

**West Virginia State University Board of Governors  
Grand Hall, Erickson Alumni Center  
January 25, 2018  
Minutes**

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

Mr. Williams called the meeting of the West Virginia State University (WVSU) Board of Governors (BOG) to order at 12:05 PM. The oath of office on the agenda was postponed, as the new Board member was unable to attend.

**Present:** Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Konstanty, Mr. Roberts, Dr. Smith, Mr. Swingle, Dr. Vaughan, and Mr. Williams. Several members of the administration, students, faculty, and staff were also present.

**2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting**

Mr. Williams announced the verification of appropriate notice of public meeting.

**3. Review and Approval of Agenda**

Mr. Williams requested to add a notice to the Board regarding April 5-6, 2018. Mr. Kelley said that, following the Foundation Board of Directors meeting on April 5, they would host a reception for the BOG and Foundation Board members that evening. Mr. Swingle motioned for approval of the agenda, and Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Mr. Kelley motioned for approval of the minutes of the December 8, 2017 meeting, and Mr. Swingle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**5. Reports from Board Committees**

Policy Review:

Mr. Konstanty chaired the Committee and presented the report.

- The Committee met twice since the December meeting to review and discuss a redraft of the proposed Post Tenure Review policy, as well as draft policies on Records Retention and Furlough.
- Through Committee discussion, it was agreed that a special meeting would be scheduled in February to finalize the draft policies. The Committee also requested that a special full Board meeting be scheduled following the Committee's meeting to approve the notice of intent and distribution of the proposed policies for a 30-day comment period. The Committee would call another special meeting after the comment period to discuss comments and bring the policies to the full Board for approval during its April meeting.
- Members of the Board thanked Mr. Konstanty for his leadership on the Committee, as his expertise helped greatly in drafting the policies.

Institutional Advancement:

Mr. Williams chaired the Committee and presented the report.

- The Committee discussed pending donor requests and avenues being explored with respect to the advancement of the University.
- The Committee received information on upcoming events, including WVSU Day at the Capitol on February 6, 2018.

Recruitment and Retention:

Dr. Smith chaired the Committee and presented the report.

- The Committee received a presentation by Dr. Underdue Murph and her team that focused on three strategies – greater collaboration, data driven decisions, and looking at the team to ensure right people in right place.
- The Committee discussed out-of-state students and how alumni chapters may assist in recruiting.
- An update was provided on New Student Orientation and outreach strategies.
- The Committee received a presentation on the Sigi3 (System of Interactive Guidance and Information) program
- There will be a national search for the Director of Admissions position.

Finance:

Mrs. Pitchford was unable to attend. As a result, Mr. Kelley chaired the Committee and presented the report.

- The Committee received the December budget report. Revenues are at 42 percent and expenses are at 44 percent.
- Commission discussion was held on the potential financial impact to the University if legislation to make community and technical colleges free is passed.
- The Committee discussed financing relating to Keith Scholars Hall.

Academic Policies:

Mr. Kelley chaired the Committee and presented the report.

- The Committee received program review reports on the B.S. in Business Administration and B.A. in Economics. The Committee voted to accept the program reviews as recommended, with the exception of a modification for the B.S. in Business Administration review. The program reviews will be recommended to the full Board for approval under the President's Report.

Audit:

Mr. Lipscomb was unable to attend. As a result, Dr. Smith chaired the Committee and presented the report.

- The Committee met briefly, as there were no updates or additional information on the audits.

**6. Report from the University President**

President Jenkins said before going into reports from Board Committees, he would like to share some accomplishments by our students, faculty, and administration. He congratulated Kappa Delta Pi Honorary Education Society for receiving the Achieving Chapter Excellence Award. This is the fourth time we have won this prestigious award. He thanked the members, officers, and counselor Professor Barbara Korn for proudly

representing the University. The Business Administration and Economics programs are now fully accredited programs, with no notes or conditions, by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs (ACBSP). President Jenkins acknowledged Interim Dean Deborah Williams and members of the departments for their work on these programs. The Education Department's Master of Education in Instructional Leadership program continues to grow. With 45 students enrolled in the program, the University has far exceeded the projected enrollment numbers. He gave kudos to Dean Carney and Patricia Wilson for their leadership with the program. President Jenkins also congratulated Dr. Orlando McMeans for who had a new species of beetle names in his honor. The pachybrachis mcmeansi was discovered by West Virginia State professor emeritus Dr. Robert J. Barney, who retired in 2015. Dr. Barney wanted to name the beetle in honor of Dr. McMeans, who supported his research and professional development. President Jenkins also recognized First Lady Toinette Jenkins, who was in attendance.

President Jenkins provided a legislative update. He said there were several pieces of legislation that would impact the University include the proposal to make community and technical schools free. The topic has been discussed in other states and is now being considered in West Virginia. The regional presidents have been discussing the position of the four-year institutions if the legislation would pass. He said there are also discussions about a new formula funding model. If the community and technical college legislation passes and this funding model is implemented, it could affect enrollment at four-year schools. President Jenkins stated that he is in support of the formula funding model and the way it has been designed, as it would be a fairer funding model compared to how funds have been allocated to institutions. President Jenkins said there is another piece of legislation on campus carry that would allow weapons on campus. The presidents have jointly signed a document in opposition to campus carry. For our land-grant state match, President Jenkins said there is strong movement this year as well as documentation from the federal level about the state being so hesitant to fully fund state-match.

a. University Reports Forwarded by Board Committees

Item 6.a.i: President Jenkins said, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee, he brings before the Board for consideration the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration. The Committee voted to recommend that the program continue at the current level and removed the request for a follow-up report on assessment. The Committee agreed that this would not be necessary, as the program is accredited by ACBSP. Mr. Swingle motioned for approval by the Board of the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration as recommended by the Committee. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Mr. Konstanty abstained, as he is an adjunct faculty member in that department.

Item 6.a.ii: President Jenkins said, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee, he brings before the Board for consideration the program review for the Bachelor of Arts in Economics. The Committee voted to recommend that the program continue at the current level. Dr. Vaughan for approval by the Board of

the program review for the Bachelor of Arts in Economics as recommended by the Committee. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Items 6.a.iii, iv, and v: President Jenkins said, as previously reported by Mr. Konstanty and the Policy Review Special Committee, there would be no action taken at this time on the proposed policies.

President Jenkins deferred to Ms. Schumann to provide an update on University Advancement, including Day of Giving on March 14, the Katherine Johnson campaign, and the National Alumni Association Conference on April 25-28 in Atlanta, Georgia. Dr. Smith asked Mrs. Jenkins to share information on Sisters of State program. Mrs. Jenkins said that as First Lady it is important to her for everyone to feel welcome at State, but more importantly for female students to be connected. She founded Sisters of State as a way to encourage young women and help them transform into the best version of themselves. Messages of encouragement are sent to the members on a regular basis. Sisters of State plans to hold its first Empowerment Day on April 14, 2018.

**7. Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Legal, Personnel and Property Matters**

Mr. Konstanty motioned for approval to go into executive session, under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss legal, personnel, and property matters. Mr. Swingle 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 Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Konstanty asked for the record to reflect that the Board only discussed items related to the topics listed and no motions or votes were taken.

**8. Other Matters**

No other matters were brought before the Board for discussion.

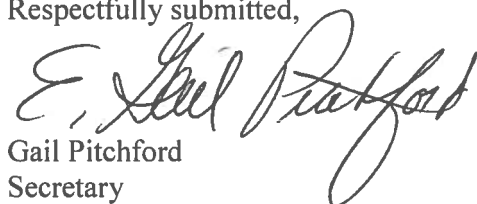
**9. Next Meeting Date**

April 6, 2018

**10. Adjournment**

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:11PM.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gail Pitchford  
Secretary

Approved:

Mr. Leon Vincent Williams

Chair

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Leon Vincent Williams", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, extending to the right with a long, thin tail.