

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD
OF GOVERNORS

April 22, 2022

The two hundred first meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on April 22, 2022 in Morgantown, WV in person and via zoom. Board members in attendance/participating via zoom included David Alvarez, Marty Becker, Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, J. Thomas Jones, Dr. Patrice Harris, Dr. Stanley Hileman, Amaya Jernigan, Alan Larrick, Lisa A. Martin, Dr Ashley Martucci, Taunja Willis Miller, Richard Pill, Ed Robinson, and Benjamin Statler.

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;
Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Rob Alsop;
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;
Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives, Mark Gavin;
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;
Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Anjali Halabe;
Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Meshea Poore;
Dean of Students, Corey Farris;
President, WVU Tech, Carolyn Long;
Deputy General Counsel, Gary G. Furbee, II;
Associate Vice President and Executive Director of the Office of Global Affairs,
Amber Brugnoli;
Director of Internal Audit, Bryan Shaver;
Director of Communications, Office of the Provost, Kimberly Becker;
Assistant Vice President for Strategic Initiatives, Erin Newmeyer;
Associate Vice President, Institutional Data and Analytics, Office of the
Provost, Lisa Castellino-Gergich;
Assistant Vice President for Academic Planning and Implementation,
Office of the Provost, Amanda DiBastiani;
Associate Provost for Faculty Development and Culture, Melissa Latimer;
Executive Director, Student Engagement and Leadership, Sabrina Cave;
Rural Health Presenters: Dr. James Brick, Dr. Judie Charlton, Dr. Kari Law and Dr.
Larry Rhodes;
Student Government Representatives: Hunter Moore, Lauren Moore, Sohan Daniel
and Chloe Hernandez;
Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;
Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,
April Kaull; and,

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Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press also participated.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman J. Thomas Jones at 9:00 a.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Jones requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code §§ 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; corporate collaborations and financial matters relating to public private partnerships; the purchase, sale or lease of property; and other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University; and
- b. Confidential and privileged report by General Counsel

The motion was made by Dr. Patrice Harris, seconded by Ed Robinson, and passed. Following Executive Session Marty Becker moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed. Chairman Jones stated that no actions were taken as a result of today's Executive Session discussions.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Provost Maryanne Reed provided the following Academic Affairs Updates:

April is the cruelest and kindest month in the academic calendar. It is typically the busiest month — with final exams just around the corner, students registering for fall and summer courses, soon-to-be graduates applying for jobs, faculty writing letters of recommendation, and the campus full of celebratory events leading up May Commencement.

This year, these celebrations are particularly poignant because they are in person, and we can see the smiles of pride and joy on our award recipients' faces. The days are getting longer, spring flowers are blooming, and there are beautiful days like this one — with blue skies and warmer weather. It feels as if we have turned the page on a very challenging two years.

Academic Transformation

As we wind down the school year, my office continues to work on key priorities, including Academic Transformation. We recently wrapped up our undergraduate and terminal master's degree program portfolio review process, with a review of programs in the Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources. The results of the review are available on the Academic Transformation website.

Spring priorities:

We continue to make progress on our Year #2 priorities, which include student success, graduate education and the budget model.

In regard to student success, we are moving closer to our goal of transforming undergraduate advising to better serve our students and improve our retention and graduation rates.

Since the February meeting, we have moved quickly beyond our goals and initial timeframe with strong support from the academic units. We are close to completing changes that will ensure that every undergraduate student has access to centrally coordinated professional advising within the next two years.

Some updates:

- We are now accepting applications for the new position of Director of University Advising. This position will oversee the evaluation, training, and effectiveness of all undergraduate professional advisors.
- The Statler College of Engineering has converted its freshman program from faculty advising to professional advising. As of the Fall semester, all undergraduate Statler students will be advised by professional advisors.
- The Davis College of Agriculture is transforming its entire advising structure, assigning professional advisors to every Davis undergraduate student.
- The College of Creative Arts is hiring a professional advisor to ensure that every student has professional advising available to supplement faculty guidance.
- The Eberly College of Arts and Sciences is hiring additional professional advisors to advise two of its largest and fastest growing majors, Psychology and Forensic Science.

When these positions have been hired and trained, 80 percent of the Morgantown Campus' 19-thousand undergraduates will be assigned to a professional advisor. 98 percent of undergraduate students will be in academic units that have adopted some level of professional advising and will have access to professional advising when faculty are not available.

We are also making progress on our goal to strengthen graduate education. In conjunction with the Research Office, our office has just completed an extensive review of graduate programs on

the main campus, utilizing a variety of data to help determine the success of all doctoral and non-terminal master's degree programs at WVU.

That data is currently being shared with the academic deans and will be the basis of a series of conversations over the spring and summer, continuing into fall. This may lead to the discontinuation of some programs, but more likely it will lead to a revisioning of programs that are struggling for a variety of reasons.

Our office recently conducted an extensive analysis of tuition waiver usage across the University. The University invests around 45 million dollars a year in tuition waivers – both those attached to graduate assistantships and merit waivers. Our goal is to establish a policy (and practice) of awarding tuition waivers in a way that supports University and college strategic priorities, such as maintaining and improving our R1 position and enhancing graduate education at WVU.

This is an area that we know deserves our attention. We want to recruit and retain our talented graduate students who contribute significantly to the University's research and teaching missions. In the short run, the University recently committed to raising the minimum stipend for graduate assistants from 13 thousand-500 dollars a year to 15-thousand dollars a year — which we will phase in over two years. This will benefit around 500 students or about one-third of our graduate assistants.

Finally...the University, as a whole, is deep into the budget model redesign process that will impact the way our academic units receive their annual budget allocation. We are working with the Huron consultancy group, which has extensive experience in this area. This spring, they have been engaging with our academic and faculty leaders to envision what that a new budget model will look like.

It is likely the new model will tie Central funding to some performance metrics, but it will be a model unique to WVU, based on our unique strengths and organizational culture. More to follow...

This spring, we have spent significant time engaging the campus community in our work. This includes holding a series of Campus Conversations devoted to the topic of Academic Transformation. We have held four campus conversations to date — which were offered both in person and virtually.

Those campus conversations were recorded and are available on our Academic Transformation website. The next conversation on May 12 will focus on efforts to support and incentivize the creation of new, in-demand, multidisciplinary, cross-college academic programs.

Leadership Changes

We are in the process of responding to several leadership changes at WVU. For one, we are wrapping up our search for the founding dean of the new College of Applied Human Sciences.

Over the past two weeks, we've brought to campus four finalists, who represented a very talented and diverse pool of candidates.

Our office has received feedback from multiple constituency groups who met with the candidates, and we hope to make an offer by the end of this month. And, by the way, each candidate I spoke with praised the faculty, staff and leadership of C-E-H-S and CPASS — for their collaborative spirit and willingness to work together toward establishing the merged unit. (Pleased/surprised progress that has been made.)

Earlier this month, our two branch campus Presidents announced (separately) that they are stepping down from their roles. Carolyn Long will be retiring from WVU Tech at the end of June, and Jennifer Orlikoff will be stepping down as the President of Potomac State. Both have served WVU well, and both will be missed! We have begun an immediate search for their replacements to ensure there is a smooth transition in leadership.

Awards/Celebrations

As mentioned earlier, this the season of celebrations! In April, we are recognizing and honoring our outstanding faculty, staff and students.

For the first time since the pandemic began, we celebrated in person the long-form scholarship of our faculty, who produced books and other forms of creative scholarship this past year. The event was held Monday afternoon in the Milano Room of the WVU Libraries, and their work is highlighted on our Provost's Office website.

On Wednesday, we held our annual faculty and staff recognition event at Blaney House, where we recognized outstanding faculty for their contributions in 20-21 to teaching, research and service, as well as our top academic advisors.

This week, the University also launched GradFest, a series of events to celebrate the nearly 4-thousand-5-hundred graduates WVU will honor at Commencement. Events include speakers like Marco Greenberg, author of "Primitive: Tapping the Primal Drive that Powers the World's Most Successful People," as well as Appreciation Stations and Alumni Truck Pop-ups where graduates can write a note of thanks or recognition to a mentor, professor, adviser, or fellow student. GradFest will wrap up with a Touchdown Tailgate ahead of the Gold-Blue spring football game and end with the Spring Ring Ceremony at Erickson Alumni Center this Sunday.

All of these awards and recognition events lead up to May Commencement, which will include 16 in-person ceremonies – as had been done in the past, prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Commencement ceremonies will take place May 13, 14 and 15 – featuring keynote speakers like Denise Giardina, an award-winning author who grew up in the coal camps of McDowell County; Dr. Michael L.J. Apuzzo, one of the world's best-known and respected neurosurgeons; Ron Nixon, global investigations editor for the Associated Press; and Matt Van Dyne, our own WVU alumnus who has worked in television, film and theater for more than 25 years.

Commencement will be a joyful celebration of our students' academic achievements. But it will also be a celebration of the University's emergence from the darkest days of the pandemic. We need to recognize the hard work, resilience and dedication of our entire campus community that has enabled us to not only survive but thrive during these past two years.

And now, I'd like to turn the podium over to Dr. John Brick – professor, endowed chair of neurology and associate dean of rural outreach in the School of Medicine – who will lead a presentation on rural healthcare in West Virginia. He will be joined by Drs. Larry Rhodes, Judie Charlton and Kari Law.

REPORT ON RURAL HEALTHCARE IN WEST VIRGINIA

Below is a summary of each presentation:

Dr. John F. Brick: West Virginia Outreach

WVU's Telemedicine Legacy - MDTV: Mountaineer Doctor Television

- 1992 - Established to provide more accessible care to rural West Virginia
 - Supported with aide of Federal funding
 - Equipment and telecom price was very high: Each site's equipment approximately \$100K and the T1 phone lines used: \$1.2K-3K/month
- MDTV at present - Continues to evolve based on needs of our state's rural population and methods of care
 - Teleconferencing
 - Distance learning
 - Remote patient consultations
 - CPEs
 - Patient/community education

Telestroke

- WVU Medicine graduates made significant contributions to the management of acute ischemic strokes
- Telemedicine - Telemedicine offers patients in remote locations access to world-class care offered at WVU Medicine with the use of telecommunication technology
 - WV has 29 Telestroke sites and 13 Teleneurology sites
- Telestroke continuing to expand our volumes
 - Telestroke care began in 2015
 - Legislative grant provided pathway for WV expansion
 - Secure bi-directional sharing of information
 - At present, 28 sites
 - J. W. Ruby Memorial Hospital is committed to serving all of West Virginia's stroke needs. In 2021 we expanded our Telestroke coverage to help fill the gap for the shortage of stroke specialists in the state

- Telestroke - Program outcomes
 - Since the program inception, the total number of stroke patients receiving tPA across the state increased by 173% from 2015 (259 patients) to 2018 (448 patients)
 - Our symptomatic hemorrhage rate for tPA treated patients through Telestroke was 1% (3/292) - this is lower than Marler's (1995, NEJM) original rate of 7% (1995, NEJM)
 - On average, our Telestroke program facilitates local care by avoiding patient transfer to tertiary centers 65% of the time - Thus reducing risk of enroute complications and enabling faster delivery of gold-standard therapy for acute ischemic stroke

Rural Outreach Clinics

- Clinical Outreach currently include: Pediatrics, Ophthalmology, Psychiatry, Neurology, Heart, Critical Care, Nephrology, and Mammography (Bonnie's Bus)
- Future specialties will include: Dermatology, Rheumatology and Obesity
- The Brick Clinic in Gilbert, West Virginia
 - Established with support of 3.5 million dollars through earmark efforts of Senator Byrd
 - Clinic located in the Larry Joe Harless Community Center
 - Clinic services are offered for the following specialties: Neurology, Ophthalmology, Cardiology (Marshall) and Psychiatry (Marshall)
- Neurology Rural Outreach Clinics
 - Gilbert Clinic - Established February 2007
 - Lewisburg Clinic - Established 2017
 - Glenville Clinic - Established April 2016
 - Summersville Clinic - Established February 2021

What's Next

- Expanding Clinic Outreach as follows:
 - Welch, West Virginia - WVU Telestroke
 - Gilbert, West Virginia - Additional WVU Telemedicine Clinics
 - Glenville, West Virginia - Additional WVU Medicine Telemedicine Clinics

Dr. Judie Charlton: WVU Ophthalmic Outreach

- Silent blinding diseases include glaucoma, diabetes and macular degeneration
- Dual Approach
 - Monthly specialty MD clinic - medical student education, local network and 15 years in duration
 - Weekly screenings - two community members trained as ophthalmic assistants, in 11 years - 200 patients/year with a 40% detection rate

Dr. Kari Law: WVU Telepsychiatry Program - 2009-2020

WVU BMED Telepsychiatry Services Offered 2009-2022

- Clinical: Diagnostic evaluations and longitudinal treatment and/or consultation (40-140 hrs/week)
 - Community Mental Health Centers (Adult, Child, Addiction)
 - Juvenile Residential Treatment Facilities
 - School-Based Health Centers
 - Federally Qualified Health Center
 - ECHO consultation with community partners
 - Assertive Community Treatment
 - Group & Individual Therapy
 - APP Collaboration
 - Criminal forensic evaluations
- Academic: Resident/Fellow rotations, Grand Rounds/CME, Lectures, Therapy Supervision, Meetings
- 2009-2022 - 54,865 patient encounters

Dr. Larry Rhodes: Pediatric Outreach

- Pediatric Outreach Clinics in West Virginia
 - Wheeling - Cardiology, Genetics, Neurology
 - Martinsburg - Cardiology, Endocrinology, Genetics, Neurology
 - Elkins - Neurology
 - Summersville - Adolescence, Cardiology, Endocrine, GI, Lipid, Nephrology, Neurology, Orthopedics, Pulmonary, Surgery
 - Lewisburg - Cardiology, Neurology, Pulmonary
 - Beckley - Cardiology, Genetics
 - Charleston - Cardiology, Genetics
 - Huntington - Cardiology, Genetics
 - Parkersburg - Cardiology, Genetics, Neurology, Pulmonology

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATIVE TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Below is a summary of this presentation:

Mission & Vision Statement

- “We the students of West Virginia University, desiring to preserve within our University an atmosphere of open exchange of ideas with discussion, inquiry, and self-expression to ensure the personal freedoms and general welfare of the students, and to promote the principles of diversity, and responsible self governance.”

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- ...serves the students, West Virginia University, and the State of West Virginia by promoting inclusion, creating a campus that can accommodate everyone, actively engaging all 55 counties in West Virginia, supporting economic development, enhancing environmental stewardship, participating in meaningful community service, fostering healthy lifestyles, and developing innovative partnerships with students, faculty, staff and other key stakeholders.”

This year's officers

- Amaya Jernigan, Student Body President
- Hunter Moore, Student Body Vice President
- Lauren Moore, Chief of Staff of Internal Affairs
- Sohan Daniel, Chief of Staff of External Affairs

Administrative Goals

- Accessibility
- Community Engagement
- Student Experience

Organizational Structure

- Over 100+ student members
- 3 Branches
 - Executive
 - Legislative
 - Judicial
- Legislative Committees
- Intern Program

Student Assembly

- Student Assembly is composed of
 - 12 At-large Senators
 - 29 College Senators based off of college sizes
- Passed 16 pieces of legislation this year
- Legislative topics included
 - Additional Mental Health Support
 - COVID 19 Awareness
 - Increased on-campus Safety
 - Expansion of Inclusive Efforts

Student Organization Approval

- SGA was awarded with the opportunity to be the last step in recognizing WVU official student organizations
 - This allowed for more exposure to student organizations
 - This also allowed for the student organizations to know about SGA and how we can support them as an organization
- This year the student assembly passed 34 new/preexisting organizations - acknowledging them as official WVU organizations

Committees

- COVID 19 Awareness
 - Promoted COVID 19 data and information to inform Mountaineers in addition to supporting the packaging of self-test kits
- Community Engagement
 - Began an initiative to highlight small businesses in the area to help them during the pandemic
- Inclusion
 - Increased work with the Office of Accessibility to support students in hopes to improve accessibility services on campus
- Government Relations
 - Worked with University and state legislators to introduce legislation to support Higher Education Mental Health Funding in West Virginia
- Mental Health
 - Hosted a Mental Health Town Hall to allow students to express concerns and ideas with administrators regarding mental health on campus
- Safety
 - Conducted 2 safety walks to address pedestrian safety concerns on and off campus
- Sexual Assault Prevention
 - Held a candlelight vigil for the students who have/will be sexually assaulted during their time in college
- Student Experience
 - Supported Dining Services through the secret shopper program, informing what dining halls can do to improve
- Sustainability
 - Worked with Sodexo to implement a farm/shelf program to the dining halls
- Well-being
 - Hosted a blood drive and donated 35 units of blood

Bureau of Finance

- The SGA Bureau of Finance is our finance group that allocates grants to student organizations to fund:
 - Equipment
 - On-Campus Events
 - Conference costs
- This year we awarded 111 grants to 91 Student Organizations
- \$111,856.25 total allocated in this administration

Executive Programs

- SGA Meet & Greet
 - Hosted a Meet & Greet event in September to increase awareness about SGA
- Swipe Out Hunger
 - Partnered with Dining Services to provide additional meal swipes to The Rack (WVU's Student Food Pantry) to help fight food insecurity
- H.O.M.E. Scholarships
 - Awarded 3 scholarships to students in need of financial support

Social Media and Outreach

- Over 14,000 accounts reached on Instagram over the past year
- Increased videos posted & social media presence to be more engaged with followers
- Worked more with student organizations to raise awareness on SGA
 - Most grants awarded since FY2017

Introduced Next Year's Administration

- Chloe Hernandez - Student Body President
- Pareera Uqaily - Student Body Vice President
- Moving forward they will work on:
 - Furthering Mental Health work on campus
 - Continuing Student Experience initiatives
 - Ensuring Accessibility opportunities for all Mountaineers

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Kevin Craig moved that the minutes of the February 18, 2022 Regular Board meeting and March 10, 2022 Special Board meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Ed Robinson and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

April 21, 2022 Audit Committee Meeting: Taunja Willis Miller, Audit Committee Chairman, reported as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday afternoon, there was a meeting of the Audit Committee.

First, we heard a report from Paula Congelio, who reported that the state single audit was submitted timely by HEPC to the US Department of Education on March 30, 2022. In addition, she informed us that CLA completed their mid-year review of the University's December 31, 2021 financial statements during the week of February 21. A final signed report from CLA is expected soon. CLA will begin interim fieldwork for the annual audit on May 16th. In addition, Dixon Hughes Goodman began testing for the audit of WVU Research Corporation's retirement plans, and this testing began on March 29, 2022.

Second, we met in Executive Session. During Executive Session, we received a report from the Director of Internal Audit discussing confidential and ongoing audit investigations and reports. Additionally, we received a confidential and privileged report regarding legal matters from the University's General Counsel. No votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my report.

April 21, 2022 Academic Affairs and Accreditation Committee Meeting:
Dr. Patrice Harris, chair of this committee, reported as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Your committee on Academic Affairs met yesterday afternoon.

We also met in Executive Session - during which the Committee discussed confidential matters related to Academic issues and personnel, and no recommendations were made to share with the Board of Governors.

Mr. Chairman, we had a busy afternoon, and this concludes my report.

April 21, 2022, 2022 Joint Finance and Facilities and Revitalization/Strategic Plans and Initiatives Committee Meeting: Marty Becker, who chaired this joint committee meeting, reported as follows:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday afternoon, your committee on Strategic Initiatives met in joint session with the Finance and Facilities and Revitalization Committee.

We met in Executive Session. During Executive Session, we discussed deliberative, preliminary, and confidential information relating to university strategic priorities, including matters involving or affecting the University's budget for the current and upcoming academic year and retention and enrollment initiatives. No votes or actions were taken during Executive Session.

After we rose from Executive Session, we publicly heard an update on the WVU Modernization Program. Four of our foundational projects have already been launched, and the program is running efficiently. A top priority in the near term is to plot the path forward for the technical projects, which will include better defining their scope and sequencing based on program needs for core capabilities.

As Lisa Sharpe shared yesterday, one of the first foundational projects of the Modernization Program to kick-off was the Budget Model Redesign Project in February 2022. The outcome of this project is to create a redesigned budget tool that will better inform resource allocation decisions that align with WVU's strategic goals. Since kick-off, the activities have included gathering feedback from stakeholders, establishing guidelines, current state assessment, visioning of the future state, and working through the decisions required to create a new budget plan or model. Decisions about model philosophy, structure, rules, and allocation will be discussed by the project team over the next couple of months. The new budget model prototype is expected to be completed in August of 2022 and will run in parallel to our current budget model during the fiscal year 2023. The parallel year allows for the analysis of results and any necessary refinement. The new budget model tool will be implemented in the fiscal year 2024 (July 2023-June 2024).

Mr. Chairman, we then heard from Travis Mollohan on an update of the 2022 Legislative Session. We heard about the legislative adoption of the Governor's budget, including moneys to be dedicated to our Fiscal Year 2023 Compensation program, as well as updates on the soda tax, the new funding formula, and other legislative matters of interest to the University.

Additionally, Anjali Halabe presented the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Expenditure Bond Resolution. In support of its capital planning initiatives, WVU wishes to issue up to \$22 million of additional bonds, to address in large part deferred maintenance issues in facilities where programs and departments are moving into and out of relating to the completion of Hodges Hall and Reynolds Hall. Project costs incurred for these projects prior to issuance of financing bonds may be reimbursed from bond proceeds under this resolution in an amount not to exceed \$22 million.

On behalf of the Joint Finance and Strategic Plans Committee Marty Becker moved that the full Board approve the Fiscal Year 2023 Capital Expenditure Bond Resolution. There being no questions or discussion, board Chairman J. Thomas Jones called for a vote on this motion - noting that no second was needed for a committee motion. The motion passed and it is noted that board member Charles Capito abstained from this vote.

We also heard that WVU Athletics would like to develop an additional premium option for fans at the Coliseum and to create by creating a new banquet-type facility by means of a Coliseum Concourse Level Club The proposed Concourse Club would be located at the Mountaineer Coliseum gate area and would house a banquet facility for) functions of up to 350 persons at one time, with a focus on pre-game activities. There will also be upgrades to Milan Puskar Stadium.

To accomplish effort, the Department of Athletics is proposing to extend its current contractual relationship with Sodexo from 2031 through June 30, 2036.

On behalf of the Joint Finance and Strategic Plans Committee, Marty Becker moved that the full Board authorize management to enter into an Amended and Restated Agreement between WVU and Sodexo America, LLC for Athletics Concessionaire Services. There being no questions or discussion, board Chairman J. Thomas Jones called for a vote on this motion - noting that no second was needed for a committee motion. The motion passed.

We then heard a requested for a budget increase for the Coliseum Courtside Club.

WVU Athletics is creating a new Courtside Club for premium seat holders in the WVU Coliseum. The Courtside Club will be in the current strength and conditioning space which was vacated after the Athletic Performance Center is completed later this year.

Due to increases in material and labor costs WVU Athletics would like to increase the budget for this project by \$500,000 making the total project budget \$3,500,000. The increase will be paid for through available marketing rights funds.

Final completion of this project would be by the start of the upcoming basketball season in the 2022.

The Joint Finance and Strategic Plans Committee recommended full Board approval of the Coliseum Courtside Club Budget Increase and this agenda item is on the full Board Consent Agenda.

After a productive afternoon and consideration of the above actions, the Joint Committee adjourned. That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gee offered the following remarks:

We are well into spring, the season of renewal, and even the weather in Morgantown is beginning to catch up with the calendar.

Rain or shine—or occasionally snow—this is always an exciting time on our campus, as the semester ends and another exciting Commencement season waits just around the corner. And it is has been especially invigorating to resume Commencement and other year-end events in their more traditional forms after more than two years of pandemic disruptions.

This season reminds us that, although the University is leading many important research and outreach projects and collaborations, our most important role is always that of educator.

Each spring, we recognize selected faculty members for their exceptional and innovative teaching. This year, the 2022 WVU Foundation Awards for Outstanding Teaching honors three faculty members:

- Lisa Ingram, a tenured extension assistant professor in 4-H Youth Development with WVU Extension.
- Aimee Moorewood, professor in the College of Education and Human Services' Department of Curriculum & Instruction, Literacy Studies.
- Mark Paternostro, professor, teaching scientist and associate chair for education in the School of Medicine's Department of Physiology and Pharmacology.

The high academic quality of our students is reflected in this year's exceptional class of Foundation Scholars, whom we named this week. They are:

- Laya Chennuru from Martinsburg High School, who aims to advance inclusion while exploring research in cognitive neuroscience and preparing for a career as a physician assistant in emergency medicine.

- Emma Fleming from Parkersburg High School, who will use her English and Spanish majors as a pathway toward protecting human rights and demolishing cultural barriers as an immigration lawyer and writer.
- Luke Graham from Charleston's George Washington High School, who wants to be a part of future revolutionary technology discovery, majoring in computer science and computer engineering to prepare for a career in software development.
- Julia Leyden from Morgantown High School, who aspires to become a civil rights attorney, driven by a desire to help eradicate health inequities, and who will major in history with a minor in biology.
- And Sarah Warder from Pocahontas County High School, a first-generation college student who has always dreamed of being a scientist and who looks forward to conducting astrophysics research and studying abroad in Chile.

It is gratifying that these students, West Virginia's best and brightest, chose our University to help them fulfill their dreams, and that we have the faculty mentors, research opportunities and enriching environment to launch them on purposeful lives.

As we welcome these incoming students, we have also begun celebrating the accomplishments of our departing Mountaineers through our new GradFest event.

The Class of 2022 has been through so much upheaval and adversity over the past two years, and I am pleased that we are able to honor them with this series of activities leading up to our Commencement ceremonies.

Appreciation is one of our Mountaineer values, and we have also taken time to appreciate several segments of our student body recently.

Earlier this month, we honored our graduate students, who contribute so much to the University through their teaching, research and outreach. Their work helps us to increase our impact as a land-grant, Research 1 institution, and it is important to commend their commitment to learning and service.

We also celebrated an often-overlooked group, the 4,600 undergraduate and graduate student employees who are essential members of the West Virginia University team.

I would especially like to congratulate Hope Fisher, the Graduate Student Employee of the Year and Savannah Toney, the Undergraduate Student Employee of the Year. Savannah also earned recognition as West Virginia's overall state winner for 2022.

Engaging students in work-study and other part-time and seasonal jobs is one way West Virginia University brings learning and doing together.

We also give students opportunities to conduct research alongside our world-class faculty members, and we celebrated the work of both students and faculty during our fourth annual Research Week.

Preparing students to succeed is our primary purpose. The past month has shown in many different ways that we are giving our students the skills they need to change their lives and our world.

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

Chairman Jones 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 Charles Capito moved that today's Consent Agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by David Alvarez and passed. It is noted that board member Taunja Willis Miller abstained from voting on today's Consent Agenda.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Approval of New Program: AA Mental Health and Addiction Studies (Potomac State College)

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new AA degree program in Mental Health and Addiction Studies.

2. Approval of New Program: BIS Bachelor of Integrated Studies (Potomac State College)

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new program BIS degree program in Integrated Studies

3. Approval of new graduate certificate in Media Solutions and Innovation in the Reed College of Media

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a graduate certificate in in Media Solutions and Innovation in the Reed College of Media.

4. Approval of the Master of Science (MS) in Medical Laboratory Science degree program in the School of Medicine

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a Master of Science (MS) in Medical Laboratory Science degree program in the School of Medicine.

5. Approval of the Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program in the School of Public Health

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree program within the School of Public Health.

6. Approval of a new Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM) degree in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a Master of Science in Engineering Management (MSEM) degree in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.

7. Coliseum Courtside Club

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the modification of the budget for construction of the Coliseum Courtside Club, as presented.

8. Interim Appointments to the West Virginia University Health System Board of Directors

Resolved: In accordance with W.Va. Code §18-11C-3a, the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the interim appointments discussed in executive session to temporarily replace two representatives on the West Virginia University Health System Board, pending formal nominations by the Governor and approval by the Senate.

9. Appointment to the West Virginia University Alumni Association, Inc. Board of Directors

Resolved: In accordance with the West Virginia University Alumni Association By-Laws Article IV, Section 1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors appoints Taunja Willis Miller, Vice Chair of the Board of Governors, to serve as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors.

10. Board of Governors Nominating Committee Appointments

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the following composition for a nominating committee to formulate/present a slate of officers for vote by the full board during the June 24, 2022 regular meeting: Marty Becker as chair with members David Alvarez, Kevin Craig, Dr. Stanley Hileman and Lisa A. Martin.

11. 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

**GENERAL DISCUSSION AND
ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman Jones announced that the Board will conduct its next regular meeting on June 24, 2022. There being no further business to come before the board, Lisa A. Martin moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by David Alvarez and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Richard Pill, Secretary

April 22, 2022