

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

October 25, 2007

The fifty-fourth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on October 25, 2007, by telephone conference call. Board members in attendance by phone were Hank Barnette, Ellen Cappellanti, Thomas Clark James Dailey Linda Dickirson, Steve Goodwin, David Kirkpatrick, Steve Kite, Carolyn Long, Paul Martinelli, Drew Payne, Parry Petroplus, Ed Robinson, Sally Smith and Robert Wells. Steve Farmer, Ted Mattern, and Bill Nutting were absent and excused.

WVU officers, regional campus officers and representatives present were:

**From WVU:**

President Michael Garrison;  
Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;  
Vice President for Advancement & Marketing, Chris Martin;  
Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Alex Macia  
Interim Vice President for Research, Curt Peterson;  
Chief of Staff, Craig Walker;  
Executive Officer for Communications, Bill Case;  
Director of News Services, Amy Neil;  
Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;  
Sr. Associate Provost, Russ Dean;  
Special Assistant to the President, Valerie Lopez;

**From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:**

Charles Bayless, Campus Provost  
Scott Hurst, Associate Vice President

**Ry Rivard from The Daily Athenaeum was also present.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Stephen Goodwin, at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance.

**BOARD ITEMS**

The purpose of this meeting was to approve the West Virginia University Institute of Technology status report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Educational Accountability on the progress of meeting the requirements of House Bill 4690.

Provost Bayless provided an overview to the Board, stating that in March of 2006 legislation was signed by the Governor (WV Code § 18B-1C) requiring that West Virginia

University Institute of Technology shall merge and consolidate with West Virginia University and become a fully integrated division of West Virginia University. Specifically, WV Code § 18B-1C-2(g) states that by November 1 of each year (through 2010) the West Virginia University Board of Governors shall prepare and submit a report to the Legislative Oversight Commission on Education Accountability (LOCEA) on the progress being made to implement the provisions of House Bill 4690. Provost Bayless indicated that the report now before the Board was the second report to be prepared and submitted to LOCEA.

Provost Bayless indicated that since the last report their team had created/implemented collaborative partnership agreements and policies, as required by statute, related to the integrated operations between WVU Tech and the main Morgantown campus. Provost Bayless highlighted several internal reviews being conducted at WVU Tech with the goal of redefining roles to follow through on these collaborative partnership agreements. The report under consideration highlights the accomplishments, since the November, 2006 report, in the completion of the work of the WVU Tech Transition Steering Committee, the capital improvements and personnel changes made, as well as establishment of the next phase of priorities.

In response to questions posed by board members participating in the meeting, Provost Bayless advised that any changes having an impact on a specific unit at WVU Tech have been communicated to faculty and staff during regular monthly meetings, and shared with the Student Government Association at regularly scheduled briefings.

It was suggested that the report may need some editorial changes and Jennifer Fisher, Executive Officer for Policy Development, volunteered to act as the liaison for anyone having specific edits to the report. She will work with Associate Provost Scott Hurst in communicating/incorporating any such edits. It was agreed, however, that no substantive changes would be made to the report under consideration.

After discussion, Mr. Barnette moved that the current draft of the LOCEA report be approved, as to substance, subject to certain editorial/formatting changes, and that Chairman Stephen Goodwin be authorized to transmit this report to LOCEA. The motion was seconded, and carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Wells moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary