

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 12, 2008

The seventieth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a telephone meeting) was held on December 12, 2008, with the call originating in the Stewart Hall President's Conference Room. Board members participating included Ellen Cappellanti, Dr. Tom Clark, James Dailey, Steve Goodwin, Dr. Steve Kite, Ray Lane, Carolyn Long, Oliver Luck, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Drew Payne, Parry Petroplus, Ed Robinson, and Dr. Charles Vest. Board members Jason Parsons and Bill Nutting were absent and excused.

WVU officers and representatives present were:

Interim President C. Peter Magrath;
Interim Chief of Staff, Jay Cole;
Senior Associate Provost, Russell K. Dean;
Interim Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;
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, Bobbie Brandt;
Interim Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;
Assistant Vice President for Graduate Education, Jonathan Cumming;
Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;
Director of News & Information Services, Danial Kim; 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, Carolyn Long, at 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Martinelli moved that the minutes of the meeting of November 7, 2008 be approved. The motion was seconded by Dr. Steve Kite and passed.

INTERIM PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Interim President, C. Peter Magrath announced that West Virginia University is in the process of initiating a search for a registrar – a high-profile position that will report to academic affairs and be responsible for state-of-the-art efficient and effective record keeping at the University. A position description is being developed and will be advertised after the first of the year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Carolyn Long requested that the Board go into Executive Session, pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) and (b)(10)(12), for the purpose of discussing any or all of the following items: Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates; Approval of appointment of replacement BOG member to serve on the WVU Health Sciences Center National Advisory Council; and,7 Approval of appointment of voting members of the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute Board of Directors. The motion was made by Dr. Steve Kite, seconded by Paul Martinelli, and passed. Chairman Long announced that the regular board meeting should re-convene in approximately 45 minutes. The Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Mr. Payne moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Petrolus and passed. The Board re-convened in general session at 9:30 a.m.

ACTIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ellen Cappellanti moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the appointment of the following four (4) individuals as voting members of the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute Board of Directors: Interim President C. Peter Magrath, BOG Chairman Carolyn Long, Dr. Julian Bailes, and Mr. Stuart Robbins. The motion was seconded by Drew Payne and passed. Chairman Long announced that she will ask the current nominating committee (with Ted Mattern as Chair) to submit, for Board approval during its February 6, 2009 meeting, his committee's recommendations for the appointment of the remaining following four (4) individuals to serve as voting members of the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute Board of Directors.

Per his committee's recommendation, Ted Mattern moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the appointment of Bill Nutting as the replacement BOG representative to serve on the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center National Advisory Council. This motion was seconded by Paul Martinelli and passed.

INFORMATION ITEM

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any Board members pertaining to the Information Item contained within the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Paul Martinelli moved that the Approval of Honorary Degree Candidates be removed from the current Consent Agenda, and placed on our February 6, 2009 agenda for consideration. This motion was seconded by Dr. Steve Kite and passed.

Thereupon, Dr. Steve Kite moved that the remaining Consent Agenda items be approved, as presented. This motion was seconded by Dr. Tom Clark and passed. Therefore, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Basketball Practice Facility

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the scope and design of a new Basketball Practice Facility with a total budget of \$26 million and that the President of West Virginia University is hereby authorized to execute construction contracts after receiving a recommendation from the Vice President of Administration and Finance that a funding plan is in place to pay for construction costs of the basketball practice facility.

2. Transfer to WVU at Parkersburg Board of Governors a parcel of real estate in Jackson County, WV which comprises the satellite campus of WVU at Parkersburg

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the transfer by deed of a parcel of real estate owned by the Board of Governors in Jackson County, WV, which comprises the WVU at Parkersburg satellite campus, to the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Board of Governors, on behalf of West Virginia University at Parkersburg. And further, that the Vice President for Administration and Finance is hereby authorized to execute the deed on behalf of the West Virginia University Board of Governors.

NEXT MEETING

Chairman Long announced that the next meeting will be held on February 6, 2009. She also announced that we are working on plans to have our June, 2009 meeting at West Virginia University Institute of Technology.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Dr. Tom Clark moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Paul Martinelli and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary