

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

April 23, 2008

The sixtieth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, called as an Emergency Meeting, was held on April 23, 2008, by telephone conference call. Board members attending in person were: Thomas Clark, James Dailey, Steve Goodwin, Steve Kite, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, and Parry Petroplus. Board members participating by telephone were Hank Barnette, Linda Dickirson, Steve Farmer, Carolyn Long, Bill Nutting, Jason Parsons, Drew Payne, Ed Robinson, Sally Smith and Robert Wells. Ellen Cappellanti was absent and excused.

WVU officers, regional campus officers and representatives present were:

From WVU:

President Michael Garrison;

Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang;

Vice President for Legal Affairs & General Counsel, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Alex Macia;

Dean of the College of Business and Economics, Robert Stephen Sears;

Vice President for University Advancement & Marketing, Chris Martin;

Assistant Vice President for Branding and Creative Direction, Dana Coester;

Assistant Vice President for Integrated Market Operations, Tricia Petty;

Executive Officer for Communications, Bill Case;

Director of News Services, Amy Neil;

Public Relations Manager of News Services, Andrew Lohmann; and

Special Assistant to the President, Valerie Lopez;

Members of the press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Stephen Goodwin, at 1:00 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

The purpose of this Emergency Meeting was to discuss receipt of the Report of the Special Investigative Panel for Review of Executive MBA Program Records and discussion of recommendations by the Board of Governors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Dailey moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b) for the purpose of

discussing certain student records protected from disclosure by federal student records privacy laws, legal matters, and potential personnel issues. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Mr. Mattern moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.

BOARD ITEM

Chairman Goodwin announced that the Board, during Executive Session, had unanimously approved the following Charge for delivery to President Michael S. Garrison – which Charge Chairman Goodwin read into the record:

After having received and reviewed the report, I have been instructed by the Board of Governors to outline for you the position of the Board regarding this matter.

First and foremost, it is important that you appreciate the Board of Governors accepts, in principle, the report of the panel.

It is the recommendation of the Board that you as President of West Virginia University accept responsibility for errors in judgment and procedures relative to this matter made by members of, and personnel affiliated with, the Administration.

Further, you are to inform Ms. Bresch of the panel's recommendation and of the decision that her degree was inappropriately granted. You should also inform her of her rights to be heard on this matter if she so desires.

Finally, the Board directs you to develop a plan and/or policies to see that a situation such as this does not ever occur again. You are also directed to review the recommendations of the panel and the actions of the Administration's personnel relative to this matter.

Thereafter, you are to present to the Board at its regular June 2008 meeting a plan of implementation of the policies and procedures you have determined necessary to correct any shortcomings which have been highlighted by this situation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Mattern moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary