

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 8, 2002

The sixth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held at 1:00 p.m. on February 8, 2002 in the Rhododendron Room of the Mountainlair. Board members in attendance were Cathy Armstrong, Hank Barnette, Sam Chico, Betty Chilton, Terry Jones, Vaughn Kiger, Paul Martinelli, Roy Nutter, Jeremy Posey, Tom Potter and Sandra Weese. Paul Gates, Doug Leech, Joe Lopez and Rod Thorn were unable to attend.

A number of WVU officers, regional campus officers and representatives of the press were also present:

From WVU:

President David C. Hardesty, Jr.;

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

Vice President for Administration, Finance, and Human Resources, Scott Kelley;

Vice President for Health Sciences & Dean of the School of Medicine, Bob D'Alessandri;

Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;

Interim VP for Institutional Advancement and Exec. Officer for Communication, Carolyn Curry;

Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

Assistant to the President for External Affairs, Dave Miller;

Acting Interim General Counsel, Beverly Kerr;

Interim Associate Vice President for Finance, Elizabeth Reynolds;

Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Rosemary Haggett

Associate Provost for Extension and Public Service, Larry Cote

Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob Biddington;

Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, Herman Moses;

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, Myrtho Blanchard;

Special Assistant to the President/Provost, Ginny Petersen;

Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master;

Assistant to the Vice President for Student Affairs, Mary Collins;

Assistant to the Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources, Sherri Belmear;

Division Leader, WVU Extension, Larry LeFlore;

Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

WVUH Architect, Bob Carrubia;

3 Reporters/Photographers from the Daily Athenaeum.

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Erik Bitterbaum, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Karen LaRoe, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU

Denise Kerby, Budget Officer

Beverly Jo Harris, Provost of the Community College

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:

Mary Rittling, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU.

Members of the Press:

Jim Bissett, Dominion Post

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Vaughn Kiger.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Armstrong moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 11, 2002 be approved as written. The motion was seconded and carried.*

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Kiger reported that over 700 people attended the Alumni event held in Charleston in conjunction with the Capital Classic on January 23, 2002. He noted that President Hardesty gave a very positive presentation about West Virginia University, and that the feedback received was all very good.

Chairman Kiger announced that he had appointed three committees: Nominating: Tom Potter, Chairman, Hank Barnette, and Terry Jones; Audit: Doug Leech, Chairman, Hank Barnette, Sam Chico, Betty Chilton, and Sandra Weese; and Compensation: Vaughn Kiger, Chairman, Cathy Armstrong, Paul Gates, Joe Lopez, and Rod Thorn.

Mr. Kiger called attention to the proposed dates for next year's meetings and asked for feedback, particularly about the meeting scheduled for Labor Day Weekend.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty reported that there are a great number of events and opportunities occurring at the University at this time, and that it is a challenge to stay abreast of everything. He noted the interest and excitement generated by many of our new research technologies, by the Neurosciences Institute, and by potential partnerships with various business and government entities. He commented that it wouldn't take too many of these to come to fruition before the adequacy of the county's resources – roads, parking, etc. would be tested. He also noted that while we welcome these opportunities, they do present change for personnel at the University, and that it can be an unsettling time for many as they learn to manage and adapt to the challenges and opportunities presented.

Other issues addressed included an update on utilization at the Recreation Center (325,000 visits since opening, 9,343 one weekend, and 63,000 one month); the opening of the new Library, and the visionary leadership of Dr. Lang, Dean O'Brien, and Facilitator, Ruth Nellis in bringing it to completion; the recent announced retirement of Bernard Westfall and the hiring of Tom Jones as his replacement at the helm of United Health Systems, Inc.; the continuing enrollment challenge, given the declining high school enrollments numbers in West Virginia; and safety on campus, in light of recent student deaths. President Hardesty noted that many efforts are in place to ensure the safety of our students, and noted that the death certificate for Jennifer Holman gave the cause of death as a heart arrhythmia, not drugs and alcohol as had been reported in the press.

President Hardesty ended by noting that the University is a vibrant, growing organization with enormous talent, people with differing opinions on many subjects, and that in a changing world we have to change to meet new challenges.

***Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive: Mr. Barnette reported that the executive committee met on January 30, 2002 and discussed four topics: 1. Change of format starting in June to include an executive committee meeting and a full board dinner on Thursday evenings prior to board meetings. 2. Development of a list of recurring agenda items; 3. An overview on delegation of powers, and preparation of operating procedures for the BOG by the June meeting; and 4. The frequency of receiving News Clippings.

Academic Affairs: Mr. Potter reported that the Academic Affairs Committee heard three reports: Jo Harris, Provost of the Community and Technical College at WVU Institute of Technology described the new AAS Technical Studies Degree in Diesel Technology that they are undertaking in response to a request from local industry; Jennifer McIntosh, Executive Officer for Social Justice, gave an update on the Academic Partnership Program underway, and on the Minority Doctoral Colloquium planned for this Spring, both aimed at increasing the number of doctorally trained minorities in higher education; and Rosemary Haggett, Associate Provost for Academic Programs, gave a report on the program review process and the action to be required of the Board at coming meetings. Mr. Potter noted the committee was pleased with the thoroughness of the review process, and looked forward to the one-page summary that would be their review instrument. He reported one additional item would be brought forward for action.

Business Affairs: Mr. Chico reported that the Business Affairs Committee had considered six items for approval that would be considered under action items, and asked Dr. Bob D'Alessandri to briefly update other Board members on the Health Sciences Center items discussed, which he did. One question concerning residences in the proposed Neurosciences Building was posed, with Dr. D'Alessandri explaining that there would be apartments for visiting scientists who are at the Institute for short stays. The committee elected to defer Scott Kelley's presentation on financial indicators for report to the full board.

Student Affairs & University Relations: A tour of the new library took place in lieu of these two committees meeting.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Legislative Update: David Miller reported that the 2002 legislative session is half way done, and that there have been several pieces of legislation affecting higher education that have been of recent interest: HB 2999 dealing with freshmen living in residence halls, and SB217 dealing with credit card solicitations on campus were two bills specifically mentioned. Mr. Miller noted that the Promise Scholarship rules are being worked out, that the question of University status for West Virginia State College is still an issue, and that he and President Hardesty had visited legislative leaders to discuss funding and budget, and what WVU has and is accomplishing with State dollars.

Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources Briefing: Scott Kelley, Vice President for Administration, Finance and Human Resources gave a short presentation on the role of his office, focusing on three questions: **What is our role?:** [Service, and Preserving Assets to be used in fulfilling the University's Mission.] **Who are we?:** [Finance, Facilities, Human Resources, and Planning.] **How will we be judged?** [Delivering services, Driving out costs, Supporting and Challenging our employees.]

Financial Indicators: Vice President Kelley distributed copies of the sample quarterly financial indicators that he plans to begin supplying the Board, and explained what the report will contain and how to read the information.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of an Academic Medical Center designation for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center at West Virginia University.

Mr. Potter moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve pursuit of the designation Academic Medical Center for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center at West Virginia University – with the method of execution to be determined by counsel. The motion was seconded and carried.

2. Approval of the Board of Governors *Policy on Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion and Tenure*.

Mr. Potter moved to remove the proposed *Policy on Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion and Tenure* from the table. The motion was seconded and carried. Mr. Potter then moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors adopt the proposed *Policy on Academic Freedom, Professional Responsibility, Promotion and Tenure*. Mr. Barnette seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Barnette thanked Provost Lang for the briefing provided on this issue, and commended him on an exemplary process.

3. Addition of Trademark Licensing to the Delegation of Powers to the President.

Mr. Chico moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors amend its delegation of powers to the President to include the following: “*The authority to sign, authorize, and endorse any document relating to the registration of the West Virginia University trademarks, including, but not limited to, those documents which originate from the federal government, from the state government, or from the local government.*” The motion was seconded and carried.

4. Permission to begin planning a Neurosciences Research Building at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University.

Mr. Chico moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors grant permission for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center to begin planning for a Neurosciences Research Building. The motion was seconded and carried.

5. Permission to begin planning a new Library/Classroom Building at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University.

Mr. Chico moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors grant permission for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center to begin planning for a Library and Classroom addition. The motion was seconded and carried.

6. Permission to begin upgrades to the Utility Infrastructure at the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University.

Mr. Chico moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors grant permission for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center to begin implementation of major Utility Infrastructure upgrades as described in the Master Plan. The motion was seconded and carried.

7. Permission to begin Improvements to the Entrance of the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center of West Virginia University.

Mr. Chico moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors grant permission for the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center to begin implementation of changes to the Entrance of the Health Sciences Center as described in the Master Plan. The motion was seconded and carried.

8. Approval of the Aesthetic Design of an addition to the Emergency Room of Ruby Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Chico moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the aesthetic design of a proposed addition to Ruby Memorial Hospital. (Required by the lease between the Board of Trustees/Governors and the Hospital). The motion was seconded and carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Armstrong moved that the Board go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss honorary degree nominations. The motion was seconded and carried without dissent, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Ms. Armstrong moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and carried.

HONORARY DEGREES

In open session, Mr. Potter moved that the nominees for honorary degrees from West Virginia University, West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Potomac State College of West Virginia University be approved, with names to be announced at a later date. The motion was seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Posey noted that he was pleased that the question of the cause of the recent student death had been cleared up. He distributed copies of the student paper "The Voice", and called attention to the upcoming student elections and the interesting platforms and ideas of many of the candidates. He noted that he would be introducing his successor on the Board of Governors at the April meeting, and expressed optimism that the transition would be a smooth one. He wished everyone a Happy Valentines Day.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Kiger reminded everyone of the reception at his home that evening and shared his Chinese fortune cookie's wisdom: "Had a Good Start – Work Harder".

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Virginia Petersen
Assistant Secretary