

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 15, 2017

The one hundred fifty third meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on December 15, 2017 in Morgantown, WV. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Timothy Bailey, Marty Becker, Elmer Coppoolse, Thomas Flaherty, Thomas Heywood, Blake Humphrey, Dr. Stanley Hileman, J. Thomas Jones, Dixie Martinelli, Taunja Willis Miller, Ed Robinson, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, Benjamin Statler, Dr. Matthew Valenti, Dr. Kimberly Weaver and William Wilmoth.

WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) present/participating included:

President, Gordon Gee;
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;
Provost, Joyce McConnell;
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;
Associate Vice President for Finance, Anjali Halabe;
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman William Wilmoth called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established. Chairman Wilmoth announced that this will be the last meeting of our classified staff representative, Dixie Martinelli, pending her retirement from WVU in early January, 2018. In these regards, Chairman Wilmoth summed up her extensive service to WVU as follows: Dixie is an office administrator for the Agricultural and Natural Resource Unit – WVU Extension Service. She has 38 years of service with WVU (all within Extension Service) and has served as a member of Staff Council, representing over 3,000 classified staff in the West Virginia University state system for over 16 years. She has served on various committees for classified staff throughout her career at WVU and joined the WVU Board of Governors in July, 2011, as classified staff representative. Dixie is a native of Morgantown and attended University High School and WVU. Dixie is happily wed (for 35 years) to Paul Martinelli, a former classified staff representative on the Board of Governors. Paul retired from WVU in July of 2017, after 51 years of service to the institution.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wilmoth requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), (b)(10) and (b)(12) to discuss legal, personnel, and deliberative matters; approval of Honorary Degree candidates; matters not considered public records; matters related to construction planning, commercial competition matters, the purchase, sale or lease of property, and/or the investment of public funds. The motion was made by Dixie Martinelli, seconded by J. Thomas Jones, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, Thomas Flaherty moved that the Board rise from Executive Session. This motion was seconded by Taunja Willis Miller, and passed.

DISCUSSIONS/ACTIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Wilmoth stated that during today's Executive Session the board reviewed names of individuals submitted for Honorary Degrees from West Virginia University. Each year nominations are received and reviewed by a committee of faculty, staff and students. Those selected by the committee are then forwarded to the Faculty Senate for approval, and then to the governing board. The WVU Faculty Senate has endorsed the names discussed during today's Executive Session, as required by University policy.

Whereupon, David Alvarez moved for approval of the Honorary Degree candidates discussed during today's Executive Session - with a notation that the persons to be honored will be announced at a later date. The motion was seconded by J. Thomas Jones, and passed. Chairman Wilmoth also noted, for the record, that Board members Blake Humphrey, Dr. Matthew Valenti, and Thomas Flaherty abstained from the vote on today's Honorary Degree Candidates – since they were involved as members of the Nominating Committee involved in this process.

BOARD PRESENTATION **Academic Affairs Updates**

Provost Joyce McConnell shared the following academic affairs updates:

Campus Carry:

West Virginia University's highest priority is the safety of our campus community. Given this, the University strongly opposes Campus Carry legislation in the state. Our opposition to any legislation that would allow individuals not affiliated with law enforcement to carry weapons on campus stems from our commitment to keep every member of our university community safe from violence and harm. Any Campus Carry legislation will make those responsibilities harder to fulfill by introducing logistical, fiscal and unpredictable challenges. It may also severely limit our ability to recruit and retain talented students, faculty and staff — some of whom will fear for their safety in an environment in which guns are permitted on campus. In sum, we are deeply troubled by this potential legislation and urge our legislators

to carefully consider the consequences of any law that would permit weapons on college and university campuses in West Virginia.

Code.org partnership:

The West Virginia University Center for Excellence in STEM Education was recently selected as a regional partner of Code.org, a national network working to ensure that all students K-12 learn computer science. Through this partnership, we will provide resources to support the West Virginia Department of Education's efforts to bring computer science courses into all schools. To launch the partnership, the Center hosted an Hour of Code event on campus and at Mylan Park Elementary School last week.

Two Music faculty members nominated for a Grammy:

Two of our music faculty, Lucy Mauro and Mark Benincosa, have been nominated for a Grammy Award in International Classical Music for their album Mademoiselle – Première Audience: Unknown Music of Nadia Boulanger. Professor Mauro plays piano and produced the album; Professor Benincosa was a co-producer and the recording engineer. Congratulations to them both for this extraordinary achievement—and now you all know what to buy your friends and family for the holidays.

Our Schwartzman Scholar, Colin Lopez:

Recent alumnus Colin Lopez has been selected as West Virginia University's first Schwarzman Scholar and one of only 142 students chosen from 4000 applicants worldwide to spend a year of immersive study in Beijing. The Schwarzman Scholars program was inspired by the Rhodes Scholarship, but with the goal of confronting the difficult challenges of the 21st century. This is an incredible honor for Colin and we're so proud of him.

Recent LaunchLab student successes:

Two West Virginia University students from the LaunchLab Network recently competed in the St. Louis Elevator Pitch Competition, where they were given 40 seconds to sell their business ideas to investors. Senior Ethan Ball represented the College of B&E, and sophomore Nima Shahab Shahmir represented WVU Tech for the first time in a national pitch competition.

BOARD ITEM
Master Planning Facilities Process Document

Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop, advised that by Code, West Virginia University is required to develop a Facilities Master Plan every ten years, with an update five years into the plan. The University last completed a master plan in 2012. Additionally, as a result of legislation passed during the 2017 legislative session, WVU will be developing a more comprehensive master plan that addresses the institution's mission, degree offerings, enrollment levels, and other planning determinants in the future. The 2017 Facilities Master Planning Update will serve to update the 2012 Facilities Master Plan and to serve as a bridge to the more comprehensive plan that will be developed. WVU will move the projects contained within this document through planning and project development processes and will seek approval from the WVU Board of Governors for each project. Vice President

Also indicated that he should have the formalized Master Planning Facilities Process Document ready for board approval at the next board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

David Alvarez moved that the minutes of the October 27, 2017 regular meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Thomas Flaherty and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

November 29, 2017 Finance and Facilities and Revitalization Committee Meeting and December 15, 2017 Joint Finance and Facilities and Revitalization/Strategic Plans and Initiatives Committee Meeting: Finance and Facilities and Revitalization Committee Chairman, J. Thomas Jones, reported that there were Executive Session discussions during both committee meetings, during which items related to facilities and planning were among the major topics, and that no board action was taken.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Wilmoth called for any discussion of today's Consent Agenda items, and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote. There being none, Thomas Flaherty moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda items as presented in today's agenda booklet. This motion was seconded by Dr. Stanley Hileman, and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Approval of New Major: Construction Management

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a BS in Construction Management.

2. Approval of New Degree Program: Master of Science in Business Cybersecurity Management

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of the Master of Science in Business Cybersecurity Management in the College of Business and Economics.

3. Interim Appointments to the West Virginia University Health System Board of Directors

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the appointment of Diane Lewis to replace Frank Perez, on an interim basis, as a Public University Representative on the West Virginia University Health System Board of Directors; and,

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the appointment of Bernie Twigg to replace Zito Satarelli, on an interim basis, as a Public University Representative on the West Virginia University Health System Board of Directors.

4. County Extension Appointments

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia, as presented.

5. Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, and/or authorized by any other Federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration, including, but not limited to, applicable sections of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 23

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes Board Chairman, William D. Wilmoth, or his designee, to execute the Resolution authorizing the filing of applications with the Federal Transit Administration, an operating administration of the United States Department of Transportation, for Federal transportation assistance authorized by 49 U.S.C. Chapter 53, and/or authorized by any other Federal statutes administered by the Federal Transit Administration, including, but not limited to, applicable sections of 23 U.S.C. Chapter 23, as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wilmoth announced that a special board meeting may be scheduled in January, 2018, to approve the current board rules that are out for comment, and that the Board will conduct its next regular meeting on February 16, 2018 in Morgantown. Chairman Wilmoth and President Gee again wanted to publicly acknowledge Dixie Martinelli's retirement from WVU in early January. They both extended well wishes to Dixie and thanked her, on behalf of the Board and West Virginia University, for her dedicated service and invaluable contributions as classified staff representative on the WVU Board of Governors. There being no further business to come before the Board, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers

moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Thomas Flaherty, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Taunja Willis Miller, Secretary