# WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 5, 2010

The eighty-third meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors (scheduled as a Special Meeting via telephone) was held on March 5, 2010, with the call originating in the West Virginia University Stewart Hall President's Conference Room. Board members participating included Dr. Nigel Clark, James Dailey, Thomas Flaherty, Dr. Robert Griffith, Ray Lane, Carolyn Long, Oliver Luck, Ted Mattern, Jo Morrow, Bill Nutting, Ed Robinson, and Jason Zuccari. Board members, Ellen Cappellanti, Dr. Thomas Clark, Diane Lewis, Drew Payne, and Dr. Charles Vest, were absent and excused.

## WVU officers, divisional campus officers, and representatives present were:

Chief of Staff, Jay Cole;

Vice President for Administration and Finance, Narvel Weese; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Research, Michele Wheatly; Vice President for Research and Economic Development, Curt Peterson; Vice President for University Relations, Chris Martin; Executive Officer for Policy Development, Jennifer Fisher; Deputy General Counsel, Beverly D. Kerr;

Executive Director, Internal Communications, Becky Lofstead; and, Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

## From the WVU Foundation:

Vice President for Development, Lyn Dotson, and, Senior Director of Major Gifts, Chuck Kerzak.

## Members of the Press were also present.

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, Carolyn Long, at 10:00 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established. Chairman Long noted that President Clements would not be joining us for today's meeting – he is with his family this morning, since his daughter is having knee surgery.

#### BOARD ITEM

Chairman Long indicated that the purpose of today's meeting was to seek approval of gifts that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June, 2008, for a matching request pursuant to the provisions of said Research Trust Fund strategic plan.

The background set forth within the agenda submission sheet Board members received on this issue provided the following rationale: Under statute, Higher Education Policy Commission rules, and WVU's strategic plan for the Research Trust Fund, the Board is to

review and approve requests for matches from the Fund. The pledges/gifts upon which the requests are based will be certified by the WVU Foundation, Inc. and Dr. Curt Peterson, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, as to consistency with the Research Trust Fund Strategic Plan. Provost Wheatly will present the appropriate information for consideration and approval by the Board at this Special Meeting. After the Board approves the requests, the same will be sent to the Vice Chancellor for Science and Research in Charleston.

Provost Wheatly reported that as of today's meeting, West Virginia University has gifts received and pledges recorded, as certified by the WVU Foundation and Dr. Curt Peterson, Vice President for Research and Economic Development, as to consistency with the Research Trust Fund Strategic Plan, totaling the sum of \$2,335,355.00 that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June, 2008. With the pre-requisite certifications required in this process achieved, Provost Wheatly recommended that the Board approve this request for match. Upon such approval, the request can be sent to the Vice Chancellor for Science and Research in Charleston.

Dr. Nigel Clark moved that the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the total of \$2,335,355.00 of gifts received and pledges recorded that fall under the focus areas of the strategic plan that the BOG approved in June, 2008, for a matching request pursuant to the provisions of said Research Trust Fund strategic plan. This motion was seconded by Ray Lane, and passed unanimously.

#### OTHER BUSINES AND ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Long reminded Board members that our next regular meeting was scheduled for April 9, 2010 in Morgantown. Chairman Long announced that there was no need for an Executive Session during today's meeting. There being no further business, Ted Mattern moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Jo Morrow, and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.

John T. Mattern, Secretary