

West Virginia State University Board of Governors
113 Ferrell Hall
December 21, 2015
Minutes

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Smith called the meeting of the West Virginia State University Board of Governors (BOG) to order at 10:02 a.m.

Present: Dr. Guetzloff, Mr. Konstanty, Mr. Lipscomb, Mr. Payton, Mrs. Pitchford, Mr. Salyers, Dr. Smith, Mrs. Squirts, Mr. Susman, Mr. Swingle, Dr. Thralls, and Mr. Williams. Several members of the administration, faculty, and staff were also present.

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Dr. Smith announced the Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting and stated that the emergency meeting is compliant due to the nature of business to be addressed.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Mr. Konstanty requested to move Item 5 before Item 4, making the current Item 4 the new Item 5 and the current Item 5 the new Item 4. Mr. Susman motioned for approval of the agenda as revised. Mr. Swingle seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. Possible Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Personnel Matters - Presidential Search and Transition Process

Mr. Susman motioned for approval to go into executive session, under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4, to discuss personnel matters, specifically the Presidential Search and Transition Process. Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

A motion to arise from executive session and reconvene into regular session was made by Mr. Konstanty, and Mr. Swingle seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Smith asked for the record to reflect that the Executive Committee only discussed items related to the topic listed, that no decisions were made in executive session, and no motions or votes were taken.

5. Report from Executive Committee

Dr. Smith said the Executive Committee met and reviewed information received about President Hemphill's announcement regarding his acceptance of the presidency at Radford University effective July 1, 2016. The members of the Board expressed their sincere gratitude to President Hemphill for his service to the University and commitment to moving the institution forward.

In addition, Dr. Smith said the Committee reviewed and discussed HEPC Series 5 and BOG Policy 61 in terms of the rules and guidelines for the presidential search process and subsequent hiring of a president. As a part of the process, the Board Chair is

authorized to appoint a search committee comprised of interested persons and is consistent with the representatives outlined in HEPC Series 5.

6. Search Committee and Search Procedure

Dr. Smith announced the appointment of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee, which is comprised of the following individuals: Dr. Jonathan Eya (Faculty), Mr. Melvin Jones (Administration), Mr. Mark Kelley (WVSU Foundation), Mr. Paul Konstanty (BOG), Mr. William Lipscomb (Co-Chair), Mr. Charles Patton (Community), Mr. Earon Payton II (Student), Mrs. Gail Pitchford (Co-Chair), Dr. Tim Ruhnke (Faculty), Dr. Lateef Saffore (Alumni), Dr. Ann Brothers Smith (BOG), Mrs. Daisy Squirts (Classified Staff), Ms. Diane Strong-Treister (Community), Mr. Tom Susman (BOG), Dr. John Thralls (BOG), Mr. L. Vincent Williams (BOG), and Chancellor Paul Hill (Ex-Officio). Mr. Swingle motioned for approval of the Presidential Search Advisory Committee membership, and Mr. Susman seconded the motion. Through Board discussion, it was agreed that up to two additional members may be added to the Committee if deemed necessary. The motion carried.

Board discussion was held regarding the possibility of entering into a contract with a search firm to assist with the search. Mr. Konstanty motioned for Board approval, in conjunction with the Executive Committee, to issue an RFP for possible retention of a search firm to assist the Presidential Search Advisory Committee. Mr. Susman seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

7. Adjournment

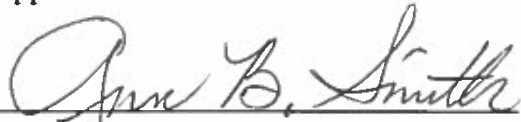
With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



William Lipscomb
Secretary

Approved:



Ann Brothers Smith
Chair