

**Meeting Minutes**  
**West Virginia State University Board of Governors**  
**Full Board**  
**Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall**  
**and Zoom**  
**January 31, 2024**

**I. Call to Order**

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 2:06 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jones, Governor Kelley, Governor McClung, Governor McKibben, and Governor Pietruszynski. Governor Goodwin, Governor Payne, Governor Raines, and Governor Saffore were absent.

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

Governor Kelley verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

**IV. Conversations with the WVSU Board of Governors**

Governor Kelley said the meeting was being held in accordance with West Virginia Code to provide an opportunity to discuss ways to collectively enhance operational efficiencies and effectiveness across the university community. Each group was allotted time on the agenda to participate in the conversations with the Board.

Dr. Leighann Davidson, Faculty Senate Chair, provided an update on the current work of the Faculty Senate. Additionally, she and fellow faculty members discussed an array of matters, including but not limited to:

- Faculty dedication to students;
- Deferred maintenance issues;
- Cleanliness concerns;
- Communication and collaboration across the academic enterprise;
- Land-Grant funding disparity; and
- Lack of faculty resources.

Ms. Brittany Fletcher, Staff Council Chair, shared ideas and concerns on behalf of the staff, including but not limited to:

- Land-Grant funding disparity and responding to the community;
- Deferred maintenance issues and lack of human resources in Physical Facilities;
- Janitorial services;
- Lack of staff acknowledgments;
- Having more activities for faculty and staff to fellowship; and
- New initiatives and benefits for employees.

Ms. Lucina Suah, Student Government Association (SGA) President, provided an update on the current work of the SGA. Additionally, she shared questions and concerns gathered from students, including but not limited to:

- Inconsistent meal service, offerings, and cleanliness in the dining hall;
- Ongoing issues with broken washers and dryers in residence halls;

- Slow or no responses from faculty;
- Student experience and lack of events on campus;
- Limited access to Starbucks and game room;
- Poor janitorial services and condition of facilities; and
- ADA compliance concerns.

Board members, administrators and deans responded to all of the questions and addressed concerns that were expressed during the sessions. If additional questions or concerns arise, faculty, staff, and students were asked to inform their respective leader and/or Board representative so that the information can be shared with the President or the Board.

V. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Governor Tracy McKibben  
Secretary

Approved:



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Governor Mark Kelley  
Chair