

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

December 19, 2014

The one hundred twenty-seventh meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on December 19, 2014 in Morgantown, WV. Board members in attendance/participating by telephone included David Alvarez, Dr. Lisa DiBartolomeo, James W. Dailey, II, Thomas Flaherty, Dr. Robert Griffith, J. Thomas Jones; Raymond Lane, Diane Lewis, Dixie Martinelli, Christopher Nyden, Andrew A. Payne, III, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers, and William Wilmoth. Board members, Ellen Cappellanti, William Nutting and Ed Robinson, were absent and excused.

WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) present included:

President, E. Gordon Gee;
Vice President, Legal, Government and Entrepreneurial Engagement, Rob Alsop;
Provost, Joyce McConnell;
Health Sciences Chancellor, Christopher Colenda;
Associate Vice President for Legal Affairs and General Counsel, April Min;
Vice President for Finance and Administration, Narvel Weese;
Vice Provost, Provost, Russell Dean;
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
Chief Financial Officer for WVU Health Sciences, Paula Congelio;
Executive Officer, Jennifer Fisher;
Vice President for Research, Fred King;
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Dan Durbin;
Associate Vice President for Planning & Treasury Operations, Liz Reynolds;
Associate Vice President for Facilities and Services, Randy Hudak;
West Virginia University Institute of Technology President, Carolyn Long;
Associate Vice President, Academic Innovation, Sue Day-Perroots;
Associate Provost for Information Technology, John Campbell;
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs and Dean of University College,
Dr. Elizabeth A. Dooley,
Assistant Vice President for University Communications, Becky Lofstead;
Executive Assistant, Office of the President, Amy Garbrick; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press were also present.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board Chairman, James W. Dailey, II, at 10:40 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

BOARD PRESENTATION: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Provost Joyce McConnell announced that when she requested some highlights related to academic successes from her Academic Deans, what she received back was more than four pages of news from all across the campus. She had to be selective and because Academic Affairs has so much good news, each item more exceptional than the last, she presented a **Top Ten List of Good News** from—and for—Academic Affairs at West Virginia University – which countdown consisting of the following:

- **Item Number 10:** We've completed the addition to the College of Law building!
- **Item Number 9:** WVU will be one of only two entities able to compete in the NASA Centennial Challenge to design and develop robots capable of exploring landscapes in space without human control. The Challenge, which will be held in June 2015, carries a \$1.5 million prize. Our team is led by Yu Gu (Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering.)
- **Item Number 8:** Dr. Gretchen Garofoli (School of Pharmacy) has been notified that she will receive the 2015 Distinguished New Practitioner Award at the APhA (American Pharmacists Association) Annual Meeting in March 2015.
- **Item Number 7:** Not one but two Statler College professors have won CAREER Awards from the National Science Foundation: Sarika Khushalani-Solanki (Computer Science and Electrical Engineering) and Gyungsu Byun (now at Southern Methodist University.) This is the fourth year in a row that a member of the Statler College faculty has been selected to receive this honor.
- **Item Number 6:** Pablo Garcia Loaeza (World Languages and Literatures) recently secured \$250,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to complete the first English translation of Don Fernando de Alva's History of Ancient Mexico.
- **Item Number 5:** The College of Education and Human Services just won a \$250,000 grant from the BelleJAR Foundation to develop a pipeline of local rural educators in Logan, Mercer, Mingo, McDowell, Raleigh, and Wyoming counties. The pipeline program is titled PERT-WV (Preparing [local] Educators for Rural Teaching-WV)
- **Item Number 4:** The Benedum Foundation has funded a \$300,000 Clinical and Translational Science Institute grant for the next two years. The project is called Building Health Outcomes and Policy Evaluation (HOPE) in West Virginia and the investigators include Drs. Suresh Madhavan and Usha Sambamoorti, both in the department of Pharmaceutical Systems and Policy.

- **Item Number 3:** Building on the success of her 2012 \$476,273 U.S. Department of Health and Human Service, Health Resources and Service Administration (HRSA) award to create the Integrated Behavioral Health Training Program (IBTP), which addresses the lack of qualified mental and behavioral health practitioners in West Virginia, Dr. Carrie Rishel (School of Social Work) received a second award funded by HRSA and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration in the amount of \$545,785 to extend support for the IBTP program. Dr. Helen Hartnett (Associate Director, School of Social Work) serves as the Co-Principal Investigator.
- **Item Number 2:** We have won a \$1.45 million grant from the National Math and Science Initiative to establish the highly regarded UTeach program, a unique teacher-training program for secondary science, technology, engineering and mathematics teachers. It will be co-directed by Gay Stewart, director of the WVU Center for STEM Education, and Jeffrey Carver, director of STEM education initiatives in the College of Education and Human Services. WVU will officially launch its program with a kick-off event in spring 2015.
- And the **Number 1** piece of good news for Academic Affairs is that Gordon Gee has come home to West Virginia and to WVU!

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Dailey and Provost McConnell congratulated BOG member, Dr. Lisa DiBartolomeo, a world languages, literature and linguistics professor, for being named a finalist in the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia 2014 Professor of the Year competition. Powsiri Klinkhachorn, a WVU computer science and electrical engineering professor, is also among the finalists. The winner will be announced in March.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dailey requested a motion that the Board go into Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), (b)(10) and (b)(12) to discuss: legal, personnel and deliberative matters; approval of honorary degree candidates; matters not considered public records, and matters related to commercial competition, and/or the purchase, sale or lease of property. The motion was made by Thomas Flaherty, seconded by J. Thomas Jones, and passed. Following the conclusion of Executive Session, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers moved that the Board reconvene into regular session. This motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Griffith, and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Dailey stated that the status of searches for positions at WVU, as well as student conduct were discussed during today's Executive Session, neither of which resulted in any action by the Board.

Chairman Dailey announced that during today's Executive Session the Board reviewed names of individuals submitted for Honorary Degrees from West Virginia University. Each year nominations are received and reviewed by a committee of faculty, staff and students. Those selected by the committee are then forwarded to the Faculty Senate for approval, and then to the governing board. The WVU Faculty Senate has endorsed the names discussed during today's Executive Session, as required by university policy. Chairman Dailey therefore requested a motion for approval of the Honorary Degree Candidates as discussed in today's Executive Session, with a notation that the persons to be honored will be announced at a later date. J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers so moved, which motion was seconded by Dr. Robert Griffith, and passed. Chairman Dailey further noted for the record that board members, Dr. Lisa DiBartolomeo, Thomas Flaherty, and Christopher Nyden abstained from the vote on today's Honorary Degree candidates – since they were all involved as members of the Nominating Committee involved in this process.

Chairman Dailey stated that the board received an update on the due diligence agreement to explore the purchase of Mountain State University in Beckley during Executive Session. He stated that the board will continue to evaluate Mountain State in a very positive fashion since it presents opportunities for not only West Virginia University but also West Virginia students located in the southern part of West Virginia.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers moved that the minutes of the October 31, 2014 regular meeting and the December 5, 2014 special meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Diane Lewis, and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Strategic Plans and Initiatives Committee Meeting: Board Chairman, James W. Dailey, II, reported that he acted as chairman for an emergency meeting of this committee held on November 20, 2014 – related to the exclusive due diligence agreement to explore the purchase of the Mountain State University campus in Beckley, WV. Chairman Dailey indicated that no action resulted from this committee meeting,

October 31, 2014 Audit Committee Meeting: Thomas Flaherty, Chairman of this committee, reported that during this meeting the Audit Committee received an update and discussed the Draft Annual Financial Report for FY2014 (including financial statements) and the not yet completed audit report. During Executive Session, committee members enjoyed a presentation/update from Associate Provost for Information Technology, John Campbell. Additionally, Interim Director of Internal Audit, Doug Maatman, reported on internal and external audit activity and provided an overview of an updated Audit Committee Guidebook that will be used as a training tool during orientation of future audit committee members. Committee members also discussed the status of the Draft Financial Statements and pending audit report with members of CliftonLarsonAllen (WVU's external auditor) who joined by telephone.

December 19, 2014 Audit Committee Meeting: Thomas Flaherty, Chairman of this committee, reported that during this meeting the Audit Committee received an overview of three

audit reports, namely, (1) the final University Audit Report as complete for FY 2013-14; (2) the Research Corporation A133 Audit; and (3) the Audit of the Research Corporation retirement plans – all of which the Audit Committee recommended be accepted and approved, as presented during the Audit Committee meeting – with a notation that the Final FY 2014 Financial Statements and Audit Report for West Virginia University are on the full board’s Consent Agenda for approval during their meeting today. Chairman Flaherty announced that the new Director of Internal Audit is Bryan Shaver, who will be joining the WVU family in January. Chairman Flaherty also publicly acknowledged the Board’s appreciation to Doug Maatman for serving as Interim Director of Internal Audit during the search process.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any Board members pertaining to the Information Items contained within the agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chairman Dailey called for any discussion of today’s Consent Agenda items, and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote. Following a brief public discussion initiated by BOG student representative, Christopher Nyden, regarding housing apartment rates, J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers moved that the Board accept the Consent Agenda items as presented in today’s agenda booklet. This motion was seconded by Dr. Lisa DiBartolomeo, and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

- 1. Approval of New Degree Program: Aviation Management, WVU Tech**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a BS in Aviation Management at WVU Tech.

- 2. Approval of New Degree Program: Master of Arts in Education**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of the Master of Arts in Education in the College of Education and Human Services.

- 3. Approval of New Degree Program: Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of the Master of Arts in Higher Education Administration in the College of Education and Human Services.

- 4. Termination of Degree Program: Master of Arts in Elementary Education**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the termination of the Master of Arts in Elementary Education in the College of Education and Human Services.

- 5. Termination of Degree Program: Master of Arts in Secondary Education**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the termination of the Master of Arts in Secondary Education in the College of Education and Human Services.

- 6. Appointment to County Extension Committees**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia, as presented.

- 7. Housing Apartment Rates for Academic Year 2015-2016**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the housing apartment rates for the upcoming academic year, as presented.

- 8. Receipt and Acceptance of the Final FY 2014 Financial Statements and Audit Report for West Virginia University**
Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the Final FY 2014 Financial Statements and Audit Report for West Virginia University, as presented.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Dailey announced that the Board will conduct its next regular meeting in Morgantown in February of 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, J. Thomas Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by J. Robert (J.R.) Rogers and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Ellen Cappellanti, Secretary