

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall
April 4, 2019
12:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 12:31 p.m. and asked for the roll call. He welcomed new member Mr. James Payne and administered the oath of office.

Members Present: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Davis, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Gray Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lipscomb, Mr. Payne, Ms. Seawell, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Vaughan.

Members Absent: Mrs. Pitchford

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Mr. Lipscomb verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Ms. Dooley motioned for approval of the agenda as presented. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of February 7, 2019 Meeting

Mr. Davis motioned for approval of the minutes of the February 7, 2019 meeting. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5. Review and Approval of Minutes of February 6, 2019 Meeting

Mr. Kelley motioned for approval of the minutes of the February 6, 2019 meeting. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6. Reports from the Board Committee Chairpersons

a. Academic Policy Committee

Committee Chair, Ms. Dooley, reported that the Committee received updates from Dr. Orlando McMeans, Vice President for Research and Public Service, on grants and contracts. The state match for land-grant, and the Healthy Grandfamilies program.

The Committee also received an update from Dr. Naveed Zaman on the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

The Committee received recommendations on program reviews for the Bachelor of Art degree in Art and the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Music. The Committee voted in support of the recommendations put forth on both programs, which will be presented to the full Board later on the agenda.

b. Finance Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. Kelley, reported that the Committee reviewed the budget through February 28, 2019. Updates were also received on accounts payables, accounts receivables, and faculty housing. Accounts payable are down \$627,000 since December 2018.

c. Institutional Advancement Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. Lipscomb, reported that the Committee received a report from Nate Burton, Athletic Director, on fundraising goals in Athletics for Fiscal Years 2019 and 2020. For the current fiscal year, the Department is \$60,000 away from meeting the \$400,000 goal. More than 4,000 people visited campus last month for a statewide gymnastics meet that was held in the D. Stephen and Diane H. Walker Convocation Center.

Ms. Patricia Schumann, Vice President for University Advancement, Communications, and Marketing, provided a comparative gift report. As of March 20, 2019, \$900,864 was received in new gifts and pledges this fiscal year, which is an increase of 40% over this time last year. The number of donors is lower than last year. The Committee received an update on the Black and Gold Gala. More than 400 people will attend, the event has 55 sponsors, and the financial goal has been met.

d. **Recruitment and Retention Committee**

Committee Chair, Mr. Jones, reported that the Committee received an update from Ms. Jameelah Means, Director of Undergraduate Admissions. The Committee previously requested that reports show what is being done to recruit and retain students, and the information presented by Ms. Means was helpful. Committee discussion was held about recruitment and retention process for measuring strategies. Staff was tasked with providing that information at the next meeting.

The Committee also discussed the Straight2State partnership with BridgeValley Community and Technical College. The Office of Retention and Student Success is conducting an analysis to determine why students leave the University and what additional efforts could be made to retain the students.

e. **Bylaws and Policies Special Committee**

Committee Chair, Mr. Kelley, reported that the Committee held an organizational meeting. The purpose of the Committee is to review current bylaws and policies to ensure that they align with legislative, administrative, and HEPC changes. Prior to the Committee's next meeting on May 29, 2019, Dr. DeNeia Thomas, Chief of Staff and Board Liaison, will provide a list of what specifically needs to be addressed.

7. Report from the University President

7.a: Before moving on to his report, President Jenkins recognized Dr. Kumara Jayasuriya, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, who accepted the position of President at Minnesota State University. President Jenkins expressed his appreciation to Dr. Jayasuriya for his contributions to the University. He asked the Board to join him in congratulating Dr. Jayasuriya. President Jenkins stated that Dr. Jayasuriya would remain with the University through June, and a national search will be launched immediately.

During the 2019 legislative session, on both the state and federal levels, the University secured \$2 Million in federal funding for scholarships, \$2.9 Million in state match funds for land-grant for the first time, and \$1.1 Million in base funding from the state. President Jenkins thanked the University's Legislative Council, Board of Governors, Foundation Board of Directors, students, faculty, staff, and alumni for their support and efforts. Mr. Lipscomb commented on the historic moment, and the Board applauded President Jenkins for his persistence and plan that led to this accomplishment. President Jenkins provided an update on other legislation pertaining to higher education. He thanked the members of the Board for participating in the Higher Learning Commission site visit for the nursing program, as well as Dr. Paige Carney, Dean of College of Professional Studies, Dr. Jayasuriya, and Dr. Thomas for their work on coordinating the visit.

President Jenkins also acknowledge Ms. Debbie Williams, Interim Dean of the College of Business and Social Sciences, and Dr. Jayasuriya for their assistance with a new intern

partnership with Infor. Director of Public Safety, Chief Joe Saunders, was recognized for securing bleed kits that were installed throughout the campus to help in the event of a campus shooting.

The University received a \$440,000 grant from the Center for Advancing Opportunities to fund interdisciplinary research. Students from across the country attended the Association of 1890 Research Directors Symposium and presented research posters. West Virginia State University students took first, second, and third place for their research poster presentations.

Feedback was received from campus and facility walkthroughs and meetings were held to discuss items mentioned during the Board's roundtable meetings. Further, Chat and Chew sessions for faculty, students, and staff would be held on April 16-18, 2019 to provide updates on those items and hear additional comments about their experiences at the University.

It is expected that the Black and Gold Gala would be the largest to date; appreciation was expressed to Ms. Schumann, her team, and the planning committee for their work.

7.b.i: As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee, bringing before the Board for consideration the program review for the Bachelor of Art in Art. The Committee voted to recommend that the program continue at the current level, with a report on assessment due December 1, 2020. Ms. Dooley motioned for approval by the Board of the program review for the Bachelor of Art in Art as recommended by the Committee. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

7.b.ii: As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee, bringing before the Board for consideration the program review for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music. The Committee voted to recommend that the program continues at the current level, with a report on assessment due December 1, 2020. Ms. Dooley motioned for approval by the Board of the program review for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music as recommended by the Committee. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

Dr. Smith motioned for approval to go into executive session, in accordance with West Virginia Code §6-9A-4, to discuss legal, personnel, and property matters. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

9. Other Matters

Mr. Kelley moved that the Board authorize the appropriate officer to enter into an agreement with the West Dunbar Public Service District to acquire a 1.6-acre parcel of land for \$6,200. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

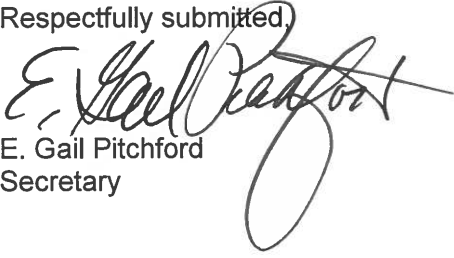
10. Next Meeting Date

May 10, 2019

11. Adjournment

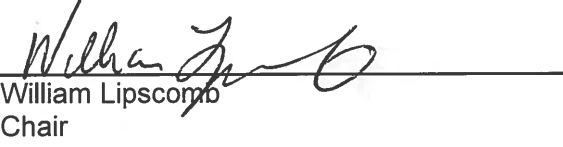
With there being no further business, Mr. Buchanan motioned for adjournment. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



E. Gail Pitchford
Secretary

Approved:



William Lipscomb
Chair