

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall
February 6, 2020
1:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Jones called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m. and asked for the roll call.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Kelley and Mrs. Pitchford.

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Mr. Jones 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. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Ms. Dooley motioned for approval of the minutes of the January 16, 2020 meeting. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5. Report from the University President

President Jenkins shared several updates and accomplishments of students, faculty, and staff. West Virginia State University (WVSU) and University of Charleston (UC) are competing in an American Red Cross Blood Battle. The blood drive at WVSU was taking place that day and he encouraged everyone present to make a donation. The winner will be announced during the men's basketball game at UC on February 29. Alumni Night was held at the basketball games on February 5, and a reception was held in between the women's and men's games. President Jenkins has been meeting with legislators about the University's agenda. He will provide copies of the legislative agenda and materials to the Board. This year, the top priority is the funding disparity since the community and technical colleges were separated from the four-year institutions. Since the separation, Marshall University and Fairmont State College received millions and WVSU received \$682,000. The goal at the outset is to receive a one-time allocation of \$5M. There are no higher education budget cuts this year. Discussions are continuing on the formula funding model. February 21 is WVSU Day at the Capitol. President Jenkins recognized Brunetta Gamble-Dillard, Dr. Ulises Toledo, and Dr. Ami Smith for their leadership over Research and Public Service since the vice president position has been vacant. This spring, we will break ground on installation of utilities at the former rehab property to begin development of chemical and civil engineering labs.

President Jenkins said that a dependent tuition waiver is being finalized. The waiver will be rolled out after spring break and implemented fall 2020. He provided information on a new endeavor to help high school students that have been classified as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act attend and graduate from the University. The

CARE Initiative is a partnership between the University, Kanawha County Schools, and the YWCA Sojourner's Shelter. In January, we broke ground on a turf project for the baseball and softball fields. Private funds were raised for the project. President Jenkins congratulated Nate Burton and thanked him for his work.

5.1 The Bylaws and Policies Special Committee reviewed proposed amendments to BOG Policy #17-Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action to be aligned with HEPC policy changes and approved to recommend approval to the full Board. Mr. Davis moved that the full Board accept the proposed amendments and approve distributing the draft policy for comments. Ms. Dooley seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The intent to draft to amend the policy will be posted for the required seven (7) workday public comment period followed by the distribution of the draft amended policy for a 30-day public comment period.

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. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Ms. Dooley motioned to arise from the executive session and reconvene into the regular session, and Mr. Gray 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. Other Matters

Dr. Smith announced that she would represent the Board at the presidential inauguration of former provost D. Kumara Jayasuriya in April. President Jenkins will send a representative, as the ceremony is the same time as the Black and Gold Gala.

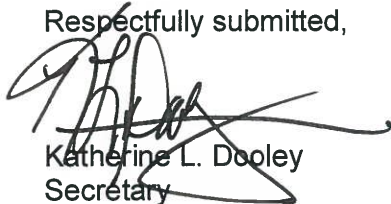
8. Next Meeting Date

February 11, 2020

9. Adjournment

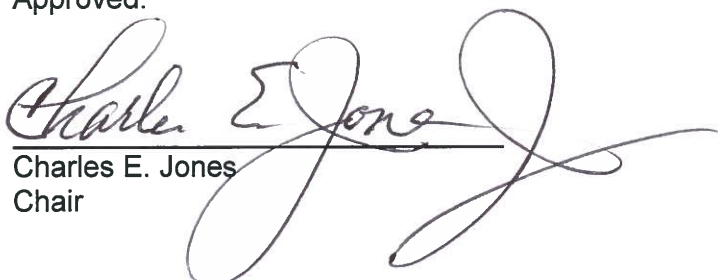
Dr. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Vaughan seconded, and the motion carried. With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Katherine L. Dooley
Secretary

Approved:



Charles E. Jones
Chair