

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 21, 2024

The two hundred twenty second meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on June 21, 2024 in Morgantown, WV in person and via zoom webinar. Board members in attendance/participating via zoom included Chair Taunja Willis Miller, and board members Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, Michael D'Annunzio, Dr. Patrice Harris, J. Thomas Jones, Dr. Stanley Hileman, Alan Larrick, Susan Lavenski, Paul Mattox, Richard Pill, Robert Reynolds, Shirley Robinson, Frankie Tack, and Madison Santmyer,.

Note: With this meeting being conducted in person and via zoom, there was no way to ascertain all attendees but the following WVU officers, divisional campus officers, representatives (and others) participated:

President, E. Gordon Gee;
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Maryanne Reed;
General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;
Vice President for University Relations, Sharon Martin;
Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;
Dean of Students, Corey Farris;
Vice President of Research, Fred King;
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Meshea Poore;
Vice Provost, Paul Kreider;
Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives,
Mark Gavin;
Deputy General Counsel and Executive Director of Real Estate Operations,
Gary Furbee;
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Barbara Weiss;
Vice President for Economic Innovation at West Virginia
University, General James Hoyer;
Associate Vice President for HSC Academic Affairs, Louise
Veselicky;
Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Office of Global
Affairs, Amber Brugnoli;
Director of Internal Audit, Bryan Shaver;
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Evan Widders;

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Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Culture, Melissa Latimer;
President, WVU Tech, R. Ramon Stuart;
Director of Communications, Office of the Provost, Kimberly Becker;
Associate Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Erin Newmeyer;
Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Culture, Melissa Latimer;
Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Evan Widders;
Dr. Lesley Cottrell, incoming faculty senate board representative;
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;
Director of News Communications, Shauna Johnson;
Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,
April Kaull; and,
Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Representatives from WittKieffer:

Melody Rose
John Thornburg

Members of the Press also participated.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Taunja Willis-Miller at 2:10 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

AD HOC GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dr. Patrice Harris, chair of this committee, made the following report:

Thank you, Madame Chair. Earlier today, there was a meeting of the Ad Governance Committee. We also had a meeting on June 6, 2024. Our past two meetings were conducted primarily during Executive Session. For the record, I will indicate that no actions or votes were taken during executive session.

During both of these meetings, the Ad Hoc Governance Committee reviewed numerous individual nominations received from different constituency groups. Choosing a president is an immense responsibility, and we were impressed by the quality of the nominees that were submitted. As a result, it was a

difficult decision to determine our Committee recommendations of the individuals to serve on the Presidential Search Committee.

Our Committee has selected the following individuals to recommend to the WVU Board of Governors to serve on the Presidential Search Committee:

Category Type	Number of Representatives	Recommendations
Board Members	4	Patrice Harris, M.D. WVU Board of Governors Secretary Chair, WVU Board of Governors Ad Hoc Governance Committee Kevin J. Craig , Chair, WVU Board of Governors Finance Committee Charles L. Capito, Jr. Chair, WVU Board of Governors Academic Committee Bray Cary, WVU Board of Governors Member
Faculty Members	3	Jennifer Walker, Ph.D. , Assistant Professor of Musicology College of Creative Arts & Media Lauren Prinzo , Assistant Professor WVU Extension – Community & Economic Development Maura McLaughlin, Ph.D. , Chair and Eberly Family Distinguished Professor of Physics and Astronomy Eberly College of Art & Sciences
Classified Staff	1	Joan Crabtree , Secretary / Treasurer, Classified Staff Council Manager, Physical Plant II, Auxiliary Operations
Student	1	Zachary Ellis ,

Category Type	Number of Representatives	Recommendations
		Biomedical Engineering, Statler College of Engineering and Natural Resources Class of 2025
Dean Representative	1	Joshua Hall, Ph.D. , WVU Milan Puskar Dean of the John Chambers College of Business and Economics Professor of Economics
WVU Athletics Representative	1	Natasha Oakes , WVU Deputy Athletics Director/Senior Woman Administrator
WVU Medicine Representative	1	Ben Gerber , Chief Executive Officer of Peak Health Chief Strategy Officer of WVU Medicine – WVU Health System
WVU Foundation Representative	1	William “Bill” Sheedy , Chair, WVU Foundation Board of Directors
WVU Alumni Association Representative	1	Marilyn McClure-Demers , Vice Chair, WVU Alumni Association Board of Directors
Regional Campus Representative	1	T. Ramon Stuart, Ph.D. , Campus President, West Virginia University Institute of Technology
At Large Members	3	W. Marston (Marty) Becker, Former WVU Board of Governors Member William D. Wilmoth , Steptoe & Johnson Former WVU Board of Governors Chair (2019 – 2021) Louise T. Veselicky, DDS , Associate Vice President for HSC Academic Affairs

Category Type	Number of Representatives	Recommendations
		Professor of Periodontics School of Dentistry
Total – Voting Members	18	
HEPC Chancellor or HEPC Board Chair (ex officio member)	1	Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker , Chancellor WV Higher Education Policy Commission
2023-2025 WVU Board of Governors Chairs for continuity (ex officio members)	2	Taunja Willis-Miller , WVU Board of Governors Chair (2023-2024) Richard A. Pill , WVU Board of Governors Chair (2024 to present)
Total Ex Officio Members	3	
Grand Total	22	

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee, I move that the full Board endorse this slate of individuals to serve on the Presidential Search Committee as just read by me. The board chair called for a vote, noting that no second was needed for a committee motion, and the motion passed.

Next, during our past several meetings, the Ad Hoc Governance Committee, in consultation developed the Presidential Search Committee Charge to recommend to the full Board for approval. The Charge outlines the role and responsibilities of the Search Committee and its members and is attached to the Agenda Item on this topic submitted to the Board.

The Ad Hoc Governance Committee also developed the Presidential Search Committee Confidentiality Agreement and Code of Ethics, which all members of the Search Committee will be required to sign. This document details the confidentiality obligations of each search committee member and is attached to the Agenda Item on this topic submitted to the Board.

Specifically, Search Committee members must agree to keep all deliberations, written materials, and communications related to the Search Committee's work strictly confidential. The agreement provides that confidential information, including prospects, candidates, and candidate background information, may not be shared with anyone other than members of the Search

Committee and authorized agents or staff specifically designated by the Search Committee Chairperson to receive such confidential information. These confidentiality obligations include non-disclosure of search information to members of family, friends, and colleagues and exist both during the search and in perpetuity. Additionally, the Search Committee Chairperson is the only person authorized to speak for the Search Committee. Finally, the agreement provides that Search Committee members will place the best interests of West Virginia University ahead of all special and personal interests and will disclose promptly to the Search Committee any conflict of interest, or the appearance thereof.

On behalf of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee, I also move that the full Board endorse the Presidential Search Committee Charge and the Presidential Search Committee Confidentiality Agreement and Code of Ethics as included in the regular Board meeting packet. The board chair called for a vote, noting that no second was needed for a committee motion, and the motion passed.

Before I introduce our Search Firm for the Presidential Search, I wanted to thank each member of the Ad Hoc Governance Committee for their commitment, dedication, and hard work that has led us to this stage of the Presidential Search.

I will now briefly introduce our selected Search Firm – WittKieffer – who will be our partner in our Presidential Search. As I stated in May when we announced their selection, WittKieffer has more than 50 years of experience and conducted more than 145 presidential and chancellor searches over the past 5 years and brings a wealth of insight to the process. Specifically, we have here today Melody Rose and John Thornburg from WittKieffer. I have asked them to give a short presentation on the upcoming steps in the Presidential Search process. The WittKieffer presentation is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

It was also announced that Dr. Harris will serve as chair of the Presidential Search Committee.

FINANCE, FACILITIES AND REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Kevin Craig, chair of this committee, made the following report:

Thank you, Madame Chair. Earlier today, there was a meeting of the

Finance and Facilities and Revitalization committee.

We publicly heard a presentation from Brice Knotts, WVU's CIO, that provided an overview of the WVU Modernization Program, which includes a broad range of technology enablers. Engaging a Systems Implementation (SI) partner for the Workday ERP solution is a logical next phase of work and will put in place a foundational element of the broader WVU Modernization Program.

Through a competitive procurement process in 2021, the University selected Huron Consulting Group to provide pre-implementation services as part of the Modernization Program. As a result of this public solicitation and contracting process, WVU communicated the option to expand the scope of work for the successful proposer to include system implementation services for the selected ERP solution. The resulting agreement with Huron Consulting Group was written with this provision to extend the scope to include system implementation services, if desired.

Management has been negotiating with Huron Consulting Group and is requesting authority to finalize the proposed agreement consistent with terms provided during Executive Session, in accordance W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4(b)(9). This is a consent agenda item.

Then we heard from our Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio, on the proposed tuition and fee schedule for Fiscal Year 2025. WVU proposes to increase residential undergraduate University tuition and fees by \$228 per semester and non-residential University tuition and fees by \$624 per semester.. Similarly, for graduate students, WVU proposes to increase residential University tuition and fees by \$252 per semester and non-residential University tuition and fees by \$639 per semester. Information relating to the proposed tuition and fees increases and the full fee schedule, including housing and dining, is included in the FY2025 Plan.

Next we heard from Senior Associate VP of Finance, Barbara Weiss, on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 financial plan.

WVU remains committed to strengthening the financial performance of the University and developing a strong fiscal budgeting process, maintaining adequate levels of cash, and strengthening reserves to allow for future strategic investments in the university.

The Fiscal Year 2025 financial plan has an increase in net position of \$4.5

million. After adjusting for donated software amortization, the increase in net position is \$27 million. The plan includes \$1.274 billion of revenues and \$1.269 billion of operating and non- operating expenses. This financial plan requires the use of \$7.3 million in operating cash, primarily for capital needs, but days cash on hand actually improves by one day.

The assumptions relating to the budget and basic budget parameters are included in the FY2025 Plan as a public document to provide additional information to the University community.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I move that the full Board accept and approve the FY2025 Tuition and Fees as included in the regular Board meeting packet. The board chair called for a vote, noting that no second was needed for a committee motion, and the motion passed. It is noted that Madison Santmyer, the student government association board member, voted in the negative on this motion.

On behalf of the Finance Committee, I also move that the full Board approve the FY2025 Financial Plan as included in the regular Board meeting packet. The board chair called for a vote, noting that no second was needed for a committee motion, and the motion passed.

We then met in Executive Session. During Executive Session, we discussed potential strategic initiatives relating to academic, health sciences, and administrative priorities; personnel matters; corporate collaborations and financial matters relating to public private partnerships; legislative or regulatory matters; matters relating to construction planning; and/or matters relating to the purchase, sale, or lease of property, or the investment of public funds and other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University; and confidential and preliminary matters involving or affecting the University's budget for the current and upcoming academic year, including retention and enrollment.

No actions or votes were taken during executive session.

After a very productive afternoon and consideration of the above actions, the committee adjourned. That concludes my report, Madame. Chair. Thank you

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Kevin Craig, committee chair, made the following report: Madame Chair, this year's nominating committee, consisting of myself as Chairman, and board members, Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Dr. Stanley Hileman and Shirley Robinson. met via zoom and now recommends the following slate of officers for the upcoming year: Richard Pill, Chair; Dr. Patrice Harris, Vice-Chair, and Robert Reynolds, Secretary. Accordingly, Madame Chair I would move that the Board accept this slate of officers as presented by your Nominating Committee and elect these individuals to begin service effective July 1, 2024. The board chair called for a vote, noting that no second was needed for a committee motion, and the motion passed.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS REPORT

Provost Maryanne Reed offered the following remarks:

Good afternoon, everyone. I have a very short report today.

While yesterday was the official "first day" of summer – summer school at WVU is well underway. Today, final exams are being held for the first summer session.

SUMMER ENROLLMENT

Summer school enrollments have remained relatively steady with a slight decline in participation, which tracks with having smaller freshmen classes over the past few years since COVID. But we have about 8600 course registrations across both summer sessions, which is still significant – with the majority of those classes being offered online. Students increasingly want an online option, so they can also work summer jobs and summer internships beyond Morgantown.

REGIONALS PROGRAM PORTFOLIO REVIEW

As part of Academic Transformation, we have completed our program portfolio process at the regional campuses. Today, you will be voting on some of those items as part of your consent agenda.

In total, between WVU Tech and WVU Potomac State College, 50 academic majors were reviewed; 5 were discontinued. 11 majors will be combined into cooperative programs, and 23 others were assigned a range of specific actions to improve student success or curricular design. No faculty were recommended for reduction as a result of this process at either campus.

There was a great deal of collaboration throughout the process with both campuses providing detailed self-studies that helped inform our decision-making.

MERGERS

Academic Restructuring has also been a part of our ongoing Transformation efforts. The official launch of the new College of Creative Arts and Media is scheduled for July 1st, as is the new Division for Land-Grant Engagement, comprising the Davis College of Agriculture and Natural Resources and WVU Extension.

Each of these newly reconfigured units is continuing to work through how they will be organized and operate on a practical level, with the Creative Arts – Media merger a little further along, because they started earlier in the process and have a less complicated structure.

Faculty and staff have been involved in these discussions and work groups, and our office will continue to work with the leadership to ensure a smooth transition this year.

TEACHING AND LEARNING CENTER

The unit formerly referred to as the “Teaching and Learning Commons” or TLC is also going through a strategic transformation, including a potential name change. This reimagined unit will focus on supporting best practices in teaching and assessment across all modes of instruction — and will contribute to the scholarship of teaching and learning.

Since January, Associate Provost Melissa Latimer has been meeting weekly with a faculty committee – tasked with modifying the vision, structure and staffing of the new unit to better correspond with its revised and more focused mission.

We are currently in the process of interviewing for the new administrative director

– who will partner collaboratively with a rotating faculty director to help determine the strategic direction for the unit and implement relevant and engaging programs for our faculty.

PSC SEARCH

And finally, an update on the search for a new President of Potomac State.

As mentioned previously, my office has engaged with Greenwood Asher and Associates to manage this search. After several stakeholder meetings led by Greenwood Asher this spring, the position description was written; the search was launched; and the position was advertised. Since June 7th, we already have 30 applications in our pool, and many of these candidates have excellent credentials.

Our goal is to have a new president in place at Potomac State by January.

FACULTY REPORT

Dr. Stanley Hileman and Frankie Tack, current faculty representatives on the Board of Governors, together with incoming faculty senate representative Dr. Lesley Cottrell, along with members of their constituency, made an annual report to the full board, which presentation is attached hereto and made a part hereof by reference.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gee offered the following remarks:

In the past few weeks, I have had the honor of telling our University's story at several high-profile events.

First, I traveled to America's heartland for this year's Gallup at Work Summit in Omaha, Nebraska. With professionals from myriad industries, I talked about our University's unique partnership with Gallup—and how we use CliftonStrengths to help students, faculty, alumni and others fulfill their purpose.

Next, I spoke to university finance administrators in Boston at the PFM Higher Education Roundtable. I told them about our Academic Transformation process

and how we got out ahead of the difficult budgetary decisions that many institutions are only beginning to confront.

Closer to home—and closer to my heart—I have also begun my annual summer tour of West Virginia.

Since I returned to our University, this has been one of the most fulfilling parts of my job. By shaking hands with citizens, hearing their concerns and telling them how we are addressing state needs, we make our land-grant, flagship University a vital presence for the people we serve.

Our current tour started in Charleston and Martinsburg.

I am so excited to show West Virginians the heart of our University - our people.

As we plant our gold-and-blue flag throughout the state, we are firmly staking the claim that we are—and always have been—West Virginia’s flagship institution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Thomas Jones moved that the minutes for the April 12, 2024 regular board meeting, and the May 6, 2024 and May 29, 2024 special board meetings be approved. This motion was seconded by Dr. Patrice Harris and passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any board member pertaining to the Information Items contained within today’s agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Willis-Miller called for any discussion of today’s Consent Agenda items and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote. There being no such request made Kevin Craig moved that today’s Consent Agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Robert Reynolds and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. New Undergraduate Certificate Program: Mine Safety Practices and Health in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the Mine Safety Practices and Health Certificate Program undergraduate certificate in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.

2. Termination of the PhD in Education within the College of Applied Human Sciences

Resolved That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve approves the termination of the PhD in Education within the College of Applied Human Sciences.

3. Approval of online graduate certificates in School Physical Activity Leadership, Sport Industry Leadership and Change Management, Advanced Sport Management Research, Athlete Talent Identification and Development, Athlete Empowerment through Positive Coaching, and Applied Sport Science in Coaching within the College of Applied Human Sciences

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves School Physical Activity Leadership, Sport Industry Leadership and Change Management, Advanced Sport Management Research, Athlete Talent Identification and Development, Athlete Empowerment through Positive Coaching, and Applied Sport Science in Coaching within the College of Applied Human Sciences.

4. Approval of Undergraduate Program Review Recommendations

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the Undergraduate Program Reviews conducted by the Undergraduate Council in this cycle, for the 2023/2024 academic year

5. Approval of Graduate Program Review Recommendations

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the Graduate Program Reviews conducted by the Graduate Council in this cycle, for the 2023/2024 academic year.

6. Final recommendations resulting from the WVU Board of Governors Academics Rule 2.2 program reviews conducted by the Office of the

Provost in spring 2024 at WVU Institute of Technology

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves these recommendations resulting from the program review process completed over spring 2024.

7. Final recommendations resulting from the WVU Board of Governors Academics Rule 2.2 program reviews conducted by the Office of the Provost in spring 2024 at Potomac State College

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves these recommendations resulting from the program review process completed over spring 2024.

8. WVU Baseball Hitting & Pitching Facility

Resolved: The Board of Governors approves the project, as presented.

9. Workday System Implementation Agreement

Resolved, That the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes management to continue to negotiate, finalize, and execute a Workday System Implementation Agreement with Huron Consulting Group, consistent with the terms as provided in Executive Session, in accordance W. Va. Code § 6-9A-4(b)(9).

10. Approval of 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.

OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS

Incoming Board Chair Richard Pill presented gifts to the following outgoing board members:

Name: Dr. Stanley Hileman (Faculty Representative)

Dates of Service: July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2024

Name: Madison Santmyer (Student Representative)

Dates of Service: July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024

James T. Jones – WVU Board of Governors
Chair: July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2023
Service: February 13, 2014 - June 30, 2024

Taunja Willis-Miller – WVU Board of Governors
Chair: - July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024
Service: September 15, 2016 - June 30, 2024

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Willis-Miller requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code Sections 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss:

- a. Potential strategic initiatives relating to academic and administrative priorities; personnel matters; other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University; and
- b. A confidential and privileged report by General Counsel.

The motion was made by Madison Santmyer, seconded by Bray Cary, and passed.

Following Executive Session, Elmer Coppoolse moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Charles Capito and passed. Chair Willis-Miller stated that there were no actions resulted from today's Executive Session discussions.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ADJOURNMENT

Chair Willis-Miller announced that the next planned board meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2024. There being no further business to come

before the board, Kevin Craig moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Susan Lavenski and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

Dr. Patrice Harris Secretary

West Virginia University Board of Governors Meeting: Next Steps in Your Presidential Search

June 21, 2024

WittKieffer



Your WittKieffer Consultants

Lucy Leske, senior partner, will serve as primary contact and team lead, with overall accountability for the success of the engagement.

Melody Rose, PhD., principal, will serve as co-lead and primary point person for communications planning and execution.

Darrien Davenport, Ed.D., consultant, will play an especially active role in candidate identification, recruitment, and due diligence.

John Thornburgh, senior partner, will provide strategic advice to the team, Search Committee, and Board throughout the search.

Upcoming Search Activities

- **June 20 & 21: WVU Board of Governors meeting**
 - Search consultants tour campus and meet with select campus leaders
- **July – September: Preparation for Search Launch**
 - Listening sessions conducted online and in person
 - Campus community survey released
 - Input informs Leadership Profile
 - Search Committee convenes
 - Draft Leadership Profile reviewed and approved
 - Ad placement reviewed and approved
 - Search strategy finalized

Upcoming Search Activities, con't.

- **Mid-September: Position is announced and application process opens**
- **Fall 2024: Search Committee screens candidates & conducts interviews**
- **Spring 2025: Search partners conduct candidate due diligence**
- **Spring 2025: WVU Board of Governors conducts finalist interviews and selects the 27th President of WVU**
- **On or before July 1, 2025: New President takes office**

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WVU BOARD OF GOVERNORS

FACULTY REPORT

June 21, 2024

AGENDA

- Program Overview - Dr. Lesley Cottrell, Country Roads Undergraduate Certificate
- Faculty Research Summary – Dr. Stan Hileman
- Faculty Teaching, Service and Other Initiatives Summary – Professor Frankie Tack

Country Roads Undergraduate Certificate

Dr. Lesley Cottrell

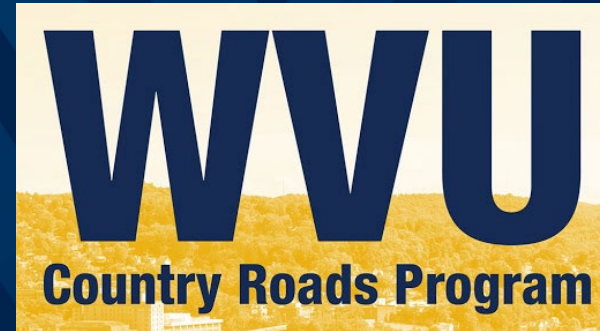
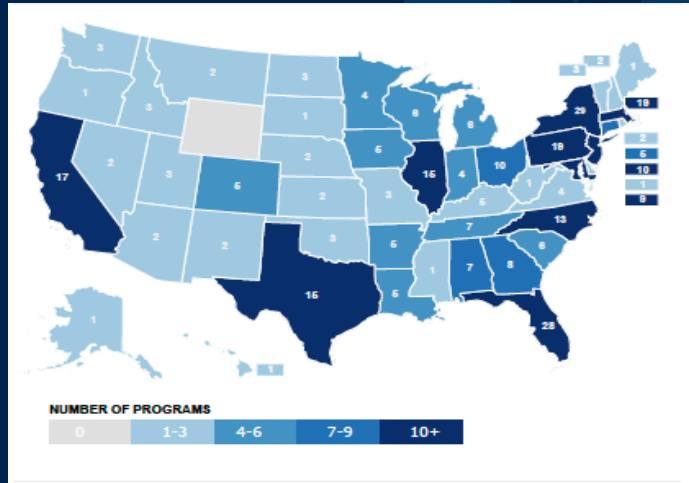
Purpose

- Undergraduate certificate for individuals with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities
- Transitional pathway certificate program to existing WVU undergraduate admissions
- Department of Education approved for full-time study
 - Year 1: on-campus
 - Year 2: off-campus

Rationale

- Growing number of colleges have offered opportunities for students with intellectual disabilities.
- Students served in these programs indicate similar goals to those of their peers.
- University is ideal venue for gaining needed social, academic, independent living, and occupational preparatory skills.

First Program in WV



Additional Rationale

- Higher education opportunities for students with ID correlate with:
 - Improved employment outcomes
 - Increased participation in communities
- 26% more likely to exit with paid jobs than those who only obtained vocational rehabilitation services
- 73% higher income than peers

By the Numbers

- 32 students on-campus
 - 19 graduated
 - 11 students currently in program
- Alumni
 - 3 established majors at WVU
 - 1 in RNA program
 - 15 in the workforce
 - Average increase in salary after graduation: \$2,232

Questions/ Suggestions?

Lesley Cottrell, PhD

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Faculty Research

Dr. Stan Hileman

Why Research?

Academic Research at institutions like WVU serves several purposes:

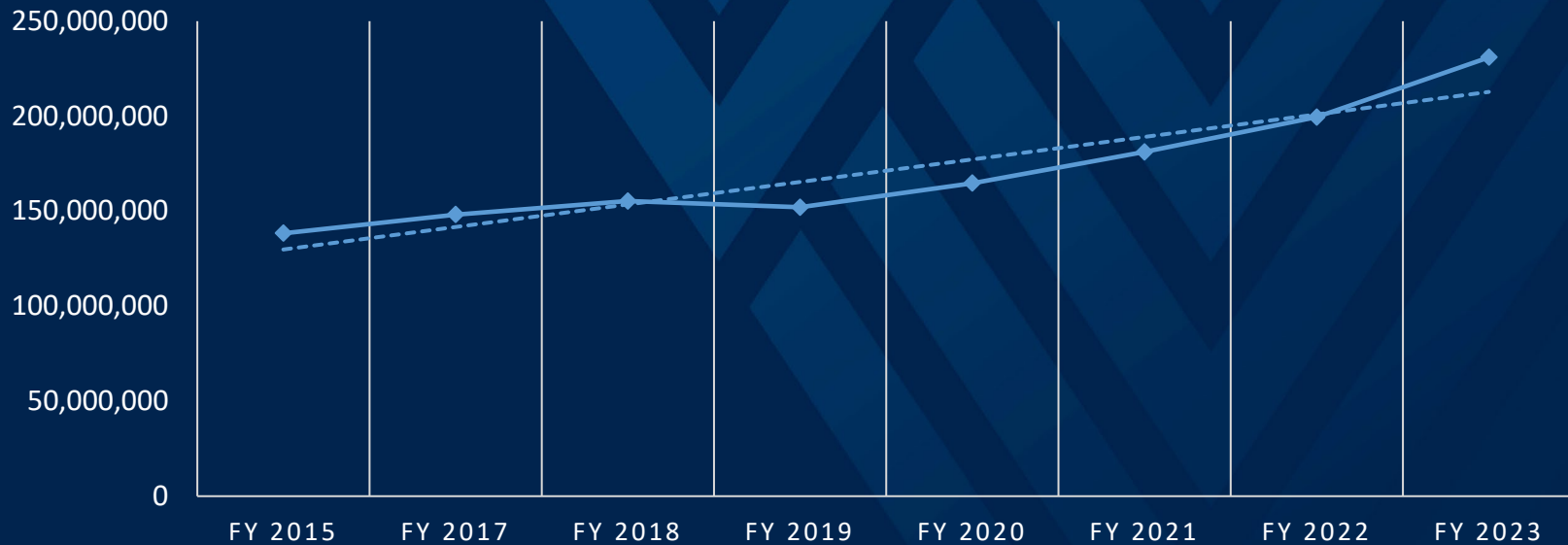
- First and foremost is engagement of students, undergraduate and graduate, in the experience of discovery.
- Second is keeping faculty on the forefront of their discipline so their instruction reflects the contemporary state of knowledge in their field (particularly important for upper division and graduate education).
- Third is that the opportunity to engage in research attracts faculty with greater commitment and initiative.
 - Like service, research is an essential component of the land grant experience for both students and faculty. Discovery is interwoven with service and learning to develop faculty and students' sense of the importance of solving problems and contributing new ideas to benefit society at large.

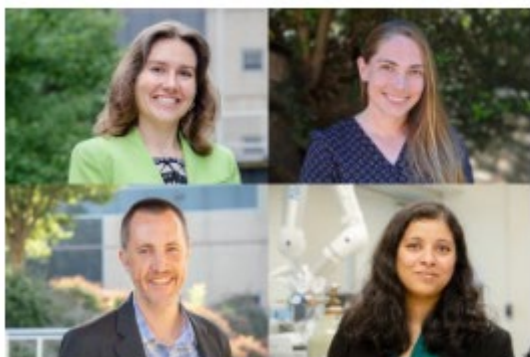
Research Continues to Grow at WVU

Looking at 2018 -2023, the following data demonstrate strong growth:

- Transactions handled by the Office of Sponsored Programs increased from 1296 to 1646 (up 27%).
- Human Research Protections protocols have doubled from 2800 to 5600.
- Research Expenditures have increased from \$155 to \$231M
 - 2023 saw an Increase of \$32M over the previous year and Federally supported expenditures increased by \$17.4M
 - up 28% the first half of FY 24, \$134M.
- Indirect Cost Recovery (F&A) increased from \$26M to \$39M (up 38%).
 - The Q3 report for 2024 shows us at \$201M for Direct and Indirect Expenses, an increase of \$33M over the same report for 2023. Indirects increased by \$2.3 million
- IP license revenue has increased from \$59k to \$276k.
- Average of nearly 200 PhD's earned yearly.

Externally Sponsored Expenditures (\$)





Four WVU faculty members honored with prestigious NSF CAREER awards

Tuesday, March 19, 2024



Five WVU students named prestigious NSF Graduate Research Fellows

Monday, April 22, 2024



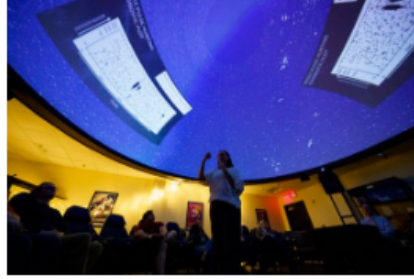
WVU faculty, students contribute to cosmic breakthrough uncovering evidence of low-frequency gravitational waves

Thursday, June 29, 2023



Written in the stars: WVU astrophysicists set to receive Shaw Prize, the 'Nobel of the East'

Monday, November 06, 2023



Acclaimed WVU astrophysicist elected to elite National Academy of Sciences, a first for the University

Thursday, May 02, 2024



Pioneering WVU astrophysicist named prestigious Fellow of the Royal Society, the 'Oscar' of the science world

Monday, May 20, 2024



WVU researchers tracing cause of diabetic heart disease with \$2M in federal funding

Thursday, August 10, 2023



WVU RNI announces breakthrough in treating Alzheimer's using targeted drug delivery

Wednesday, January 03, 2024

Areas of Attention

Infrastructure

- OSP has a new director, Sandra Garcia
- Work has begun on implementation of the new Huron ERA system (January)
- IT and the Research Office have implemented an up-to-date system for tracking grants

Investment

- Replacement of various faculty positions to insure research faculty can continue to focus on research
- New research faculty with competitive start up packages
- New Budget Model

Challenges

- Bureaucracy and hinderances

Faculty Teaching, Service, and Initiatives

Professor Frankie Tack

FACULTY TEACHING 2023-2024

STUDENT CREDIT HOURS TAUGHT

Campus	Level	SCH
Morgantown	Undergraduate	555,257
	Graduate	85,676
	Professional	58,958
	TOTAL	699,891
PSC	TOTAL	28,936
WVU IT	TOTAL	33,567
TOTAL		1,462,285

FACULTY INITIATIVES 2023-2024

Work of Senate Committees

- New *Student Perception of Teaching* feedback tool
- General Education Foundation clean-up – 88 courses removed
- New Inclusive Teaching Toolkit
- Curricular changes
 - 42 changed programs
 - 30 new programs
 - 191 new courses
 - 338 course changes
 - 271 course deletions

FACULTY INITIATIVES 2023-2024

Other Initiatives

- University Promotion and Tenure Document redraft
- Faculty Senate Constitution rewrite

FACULTY SERVICE

Faculty provide critical service to the institution at all levels, Department, College, and University, as well as service to the State and their professions.

Promotion and tenure committees
Curriculum committees
Faculty search committees
Faculty Senate
Faculty Senate committees
WVU Athletic Council
President's Faculty Advisory Board
Provost's Faculty Advisory Council
WVU Academic Standards Comm.
WVU Board of Governors

USDA Grant Review Panels
VA Grant Review Panels
Center for Neuroscience Steering Comm.
WVCTSI Scholar Selection Comm.
WVU Animal Care Committee
State, Nat'l, Int'l professional society officers
Accreditation agency board
Credentialling agency board
Journal reviewer, editor, editor-in-chief
Graduate admissions committees

NIH Grant Review Panels
NSF Grant Review Panels
Conference reviewer, organizer,
program committee member/chair
Student recruiting events
Guest lectures
External faculty reviews
Recommendation letters

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