

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

July 8, 2008

The sixty-fifth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on July 8, 2008, by telephone conference call. Board members participating were Ellen Cappellanti, Tom Clark, James Dailey, Steve Goodwin, Steve Kite, Raymond Lane, Carolyn Long, Oliver Luck, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Jason Parsons, Drew Payne, Parry Petroplus, Ed Robinson, and Charles Vest. Bill Nutting was absent and excused.

WVU officers, regional campus officers and representatives present were:

From WVU:

Vice President for Human Resources, Margaret Phillips,
Vice President for Advancement & Marketing, Chris Martin;
Interim Provost, E. Jane Martin;
Vice President for Legal Affairs and Assistant BOG Secretary, Alex Macia;
Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher;
News Service Representative, Janey Cink;
Executive Director, Internal Communications, Becky Lofstead;
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 8:30 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

SWEARING IN OF NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Macia administered the oath of office to newly appointed members of the Board of Governors, Raymond Lane, Oliver Luck, and Dr. Charles Vest. Chairman Goodwin thanked each new Board member and stated that their presence and participation will increase the prestige and reputation of the West Virginia University Board of Governors.

BOARD ITEM

Revision of the BOG Operating Procedures and revision of BOG Powers & Duties:

Action taken by the West Virginia Legislature in 2008 altered the legal and administrative relationship between West Virginia University and the Community and Technical College of West Virginia University Institute of Technology and West Virginia University at Parkersburg. As of July 1, 2008, both the Community and Technical College of West Virginia University Institute of Technology and West Virginia University at Parkersburg are administratively separated from West Virginia University. As a result, the membership of the Board of Governors must be reduced by two, reflecting the loss of the representatives for the Community and Technical College of West Virginia University Institute of Technology and West Virginia

University at Parkersburg. The loss of these board members, in addition to other such revisions reflecting this administrative separation of the institutions, necessitates changes in the BOG Operating Procedures and in the BOG Powers & Duties.

During the discussion of the proposed changes, Dr. Tom Clark noted that one of the proposed revisions, related to the Board Chair, provides that no member may serve as chair for more than four consecutive one year terms. Dr. Clark moved that the term of the Chair be changed to allow service of two consecutive one year terms. The motion was seconded and following a vote of all Board members present, the motion did not pass. Dr. Clark further suggested that the members of the BOG Committees for the upcoming year should be elected by the membership of the Board rather than appointed, but no formal motion was made to reflect this suggestion.

Following these discussions, James Dailey moved that the proposed revisions to the BOG Operating Procedures and BOG Powers & Duties be adopted. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Goodwin announced that the Board would move into executive session, pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b), to discuss possible legal issues, personnel matters, and the selection of an Interim President for West Virginia University, and Tom Clark so moved. The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Before moving to executive session, Chairman Goodwin announced that the public portion of the meeting would reconvene between 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Following its discussion, Paul Martinelli moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed and the Board meeting reconvened in public session at 10:15 a.m.

BOARD ITEM

Chairman Goodwin announced that the Board, during Executive Session, had discussed the selection of Dr. C. Peter Magrath as Interim President. Accordingly, Ellen Cappellanti moved that West Virginia University hire Dr. C. Peter Magrath to serve as Interim President of West Virginia University. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. Chairman Goodwin stated that following this meeting the press would have an opportunity to meet with Dr. Magrath and Board members to discuss this decision.

Dr. Magrath was present and addressed the Board briefly. He stated that WVU is a good university and that it can and should be even better; that WVU is a critical enterprise for the State of West Virginia – academically; that he will work with the Governor, the members of the Board of Governors, the legislature, as well as the faculty, students and staff here at WVU to move this university forward in a positive light; and finally, that he is enthusiastic about the future of this great university.

Chairman Goodwin announced that there is being developed and has been shared with the Board an agreement for Dr. Magrath to serve as Interim President, and Chairman Goodwin asked that the Board approve this agreement, as to its current form, with further negotiations

pending. Dr. Clark moved that the Board of Governors approve the agreement to hire Dr. C. Peter Magrath as Interim President of West Virginia University, as to its present form, pending further negotiations, which are in place. The motion was seconded and passed.

Chairman Goodwin announced that, as President Garrison prepares to conclude his presidency, there is being developed and has been shared with the Board an agreement related to President Garrison's departure, and Chairman Goodwin asked that the Board approve this agreement, as to its current form, with further negotiations pending. James Dailey moved that the Board of Governors approve the agreement related to President Garrison's departure from West Virginia University, as to its present form, pending further negotiations, which are in place. The motion was seconded and passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Parry Petroplus, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, reported that the committee's recommendations for officers included Carolyn Long - Chairman, Drew Payne - Vice-Chairman, and Ted Mattern - Secretary. Whereupon, Jason Parsons moved that the following slate of officers be elected for the upcoming year: Carolyn Long, Chairman, Drew Payne, Vice-Chairman, and Ted Mattern, Secretary. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mr. Goodwin thanked the nominating committee for their service and stated that the Board of Governors will be in very capable hands with Carolyn Long as its new leader. Chairman Goodwin thanked the Board members for their cooperation during his past two years of service as Chairman, and stated that he looked forward to a bright future ahead for West Virginia University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Martinelli moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and passed, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary