

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

August 7, 2002

The eleventh meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on August 7, 2002, at 8:30 a.m. in the President's Conference Room in Stewart Hall. Board members in attendance were Vaughn Kiger, Terry Jones, Stan Cohen and Chris Gregory. Members joining by phone were Hank Barnette, Betty Chilton, Paul Gates, Steve Goodwin, Doug Leech, Ted Mattern, Joe Lopez, Parry Petroplus and Tom Potter. Absent were Paul Martinelli and Rod Thorn.

A number of WVU officers and representatives of the press were also present: Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald Lang, Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources, Scott Kelley, Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips, General Counsel, Tom Dorer, Associate General Counsel, Bev Kerr, Executive Officer for Social Justice, Jennifer McIntosh, Special Assistant to the President and Provost and Assistant Board Secretary, Ginny Petersen, Associate Vice President for Finance, Gary Rogers, Associate Vice President for Human Resources, Mythro Blanchard, Assistant to the Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources, Sherri Belmear, Director of News and Information Services, Becky Lofstead and ACE Fellow, Jacqueline Swansinger. Joining by phone were: President, David C. Hardesty, Jr., Campus President and Regional Vice President, Mary Rittling, Potomac State College of West Virginia University; Campus President and Regional Vice President, Eric Bitterbaum, West Virginia University at Parkersburg; College Provost Steve Goodman and Community College Provost, Jo Harris, West Virginia University Institute of Technology; Vice President for Health Sciences and Dean, WVU School of Medicine, Robert M. D'Alessandri; and Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob Biddington.

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair, Hank Barnette.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

General Counsel Tom Dorer administered the oath of office to new members Steve Goodwin, Ted Mattern, Stan Cohen and Chris Gregory. Mr. Barnette, President Hardesty and the other Board members congratulated the new members and welcomed them to the Board.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

President David Hardesty welcomed Steve Goodman as Interim Provost at West Virginia University Institute of Technology. He noted that former Provost, John Russell, has been named president of a college in Texas, and wished him well in his new position.

President Hardesty noted that the Freedom of Expression policy is out for public comment and asked that everyone read it, and submit comments if desired, in preparation for the September board meeting.

President Hardesty focused the remainder of his report on three topics:

1. Research – which has reached an all time high of \$134 M this year, and provides employment in our region for a large number of employees. The President congratulated both Vice President for Research John Weete, and the faculty researchers for their achievements.
2. Enrollment – which will probably also reach an all time high this fall. The President noted that housing is full and enrollment for most new freshmen has been closed. He said that he will be holding a press conference on August 14, 2002 to discuss how we are handling the enrollment and housing situation. He also noted that first year students have mandatory orientation class this year for the first time.
3. Financial – we are on budget for this year. The Governor has announced the possibility of a 10% reduction in state support for next year, and strategies are being developed to address the problems such a reduction might cause. The senior leadership has held a retreat, the president and provost are visiting all the academic units, and other activities are underway to plan for such a situation. Vice President Scott Kelley noted that it will be a challenge to minimize the impact on the University, and the he will keep the Board briefed on the University's plans at the September board meeting and throughout the year.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Barnette outlined the orientation for new board members which will take four forms: documents that will be sent to each member, face to face orientation on September 5, 2002, individual sessions for anyone requesting one, and site visits. He encourages Board Members to develop their own orientation requests and plans and to coordinate them with Ginny Petersen.

Mr. Barnette thanked Dr. Gates, Mrs. Chilton, Mr. Jones, Mr. Leech and Mr. Potter for agreeing to serve as chairs of standing committees for the coming year. After approval by board members, the committee assignments presented in the agenda book were finalized by Mr. Barnette.

Mr. Barnette announced that the Board's Operating Procedures and the list of recurring agenda items for future meetings will be considered at the September meeting. He particularly requested Committee Chairs to consider agendas and plan for their separate Committees. He also reviewed proposed dates for meetings for 2002-2003 and 2003-2004, and they were approved. He also asked that the date of the August 26th Executive Committee Meeting be changed or eliminated in view of today's meeting.

Mr. Barnette noted that he will not be able to attend the October 4, 2002 meeting in person, and asked Vice Chair Tom Potter to be prepared to chair the meeting in his absence.

President Hardesty announced that the Chancellor has scheduled a training session for new board members in Charleston on September 12, 2002, from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and asked board members who might be able to attend to let Ginny Petersen know.

OFFICERS REPORTS

President Hardesty introduced the University's new General Counsel, Tom Dorer.

ACTION ITEM

1. Approval of Addendum 6 to the lease between West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc., and the West Virginia University Board of Governors.

Betty Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the request of West Virginia University Hospitals, Inc. for a modification to its existing lease, entitled Addendum #6, and that the Board delegate the authority to execute said modification to President Hardesty or his designee. The motion was seconded and approved.

2. Approval of an Exchange of Property with the Monongalia County Commission.

Betty Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the exchange of a certain 0.308 acre parcel located along Medical Center Drive for two parcels owned by the Monongalia County Commission which contain 0.269 acres and 0.039 acres, which are located along Elmer Prince Drive, near the entrance to the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center. Mr. Parry Petroplus recused himself from the vote. The motion was seconded and approved.

3. Approval of a Delegation of Authority

Betty Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve a delegation of authority to the President of West Virginia University or his designee for the purpose of authorizing the execution of all legal documents necessary for those property related issues carried on in the normal business operations of the institution, including, but not limited to, purchase contracts, options to purchase, right of way agreements, license agreements, and right of entry; PROVIDED, however, that all proposed purchases of real estate shall be consistent with the approved institutional Master Plan and that the Board of Governors shall receive a quarterly report listing all agreements executed pursuant to this authority. The motion was seconded and approved.

4. Joint Petition

Mrs. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors join with adjacent property owners to petition the City of Morgantown for the city to abandon its interests in Elmer Prince Drive near the entrance to the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University. Mr. Petroplus recused himself from the vote. The motion was seconded and approved.

5. Extension Committee Appointment

Mrs. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the appointment of Polly Reynolds to the Fayette County Extension Service Committee, and Ellen Scheel as alternate. The motion was seconded and approved.

6. West Virginia United Health System, Inc. Board Appointment

Mrs. Chilton moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the appointment of Douglas J. Leech, Jr. to the West Virginia United Health System, Inc. Board of Directors. Mr. Leech recused himself from the vote. The motion was seconded and approved.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Newly appointed members Steve Goodwin and Ted Mattern both noted that they are looking forward to serving on the Board.

SEPTEMBER 6, 2002 MEETING

Mr. Barnette said that the next meeting on September 6th will be preceded by new member orientation on September 5th. He also noted that the Board dinner on September 5, 2002 will be in honor of Mr. Kiger's service as chair, and that board members' spouses or guests are also invited. Mr. Barnette and President Hardesty concurred that the September 6th meeting should conclude by mid-afternoon.

It was noted that there would need to be a change to the draft agenda, deleting the tour of the Visitors Center in order that the Student Affairs and University Relations committees may meet.

FINAL REMARKS

President Hardesty reported that there will be both great challenges and opportunities this year, and he is very pleased that the Board will be working on them with the University

Mr. Barnette reviewed the Board policy on dealing with the media and others, noting that the University has one official spokesperson, the President of the University. All inquiries to the board should be reported to the President's office for appropriate coordination and handling.

President Hardesty noted that the Chancellor is appointing a working group to develop ideas for dealing with the possible reduction in state support, and that he hopes that Vice President Scott Kelley will be appointed to the group.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted
Virginia Petersen, Assistant Secretary