

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall
December 13, 2019
1:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked the clerk to call the roll.

Members Present: Mr. Davis, Ms. Dooley, Mr. Gray, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lipscomb, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Pitchford, Dr. Smith, Ms. Smoot, and Dr. Vaughan.

Members Absent: Mr. Buchanan

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Mr. Jones announced the Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Mr. Kelley motioned the approval of the meeting agenda, and Ms. Dooley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Mrs. Pitchford motioned for approval of the minutes for the October 24, 2019 meeting. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

5. Report from the University President

President Jenkins shared several updates and accomplishments over the fall semester of students, faculty, and staff. Thanking his office for organizing the holiday staff and faculty appreciation reception as we wind down the semester.

One hundred sixty students will graduate on Saturday at fall commencement. The mean GPA for the graduating class is 3.2. Of those students, the average GPA for undergraduate students is 3.1, and the mean for the graduate students is 3.6. President commended the faculty and staff that this is proof of their quality education, stating his pride as another group of Yellow Jackets leave STATE to go and change the world.

The women's soccer team finished an impressive 10-1 in their first season. The football team finished second in the MEC and fought hard for a share of the championship, a first in more than 50 years for WVSU athletics. There were 12 WVSU athletes named to the All-Conference Team. President Jenkins acknowledged Athletic Director Nate Burton and all of the coaches for their work. He also shared

President Jenkins acknowledged Jade Irving and her team for the inaugural National Society of Leadership Success Induction Ceremony held earlier this month, inducting 20 students. Induction in this prestigious National Honor Society enhances our student experience and are factors that help connect people to our campus and increase student success.

President Jenkins acknowledged Jack Bailey and Amanda Fellure and the communications team for helping expose WVSU to millions across the nation through our CSPAN interview for

WVSU and Katherine Johnson. This exposure continues to elevate the branding and marketing for our University.

President Jenkins shared about the strategic plan and the plans to offer our associate degree programs in fall 2020, pending HEPC notification. WVSU remains the only sister institution that had a CTC not granting associate degrees.

The workgroup is in the final stage of its Dependent Remission Policy and noted that faculty and staff will receive a discount if your son or daughter chooses to come to WVSU as a student.

There remains significant growth in our online programs, with our HHP now ranked 23 in the nation. President Jenkins acknowledged, Instructor Ms. Lindsay Good, for her work to build the program delivery and overall quality.

Preparation for the HLC Visit in April continues. The President's call with the site coordinator was positive, and he looks forward to the visit with the confidence of our direction. President Jenkins acknowledged Dr. Scott Woodard and Dr. Tom Kiddie for their leadership.

President Jenkins shared about the upcoming legislative session. He said we are in the process of scheduling meetings with legislators and shared the four key areas for this session: Campus Carry, CTC funding, SB 533 Land Grant Legislation, and the potential 4.6% budget cut for Higher Education s.

President Jenkins said he is pleased to share the Future Act passed both the US House and Senate and awaits the signature of President Trump. The passage will reduce the length of the FAFSA and allows the IRS to be able to share tax information directly with the US Department of Education. The passage also extends our Title III part F for the next decade, which is \$800,000 per year. He said working at the federal level for this institution – the result has been real money coming to WVSU, 8 million dollars over ten years. Ms. Dooley asked Mr. Eric Jackson and Dr. Ulises Toledo to stand to recognize their efforts with the Future Act and federal legislation.

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

Ms. Dooley 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. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Davis motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Ms. Dooley seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Jones asked for the record to reflect that the Board only discussed items related to the topics listed, that no decisions made in executive session, and no motions or votes taken.

7. Audit Committee Report

Mr. Jones shared the audit committee met earlier today. The auditor presented the audit report indicating a clean audit. Mr. Payne motioned for the Board to accept the audit as presented, Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Annual Presidential Review

Dr. Smith reported the committee met earlier today about the President's annual performance evaluation. Ms. Dooley made a motion that the Board would accept the read recommendation as written below to the full board.

“ The Presidential Review Committee recommends to the full board and moves that Chairman Charles E. Jones, Jr. report to the HEPC Chancellor that the annual review of Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D., President of West Virginia State University, was conducted for 2019 in accordance with BOG Policy #61 and based upon the written comments submitted anonymously by one hundred sixteen (116) individuals comprised of BOG members, faculty, staff, students, administrators, alumni and community stakeholders of West Virginia State University, the performance of Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D. meets expectations.”

Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion. The motion carried.

9. Presidential Search Process

Mr. Jones shared that a Presidential Search is very involved, firstly having to obtain approval from HEPC. Mr. Jones stated that the Board is committed to involving all stakeholders to advance the university and upholding its mission.

10. Other Matters

Mr. Jones acknowledged the receipt of the letter from Governor James Buchanan of his resignation from the Board of Governors due to his health. He stated that Mr. Buchanan was a valued member of the Board and wished him well. Mr. Jones shared that Ms. Robin Tabor, Chair of the Staff Council, informed him that the Staff Council would hold a special election in January for a staff representative to receive the administration of the Oath of Office and participate in their first meeting at the February 6, 2020 meeting.

Mr. Jones announced the submission of the resignation of President Jenkins, who is leaving WVSU, anticipating his last day on May 15, 2020. Mr. Jones said the Board would formally accept the resignation during a Special Called Meeting in January after discussions with the Executive Committee and HEPC.

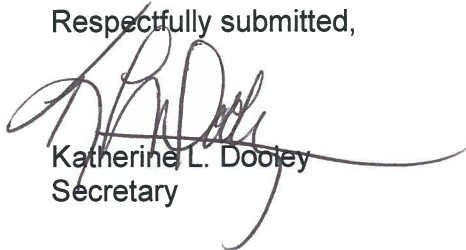
11. Next Meeting Date

February 6, 2020

12. Adjournment

Mrs. Pitchford motioned to adjourn the meeting, Ms. Dooley seconded, and the motion carried. With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Katherine L. Dooley
Secretary

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "C. E. Jones". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".

Chuck E. Jones
Chair