

Meeting Minutes
West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Erickson Alumni Center, Grand Hall
December 7, 2018
12:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Mr. Lipscomb called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked for the roll call.

Members Present: Mr. Buchanan, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Lipscomb, Mrs. Pitchford, Ms. Seawell, Dr. Smith, Mr. Swingle, and Dr. Vaughan. Mr. Williams participated by conference call.

Members Absent: Ms. Dooley

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Mr. Lipscomb verified the Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Meeting Agenda

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

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Mr. Swingle motioned for approval of the minutes of the October 25, 2018 meeting. Mr. Buchanan seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

5. Reports from the Board Committee Chairpersons

a. Academic Policies

Presiding Officer, Dr. Smith, chaired the meeting in the absence of the Committee Chair, Ms. Dooley. Dr. McMeans gave an overview of Research and Public Service, R&D Corporation audits, and the history of land-grant status. Discussion about the history of land-grant funding, as well as efforts to secure the 100 percent state match during this legislative session and potential consequences if the match not funded. Dean Carney followed with a presentation on the College of Professional Studies. The Committee discussed the program reviews for the Regents Bachelor of Arts, B.A. and International Studies, B.A...The Committee supported the recommendations of the Faculty Senate for both programs as action to the full Board. Dr. Smith thanked Dr. McMeans along with Dr. Jayasuriya and his team for their excellent presentations.

b. Audit

Committee Chair, Mrs. Pitchford, said that the Committee received a report on the audited financial statements from CliftonLarsonAllen. A summary of the report and a recommendation to the full Board will be presented.

c. Finance

Committee Chair, Mr. Kelley, reported that the Committee received the budget report through October 30, 2018. Revenue is ahead of target and expenses are below target. This is partly due to the work of the Budget Efficiency Task Force. President Jenkins said it has been a collective university effort the past couple of years to

readjust and change the culture in terms of spending and to help improve our fiscal health.

d. Institutional Advancement

Committee Chair, Mr. Lipscomb, reviewed the Committee report from Mr. Burton on fundraising efforts in Athletics, as well as other initiatives. For University Advancement, an update was provided on fundraising, number of donors, and Giving Tuesday. It was announced that the honorees for the Black and Gold Gala would be The Honorable C. Edward Gaunch, Mrs. Georgette Rashid George, and The Honorable Reggie Walton. The Committee also received a report on cultivating local alumni.

e. Presidential Review

Committee Chair, Dr. Smith, provided an overview of the Committee's work on the annual review of President Jenkins. The Committee received electronic and paper copy comments from a total of 56 students, faculty, staff, deans, alumni, community members. The Committee met several times from September to December to discuss, develop and review the feedback. A summary report will be presented during the executive session for a recommended action.

f. Recruitment and Retention

Committee Chair, Mr. Jones, reported that the Committee watched student presentations from fine arts in art and music.

6. Report from the University President

President Jenkins welcomed everyone in attendance providing updates and accomplishments by students, faculty, and administration. In November, Dr. Huber was awarded a \$595,000 research and teaching integration grant by the USDA. Dr. Fultz' work on the regional Brimhall Science Bowl, with students from 18 area high schools participated. Dr. Jayasuriya's leadership on inaugural International Festival. Dr. Jayasuriya shared highlights of the festival and photos from the event were shared with the Board. President Jenkins also thanked faculty and staff for helping serve Thanksgiving meal to students the same evening as the International Festival. Freshman Caleb Hanna from Nicholas County was elected to the House of Delegates, representing District 44. Chief Saunders received a \$75,000 total gift from Bayer CropScience for a portable digital emergency display system and stop the bleed kits designed to assist individuals in administering emergency. Congratulations were extended to Chief Saunders recently completed the Firefighter 1 Training, which made him a certified firefighter. He has currently enrolled in Firefighter 2 Training. He also completed the hazardous materials training for both awareness and operations. The University's Healthy Grandfamilies program expanded its reach into Clay and Jackson counties in 2018, with additional growth opportunities being considered in 2019. The program was developed to assist grandparents raising their grandchildren because the parents are unable to care for their children for various reasons. The program helps educate grandparents on being a parent in the 21st century.

6.a.i: President Jenkins asked Mrs. Toledo to give a presentation on the new Recovery Program. Mrs. Toledo said the University received a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Health and Human Services. She explained that a collegiate recovery program is designed to provide services to support students while they are in school and in recovery from substance abuse. We are using the Smart Recovery program that will be held weekly on

campus. Another program offered is a Beyond Addictions program to assist students who have a family or a loved one in active addiction.

President Jenkins reported that the Women's Volleyball team finished their season with a 25-10 overall record, tremendous growth from the six games won two seasons ago. The team placed fifth in the conference and advanced to the MEC tournament for the first time since 2013. Gabrielle Bullock was named MEC Freshman Volleyball Player of the Year. President Jenkins also acknowledged sophomore and football player Desmond Trogdon for being inducted into the Gamma Phi Beta National Honors Society last month. Coach Banks was congratulated for his recent induction into the South Carolina State University Hall of Fame.

Approximately 150 graduates will participate in the December 2018 commencement. The keynote speaker is WVSVU alumna the Honorable Tera Salango. Rehearsal for the platform party will be held at 4:00 p.m. or immediately following the Board's tour after the meeting. The graduate send-off reception hosted by alumni will be held this evening in the Walker Convocation Center lobby.

6.b.i: President Jenkins said, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee, he brings before the Board for consideration the program review for the Regents Bachelor of Arts. The Committee voted to approve that the program continues at the current level with the recommendations of the Faculty Senate. Dr. Smith motioned for approval by the Board of the program review for the Regents Bachelor of Arts as recommended by the Committee. Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

President Jenkins said, as recommended by the Academic Policies Committee, he brings before the Board for consideration the program review for the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies. The Committee voted to recommend that the program continues at the current level with a request that it be targeted for further development following the recommendations of the Faculty Senate. The program curriculum should be reviewed for relevancy, and a follow-up report is due by December 1, 2020. Mr. Kelley motioned for approval by the Board of the program review for the Bachelor of Arts in International Studies as recommended by the Committee. Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6.b.ii: President Jenkins introduced Chris Knopik and Daniel Persaud from CliftonLarsonAllen, who provided a financial statement audit presentation to the full Board. The presentation included an overview of the audit process, audit results, governance communication, and higher education trends. Mr. Knopik and Mr. Persaud reported that the audit results indicate the financial statement amounts are an unmodified opinion and there were no findings of non-compliance. Following Board discussion, Mrs. Pitchford motioned that the West Virginia State University Board of Governors accepts and approves the financial statements audit report as presented. Mr. Kelley seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

6.a.ii: President Jenkins called on Mr. Bailey to show the University's new commercial that is embedding our new slogan, *It Starts at STATE*, slated to air after the first of the year. President Jenkins expressed his appreciation to Mr. Bailey and our external partners for their work on the commercial.

6.b.iii: President Jenkins deferred to Dr. Smith about any recommendations from the Presidential Review Committee. Dr. Smith asked that the Board go into executive session before making a recommendation.

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

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

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

Dr. Smith stated that, the information and feedback received during the 30-day comment period, the Presidential Review Committee would like a motion for the full Board. Mr. Jones moved that the Presidential Review Committee recommends to the full Board and moves that Chairman William W. Lipscomb report to the HEPC Interim Chancellor that the annual review of Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D., President of West Virginia State University, was conducted for 2018 in accordance with BOG Policy #61 and based upon the written comments submitted anonymously by fifty-six (56) individuals comprised of BOG members, faculty, staff, students and community stakeholders of West Virginia State University, the performance of Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D. meets expectations. Mrs. Pitchford seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

8. Other Matters

No other matters were brought before the Board.

9. Next Meeting Date

February 6-7, 2019

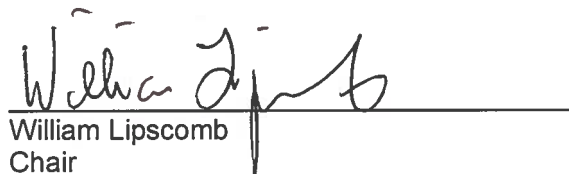
10. Adjournment

With there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


E. Gail Pitchford
Secretary

Approved:


William Lipscomb
Chair