

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 24, 2002

The ninth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on April 24, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room in Stewart Hall. Board member in attendance was Vaughn Kiger. Members joining by phone were Hank Barnette, Sam Chico, Betty Chilton, Paul Gates, Terry Jones, Doug Leech, Joe Lopez, Paul Martinelli and Rod Thorn. Absent were Cathy Armstrong, Roy Nutter, Jeremy Posey, Tom Potter, and Sandra Weese

WVU officers present were Margaret Phillips, Chief of Staff, and Ginny Petersen, Assistant Secretary to the Board.

The meeting was called to order by Vaughn Kiger, Chairman.

ACTION ITEM

Chairman Kiger reported that he had held a conversation with John Hoblitzell, Chairman of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission about the fact that, per state statute, President Hardesty's salary is coupled with Chancellor Mullen's salary, to wit:

§18B-1B-5 (c) The Chancellor shall be compensated on a basis in excess of, but not to exceed twenty percent greater than, the base salary of any president of a state institution of higher education or the administrative head of a governing board.

Chairman Hoblitzell had requested that the West Virginia University Board of Governors undertake a study of presidential salaries to be shared with the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission to facilitate any future discussion regarding changes in salary for the Chancellor and/or President Hardesty.

To facilitate this request, three consulting firms were contacted, and the lowest bid was received from Rian Yaffe, who has performed such studies for the West Virginia University Hospital Corporation.

Discussion followed about the types of compensation to be included in the study, other salary reference points of interest, the study time line and future BOG involvement in the study.

Doug Leech moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors retain Yaffe and Company to conduct the study of presidential compensation. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Virginia Petersen, Assistant Secretary