

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

November 8, 2002

The fourteenth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held at 12:40 p.m. on November 8, 2002 in the Rhododendron Room of the West Virginia University Mountainlair. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Betty Chilton, Paul Gates, Steve Goodwin, Chris Gregory, Terry Jones, Vaughn Kiger, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Parry Petroplus, Tom Potter and Rod Thorn (by phone). Stan Cohen, Doug Leech and Joe Lopez were unable to attend and were excused.

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

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 Student Affairs, Ken Gray;

Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Carolyn Curry;

Vice President for Health Sciences, Bob D'Alessandri;

Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips;

Executive Officer for Social Justice, Jennifer McIntosh;

General Counsel, Tom Dorer;

Associate General Counsel, Bobbie Brandt;

Associate General Counsel, Bev Kerr;

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs, Russ Dean;

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

Special Assistant to the President, David Miller;

Special Assistant to the President/Provost, Ginny Petersen;

Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master;

Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

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

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

Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

Director of Public Safety, Bob Roberts;

Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, Ed Pastilong;

Deputy Athletic Director, Mike Parsons;

Associate Athletic Director, Russ Sharp;

Professor, Jon Reed;

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;

Steve Goodman, Interim Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs;

Mike Neese, Assistant to the President and Dean of Students;

Jo Harris, Provost of the Community and Technical College

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University:

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

Rene Trezise, Director of Marketing and Communications

A number of members of the Press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hank Barnette.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Jones moved that the minutes of the meetings of October 4, 2002 be approved as amended. The motion was seconded and approved.*

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Barnette reported that he is in the process of meeting with all of the officers of the University, and that he has found those he has met to date to be very competent individuals. He feels the University is in good hands. He will report more fully at the February meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty chose to use his report to discuss West Virginia University's membership in the Big East Athletic Conference, which he said is positioned to be one of the top conferences in the country. He noted that the conference is made up of a very diverse set of institutions not often found in such conferences – large & small, private & public, religious & secular. He noted that it is a strong conference, in existence for 25 years, and that it is financially sound, nationally competitive, and competently governed by a visionary Commissioner who is nationally recognized as a leader in Athletics. He lauded the decision that led to WVU's membership in the Big East.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive: Hank Barnette reported that the Executive Committee discussions at its meetings were about the Freedom of Expression policy and the President's Contract and Compensation, both issues also on the full board agenda.

Academic Affairs: Paul Gates reported that the Academic Affairs committee had heard a report from Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Gerald E. Lang about the mission of his unit. The Committee also heard reports from the Community and Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology about their progress towards independent accreditation and a change in name for their Respiratory Therapy Program. The Committee also discussed two action items relating to the annual Compact update, and an AAS Degree in Early Childhood Development at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.

Business Affairs: Hank Barnette reported that the Business Affairs committee heard a report from Scott Kelley, the Vice President of Administration, Finance and Human Resources about the role of his unit on campus and the challenges they are facing. The also heard a report from John Weete, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, about the Research Park being planned for the Evansdale Campus of West Virginia University. Two action items, relating to Capitol Improvements in Athletics Facilities and the Eastern Division Clinical Campus were also discussed at length.

*Unless otherwise stated, all motions were passed unanimously.

Student Affairs: Betty Chilton reported that the Student Affairs Committee had received a report from Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray, in which he presented an overview and update on his division of the University.

University Relations: Terry Jones reported that the University Relations Committee had received their annual report from Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Carolyn Curry. Ms. Curry and her division managers described their efforts to promote and protect the Image and Brand of West Virginia University.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Legislative Update:

David Miller, Special Assistant to the President for External Relations, noted that the recent elections resulted in vacancies in the leadership of the finance, judiciary and education committees in the House of Delegates, and that he hoped that new leaders might include some delegates from northern West Virginia. He also noted that the makeup of both the house and senate is more diverse, and should result in a new dynamic in both houses this year.

He noted that it should be a challenging year in the legislature with the proposed budget cut, and that he may want some participation by Board members during the session that begins January 14th.

Potomac State College of West Virginia University:

Mary Rittling, Campus President of Potomac State College of West Virginia University, gave an excellent report on the status of the institution and the challenges it faces.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of the Compact Update.

On behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, Mr. Gates moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the updated Compacts of West Virginia University, West Virginia University Institute of Technology, West Virginia University at Parkersburg and Potomac State College of West Virginia University and authorize their submission to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission, and that the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorize the Officers of the University to forward the Compact Data Sheets to the Policy Commission on behalf of the Board by the December due date. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Approval of the Policy Regarding Freedom of Expression and Use of Facilities.

After further discussion by the full board, Mr. Jones moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve The Policy Regarding Freedom of Expression for West Virginia University and its Regional Campuses, with a change in title to: Policy Regarding Freedom of Expression and Use of Facilities, and that each campus be directed to develop Facility Reservation Procedures and Approved Assembly Sites for their campus. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Goodwin dissented.

- 3. Approval of an AAS in Child Development at West Virginia University at Parkersburg.**
On behalf of the Academic Affairs Committee, Mr. Gates moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the implementation of an AAS in Early Childhood Development at West Virginia University at Parkersburg, effective January 1, 2003. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 4. Approval of Capital Improvement Projects for Athletic Facilities.**
On behalf of the Business Affairs Committee, Mr. Goodwin moved that That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve projects to upgrade the Coliseum, the soccer complex, the football stadium, and the Puskar Center of West Virginia University based on funding availability from the Athletics Department's existing operating fund, private donations, and bond sales. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 5. Approval for Planning a Facility for the Eastern Panhandle Clinical Campus**
On behalf of the Business Affairs Committee, Mr. Goodwin moved that That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the planning of a facility to house the educational programs of the Eastern Division Clinical Campus of the Robert C. Byrd Health Sciences Center in Martinsburg, WV. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 6. Appointment to the Board of Advisors of West Virginia University Institute of Technology.**
After review of credentials, Mr. Kiger moved that Patsy A. Hardy be appointed to the Board of Advisors of West Virginia University Institute of Technology. The motion was seconded and passed.
- 7. Approval of President's Contract**
After discussion, Mr. Jones moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve an extension of President Hardesty's contract, and forward that contract to the Higher Education Policy Commission. The motion was seconded and passed. Mr. Barnette publicly thanked President and Mrs. Hardesty for the excellent work they are performing on behalf of West Virginia University.

MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Thorn voiced his pleasure about the extension of the President's contract, and about the approval of the proposed athletic facilities upgrades.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Virginia Petersen
Assistant Secretary