Meeting Minutes West Virginia State University Board of Governors Full Board

Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall and Zoom February 5, 2025

I. Call to Order

Governor Kelley called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

II. Roll Call

The clerk called the roll. Members present were Governor Flores, Governor Greenhowe, Governor Jordan, Governor Kelley, Governor Marcum, Governor McClung, Governor McKibben, Governor Payne, Governor Pietruszynski, Governor Raines, Governor Saffore, and Governor Sprouse.

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.

- a. Governor Kelley recognized Staff Representative Governor McClung and Brittany Fletcher, Chair of Staff Council. Ms. Fletcher shared questions and concerns on behalf of the staff, including but not limited to:
 - Transparency and plans once Future State is completed;
 - Concerns about the future of the University;
 - Staff burnout from taking on multiple duties and dealing with frequent turnover and administrative changes;
 - Dining Hall accommodations; and
 - Addressing DEI issues.
- b. Governor Kelley recognized Faculty Representative Dr. Jeff Pietruszynski and Faculty Senate Chair Dr LeighAnn Davidson. Dr. Davidson and other faculty shared questions and concerns, including but not limited to:
 - Lack of communication from administration on key topics;
 - Ongoing, unresolved maintenance issues in the facilities;
 - Multiple software issues across platforms;
 - Low morale; and
 - Need for a cultural shift.
- c. Governor Kelley recognized Student Representative Andrew Marcum and Student Government Association President Jazmine Hyde. Ms. Hyde and fellow students shared questions and concerns, including but not limited to:
 - Low student participation on campus;
 - Health and safety issues in the residence halls;
 - Dining Hall issues with staff, lack of consistency, and poor cleanliness;

- Dilapidated facilities and classrooms;
- Better inform students about changes and challenges due to political actions to help them better understand the impacts on the university; and
- Broken laundry machines.

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 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracy McKibben, Secretary

Approved:

Mark Kelley, Chair