

Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Zoom Meeting
August 7, 2020
3:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and asked for the roll call.

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

Members Absent: Ms. Harper, Mr. Lipscomb, and Mr. Payne

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting Mr.

Jones verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

4. Review and Approval of June 11, 2020, July 2, 2020 and July 22, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Mr. Davis motioned for approval of the June 11, 2020, July 2, 2020 and July 22, 2020 meeting minutes. Mr. Gray seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5. Approval of Proposed BOG Policy on Reductions in Force and Layoffs

Mr. Davis said the Adhoc Bylaws and Policies Review Committee reviewed and discussed the proposed BOG Policy on Reductions in Force and Layoffs. The Committee voted to recommend approval of the policy to the full Board. Mr. Davis moved that the Board approve the policy with a correction to the authority line and that this policy would replace the existing BOG Policy #4. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion. Mrs. Pitchford asked for clarification on the authority correction. Ms. Dooley said the reference to WV Code §18B.3.1 should be WV Code §18B.3.3. The motion carried.

6. Approval of Proposed Revisions to BOG Policy #3-Academic Standards for Students to Participate in Intercollegiate Athletics

Mr. Davis provided an overview of the purpose of the revisions to the policy. Following Board discussion, Mr. Davis moved that the Board approve the revised BOG Policy #3-Academic Standards for Students to Participate in Intercollegiate Athletics as presented. Mr. Gray seconded the motion. The motion carried.

7. Approval of Proposal to Name Integrated Research and Extension Building

Interim President Byers referred to the document in the Board packet about the history of the Carters and justification for naming the Integrated Research and Extension Building after Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. For all the work by Dr. Carter as the ninth president and his participation in the 1890 community, students, faculty, staff and alumni support the naming. Dr. Smith

moved that the Board approve the naming of the Integrated Research and Extension Building after former president Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8. Approval of Proposal to Name Research Station

Interim President Byers stated that West Virginia State University is the only 1890 land-grant institution that does not have a research station. The Research and Public Service staff and faculty want to name the research station in honor of Dr. Carter and former First Lady Judge Phyllis H. Carter. Judge Carter expanded the reach of land-grant programs in the Kanawha Valley and state. She also served as the University's representative on the Council for Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching (CARET). Interim President Byers recommended that the research station be named in honor of the Carters. Ms. Dooley moved that the Board approve the recommendation to name the research station as the Dr. Hazo W. Carter, Jr. and Judge Phyllis H. Carter Food and Agriculture Complex. Dr. Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried. Members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the administration's efforts to honor the Carters in such a meaningful way.

9. Other Matters

9.1 Interim President Byers provided updates on the University. He complimented the faculty, staff and administrators who worked diligently since March 25 to ensure that school could start on August 10. He said that he communicates weekly with President Pride to keep her updated. Interim President Byers said he has been supported by the Cabinet, faculty, staff, Student Government Association and alumni to have the University in the best position possible when she arrives. For enrollment, he stated that it was down 10% compared to last year, which is less than what was projected. Dr. Yvette Underdue Murph said as of Tuesday, there are 369 new undergraduate students. Of those, 96% have been advised and registered. Overall, the number of students registered is 1,460 compared to 1,542 last year. Dr. Underdue Murph said that 77% of continuing students had registered by this time last year, and currently 78% have registered. She further reported that 96% of continuing seniors and 88% of continuing juniors have registered. Mr. Jones asked that the Board receive concrete numbers at the September 2 meeting rather than percentages. In addition, he requested a breakdown on findings about why students did not return. He would also like specific information on what is being done to retain students. Ms. Dooley inquired about the fiscal health with the 10% reduction and the expected impact with regard to dual enrollment. Dr. Scott Woodard said that we are not anticipating a dent in early enrollment. Mrs. Kristi Williams stated that she and Dr. Underdue Murph have worked closely in watching enrollment each week. She indicated that the University has measures prepared for the spring semester as well. With regard to COVID testing, Governor Justice allocated \$2.5M of federal funding for testing. Interim President Byers said the Kanawha County Health Department has helped cover our testing thus far. He provided an update on signage for campus walkways and numbering buildings for easier Metro 911 access. He reported that the NCAA has released stringent rules, some of which most Division II schools could not afford to meet. He is in contact with Mr. Nate Burton daily as fall sports is a very fluid situation. Mr. Jones asked Dr. Underdue Murph to give Interim President Byers information if enrollment numbers fluctuate so he can inform him. Mr. Kelley inquired about finances and Mrs. Williams shared information on cash projections based on the different scenarios. Interim President Byers said the Presidential Transition Team would meet later that day. The team is compiling

information to present to President Pride. Mr. Kelley thanked Interim President Byers for serving as the interim president and stated that his leadership is appreciated.

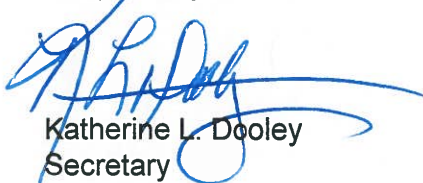
10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Board will be held on September 3, 2020. Through Board discussion, it was agreed that there would be the option to participate in-person or by Zoom. Mr. Jones will work with Mr. Eric Jackson on logistics and ensure COVID guidelines are followed.

11. Adjournment

With there being no further business, Mrs. Pitchford motioned for adjournment. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine L. Dooley
Secretary

Approved:



Charles E. Jones, Jr. Chair