alvarez moved that this year's nominating committee consist of J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, as Chair, along with Dixie Martinelli, William Nutting and Dr. Robert Griffith, and that this nominating committee be charged with the task of preparing and presenting a slate of officers for full board approval during its June 17, 2016 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed.

Chairman Flaherty announced that the Board will conduct its next regular meeting in Morgantown in June, 2016.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Dr. Robert Griffith moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Thomas Jones, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

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Diane Lewis, Secretary