

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 10, 2006

The thirty-ninth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on February 10, 2006, in the WVU Mountainlair in Morgantown, W.V. Board members in attendance were Hank Barnette, Joe Campbell, D. J. Casto, Betty Chilton, Tom Clark, Tom Dover, Steve Farmer, Steve Goodwin, Russ Isaacs, Michael Lastinger, Doug Leech, Mark Manchin, Paul Martinelli, Ted Mattern, Parry Petrolus, Rod Thorn (by phone) and Robert Wells.

WVU officers, and regional campus officers and representatives present were:

From WVU:

President David C. Hardesty, Jr.;

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

Vice President for Student Affairs, Ken Gray;

Vice President for Institutional Advancement, Christine Martin;

Interim Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources, Narvel Weese;

Chief of Staff, Margaret Phillips;

General Counsel, Tom Dorer;

Executive Officer for Social Justice, Jennifer McIntosh;

Sr. Associate Vice President for Health Sciences, Fred Butcher;

Associate Provost for Academic Programs, Cheryl Torsney;

Associate Provost for Extension, Larry Cote;

Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs, David Miller;

Special Assistant to the President/Provost, & Assistant BOG Secretary, Ginny Petersen;

Executive Director for Students Affairs, Mary Collins;

Director of SABO, Les Carpenter;

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management, Brenda Thompson;

Associate Vice President for Facilities, Joe Fisher;

Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, Liz Reynolds (Interim)

Interim Assistant Vice President for Planning, David Watkins;

Deputy Chief of Staff, Jennifer Fisher;

Executive Assistant to the President, Sara Master;

Director of University News Service, Becky Lofstead;

Director of the Honors Program, Keith Garbutt;

Director of Internal Audit, William Quigley;

From WVU at Parkersburg:

Marie Foster Gnage, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;

Joe Badgley, Dean of Students

Jack Simpson, Chief Financial Officer

From West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Charles Bayless, Campus President and Regional Vice President, WVU;

Lanny Janeksela, Vice President for Academic Affairs;

Robert Prince, Director of Athletics;

From the Community & Technical College at West Virginia University Institute of Technology:

Beverly Jo Harris, Campus President;

From Potomac State College of West Virginia University

Kerry Odell, Campus Provost;

Several members of the Press were also present.

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CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Doug Leech at 8:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Isaacs moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors go into executive session pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b). The motion was seconded and passed, and the Board thereupon met in executive session. Following the discussion, Dr. Mattern moved that the Board rise from executive session. The motion was seconded and passed.*

ACTIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

After arising from Executive Session, the Board took the following actions:

1. Mr. Isaacs moved that the Board give the University permission to explore the development of a new degree program in Architecture and Applied Design, and one in Veterinary Medicine. The motion was seconded and approved.
2. Dr. Mattern moved that the Board approve two individuals for honorary degrees at Potomac State College and West Virginia University at Parkersburg, names to be released at a later date. The motion was seconded and approved.
3. Dr. Manchin moved that the Board approve a naming opportunity, details to be released if and when agreement has been reached with the donor. The motion was seconded and approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Isaacs moved that the minutes of the meeting of January 12, 2006 be approved as written. The motion was seconded and passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hardesty reported that 2005 had been a great year for West Virginia University. He cited the national recognition the University received from the success of individual athletes, and athletic teams, record research and fund raising achievements, a successful transition to a new governor, effective governance changes, etc. all of which have enhanced the national image of the university. He cited the record turn-outs and enthusiasm for the institution seen at recent alumni and fund raising events on both coasts. He specifically noted that WVU is the only institution to have had teams in both the Elite 8 and a BCS Bowl in the same year.

The president also reported that there are, of course, problems associated with this success. The golden era in athletics is not likely to go on forever, so marketing functions will need to be enhanced to assure we maintain our national reputation, even when our athletes are not so prominently in the news. Growth has meant the need for improvements in our human resource

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

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management system. There is also a continued need for recruitment and retention efforts if the University is to attract and keep the best students and faculty; global competitors are real, and challenge American superiority. State funding has limits, and higher tuition is inevitable, so more scholarships are needed. Congress continues to cut money for research and other earmarked projects, which challenges our ability to compete nationally in research.

President Hardesty called on volunteers to renew their organizations and help recruit stronger students. He noted the institution will need to hire a new generation of faculty and administrators and that budget planning and establishing budget priorities will be critical to a strong future. Private resources will be as important as ever, and there is a need to maintain support for the institution across the State and Nation. He asked all Board members to help the University grow its national reputation by mentioning the academic programs of excellence as well as the athletics success.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee: Russ Isaacs reported that the Audit Committee had met on Thursday, February 9, 2006, and heard reports from the General Counsel, the Vice President for Finance and Administration, and the Internal Auditor. They discussed compliance with Sarbanes-Oxley, and approved the purchase of ethics hotline software from Ethics Pointe, and an increase in the staff of the Internal Auditor. He noted the comfort afforded the committee by the knowledge that the top two people in the internal auditor's office have a combined experience of over fifty years. He reported that the Barnes and Noble contract had been renegotiated for additional financial benefit to the University, and that the new Worker's Compensation arrangement the state has entered into has actually increased costs to the University.

Community & Technical College/Regional Campus Committee: Joe Campbell reported that the C&TC/RC Committee had met on the campus of West Virginia University Institute of Technology on January 23, 2006. They learned about Tech and visited classrooms, dormitories, and laboratories, viewing the printing and dental hygiene programs, and the Engineering space. He specifically commented on the high costs associated with high-tech disciplines.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Legislative Update: David Miller reported on several topics that the 2006 legislature is considering. He noted support for deeding the DOW site to West Virginia University, and a great deal of interest in what should happen with West Virginia University Institute of Technology. He is working with faculty and staff to improve their representation on state wide advisory boards, and watching other possible legislation that may impact West Virginia University. He expressed hope that the budget might provide an increase in appropriations this year, and noted that the last week of the session is the most active and most important.

Financial Indicators: Narvel Weese, Interim Vice President for Administration, Finance & Human Resources presented a report on West Virginia University's financial indicators vis a vis the annual plan. He noted that revenues are ahead of projections, expenses behind projections, applications for enrollment ahead of last year, and all other trends positive.

Annual Report of the President of WVU-P: Marie Foster Gnage, Campus President of West Virginia University at Parkersburg, gave her annual report on the campus. She discussed the “Year in Review”, progress on their strategic plan, enrollment trends, course offerings, and the strengths and challenges faced in the areas of technology, campus environment, and fund raising. She commented that they are doing well, but there is always room to do better.

CONSENT AGENDA

Russ Isaacs moved approval of the items on the Consent Agenda. The motion was seconded, and the following items were unanimously approved:

1. Appointment to a County Extension Service Committee

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve Myra L. Simmons as an alternate for a position on the County Extension Service Committee in Putnam County.

2. Change of Affiliation for WVU-Tech Athletics

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve a change in the affiliation of West Virginia University Institute of Technology’s athletics programs from the NCAA to the NAIA.

3. New Degree Names in the College of Creative Arts

Resolved: That the West Virginia Board of Governors approve changes to the names of degrees conferred at the College of Creative Arts to Bachelor of Arts in Music, Bachelor of Arts in Theatre, and Bachelor of Arts in Art History.

4. Change in the Name of the Honors Program

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve changing the name of the Honors Program to “Honors College.”

5. Purchase of Property in Sunnyside

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the purchase of the Wise/Merrifield property in Sunnyside. This approval is contingent on funding availability from the project budget for the New Downtown Residence Hall to be constructed on the site.

6. Upgrade of Arnold Hall Fire Alarm and Fire Sprinkler Systems

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the upgrade of fire alarm and sprinkler systems at Arnold Hall residence facility located on the Downtown campus of West Virginia University. This approval is based upon funding availability from West Virginia University’s Student Affairs Capital Fund.

7. Reconfiguration of Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the reconfiguration of the Blanchette Rockefeller Neurosciences Institute.

8. Design of the Biomedical Research Facility

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the design for construction of the Biomedical Research Facility on the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center campus.

OTHER BUSINESS

Provost Lang reported that the HEPC has agreed to distribute the interest from their bonds to the institutions who received the bond money, and thus the cost overrun on the Parkersburg project will be covered with only a minor contribution from the WVU campus.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Leech noted that the next meeting will be on April 21, 2006 in Morgantown. He also reported that the June meeting will most likely be in Charleston.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Elizabeth E. Chilton
Secretary