

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall
May 10, 2019
2:30 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. and asked for the roll call.

Members Present: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Davis, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lipscomb, Mr. Payne, Mrs. Pitchford, Ms. Seawell, Dr. Smith, and Dr. Vaughan

Members Absent: Ms. Dooley, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Jones

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Mr. Lipscomb verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

Mrs. Pitchford motioned for approval of the agenda as presented. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2019 Meeting

Dr. Smith motioned for approval of the minutes of the April 4, 2019 meeting. Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5. Reports from the Board Committee Chairpersons

a. Academic Policy Committee

Presiding Officer, Dr. Smith, presided over the meeting in the absence of the Committee Chair, Ms. Dooley. The Committee received a report from the College of Business and Social Sciences. The College is highly engaged and has many programs and initiatives related to majors within the College. The Committee also received information on three program reviews – B.S. in Sports Studies, B.S. in Social Work, and B.S. in Health Sciences. The Committee voted in support of the recommendations put forth on the programs, which will be presented to the full Board later on the agenda.

b. Finance Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. Kelley, reported that the Committee reviewed the budget through March 31, 2019. The target for revenue and expenses is 75 percent, and revenue was at 74.29 percent and expenses were at 71.91 percent. The Committee also received information on the proposed FY20 Tuition and Fee Schedule and FY20 Expenditure Schedule. The Committee voted in support of the recommendations put forth by the administration, which will be presented to the full Board later on the agenda.

c. Institutional Advancement Committee

Committee Chair, Mr. Lipscomb, reported that the Committee received a report on the University's social media presence, which has increased in the past year. The Committee also received updates on new gift commitments, the Black and Gold Gala financial report, and the Presidential Scholarship. In addition, information was presented on upcoming alumni activities.

6. Report from the University President

6.a: Before moving on to his report, President Jenkins recognized the recent elections held by the Faculty Senate, Student Government Association, and Staff Council. He acknowledged members of each group who were present and congratulated them on the election or re-election to their respective positions.

An update was provided on the Presidential Scholarship fund and \$300,000 of the \$400,000 goal has been raised. President Jenkins thanked everyone for their contributions, with the bulk coming from alumni. He expressed appreciation for Verl and Sandra Purdy for their \$100,000 gift to the University.

The Employee Service Awards Recognition Ceremony, to be held on May 13, 2019, will honor approximately 30 employees who have served at the University for 10 to 50 years. In April, the four colleges sponsored the Human Rights Conference with support from Student Life and Engagement. More than 250 individuals participated in the two-day event, including Governor Kitty Dooley. The College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics hosted Engineering Day, where more than 65 high school and middle school students participated in various engineering activities.

The Women's Tennis team is once again Mountain East Conference (MEC) Tournament Champions, and, for the first time in program history, the team is the No. 1 seed in the Atlantic Region. It is the first time a Women's Tennis team from a MEC school has been the top seed in the Atlantic Region. The Women's Softball team sat at No. 1 in the NCAA Division II Atlantic Region rankings for the first time ever. West Virginia State University is serving as the host for three other teams as part of the NCAA Division II Softball Atlantic Region Tournament, which is another historic event for the University.

Appreciation was expressed to members of the Enrollment Management and Student Affairs team and others for their involvement in upgrading the fitness center in the University Union. A soft opening will be held on May 31, 2019. It was noted that the upgrades occurred without an increase in student fees.

6.b.i: As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee, the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies was brought before the Board for consideration. The Committee voted to recommend that the program continue at the current level of activity with increased institutional support. Dr. Smith motioned for approval by the Board of the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Sports Studies as recommended by the Committee. Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion. Discussion was held on the recommendation for increased institutional support, which was made because the program has only one tenured/tenure-track faculty position. President Jenkins said that this was previously discussed by the administration and they are committed to supporting the recommendation. The motion carried.

6.b.ii: As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee, the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Social Work was brought before the Board for consideration. The Committee voted to recommend that the last two paragraphs of the rationale for recommendation be stricken and the program continue at the current level of activity. Dr. Smith motioned for approval by the Board of the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Social Work as recommended by the Committee. Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6.b.iii: As recommended by the Academic Policy Committee, the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences was brought before the Board for consideration. The Committee voted to recommend that the program continue at the current level of activity with a follow-up report on assessment due on December 1, 2020. Dr. Smith motioned for approval

by the Board of the program review for the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences as recommended by the Committee. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6.b.iv: As recommended by the Finance Committee, the proposed Tuition and Fee Schedule for FY20 was brought before the Board for consideration. The Committee voted to recommend that the Tuition and Fee Schedule be approved as presented. Mr. Kelley so moved, and Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mrs. Pitchford moved that the motion be amended to reflect that the Tuition and Fee Schedule for FY20 includes a three percent increase for room and board and rental fees. Dr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6.b.v: As recommended by the Finance Committee, the proposed Expenditure Schedule for FY20 was brought before the Board for consideration. The Committee voted to recommend that the Expenditure Schedule be approved as presented. It was noted that the proposed Expenditure Schedule did not include an increase in tuition and fees, with the exception of the three percent increase for room and board and rental fees. Mr. Davis motioned for approval by the Board of the proposed Expenditure Schedule for FY20 as recommended by the Committee. Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

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

Mrs. Pitchford motioned for approval to go into executive session, in accordance with West Virginia Code §6-9A-4, to discuss legal, personnel, and property matters. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

A motion to arise from executive session and reconvene into the regular session was made by Mr. Kelley, and Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Lipscomb asked for the record to reflect that the Board only discussed items related to the topics listed, that no decisions were made in executive session, and no motions or votes were taken.

8. Other Matters

Prior to the Board meeting, a resolution was drafted to recognize Ms. Seawell for her service as the student representative on the Board of Governors. The resolution was read aloud and Mr. Lipscomb and President Jenkins presented a ceremonial copy of the resolution to Ms. Seawell. Ms. Seawell thanked the Board for their support. She further expressed that the experiences and opportunities she was afforded during her time on campus helped her grow in ways she never could have imagined. Mrs. Pitchford motioned for adoption of the resolution as presented, and Dr. Vaughan seconded the motion. The motion carried.


9. Next Meeting Date

June 6, 2019

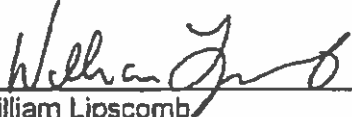
10. Adjournment

With there being no further business, Mrs. Pitchford motioned for adjournment. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the meeting adjourned at 3:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


E. Gail Pitchford
Secretary

Approved:



William Lipscomb
Chair