

**Minutes**  
**West Liberty State College Board of Governors**  
**R. Emmett Boyle Conference Center**  
**Wednesday, 24 April 2002**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Board Members:** Brad Blair, Debra Boger, John Cole, Jim Frum, John Gompers, Keith Kaczor, Roseanna Keller, Larry Miller, and John Moore.

**Unable to Attend:** Derek Ennis, Dan Joseph, and Will Turani.

**Guest:** Mr. Mark Gannon, Bank One

**Administration/Faculty/Staff:** Richard Owens, Bassam Deeb, Marsha Krotseng, John McCullough, Genny McIntyre, Jody Seabright, Paula Tomasik, and Mike Turbanic.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Gompers called the meeting to order at 5:45 pm.
2. **Approval of Minutes:** Wednesday, 20 March 2002 (regular Board of Governors meeting)

**ACTION ITEM I:**

*A motion to approve the minutes was made by Larry Miller and seconded by Roseanna Keller; motion passed unanimously.*

3. **Budget, FY 2002-2003:** Mr. Turbanic distributed handouts for his presentation on the proposed budget. Some of the important points included:
  - Partial restoration of state allocation base budget of \$143,407.
  - No employee lay-offs or loss of benefit eligibility (money received in the partial restoration was used to prevent this).
  - Achieved a balanced budget for FY 2003.Dr. Owens stated that depending on state mandates, the possibility exists for mid-year adjustments that could further reduce the budget. Also, next year's budget could present an even bigger challenge, especially if enrollment drops. This situation is not unique to West Liberty and is occurring nation-wide. Several Board members (Mr. Frum, Ms. Keller, Mr. Moore) commended the hard work of the WLSC administration for their efforts in adjusting the budget, and especially preventing any employee lay-offs or loss of benefits.

**ACTION ITEM II:**

*Resolved, That the West Liberty State College Board of Governors approves the proposed budget for FY 2002-03. A motion to approve the proposed budget was made by Mr. Brad Blair and seconded by Mr. John Moore; motion passed unanimously.*

At this time, Mr. Turbanic distributed to Board members the Master Planning Update on Student Housing Final Report. Also, an announcement was made that the next Faculty Salary Policy Review Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, at 1:00 pm, in the President's Office.

4. **Presentation on Bonding:**

Mr. Blair introduced Mr. Gannon, an employee of Bank One, who has worked with many colleges and universities to secure bonding. Although, Mr. Gannon has been involved with institutions of higher learning in surrounding states, bonding is a recent development for West Virginia schools. Exploring the possibility for bonding at WLSC is the beginning of a lengthy process. Underwriters

will assess the College's income statement for affordability and income projections for the future such as raising tuition or state support. Currently, Fairmont State College is exploring the possibility of bonding and will lay the groundwork for other state institutions. Revenue sources were discussed such as parking fees, student fees, increased tuition, and Foundation contributions. The time frame for an institution such as West Liberty to secure bonding would probably take anywhere from a few months to a couple of years. The pros and cons of whether or not West Liberty should utilize the services of local banking institutions or go with a national firm were discussed. A suggestion was made to obtain an analysis from a national firm first, and if rejected, enlist the services of local banks. Mr. Blair expressed the importance of having a solid internal plan "in place" before taking any initial steps towards bonding. Currently, Mr. Gannon and Mr. Wilhelm are developing an in-depth presentation that will provide more information on the bonding issue, and Mr. Blair will ensure this information is transmitted to the Board. Mr. Frum suggested that a committee be formed to work with Mr. Blair and report its findings to the Board. Mr. Gompers appointed the following individuals to the Committee on Bonding: Brad Blair (Chairman), John Gompers, John Moore, Larry Miller, Marsha Krotseng, John McCullough, and Mike Turbanic.

5. **Proposal to Offer Honorary Degree:** Per WLSC Policy 238, "Guidelines for Honorary Degrees and Recognition," the Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee met at 9:00 am on 18 April to review the nomination of Congressman Alan B. Mollohan to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (D.H.L.) from West Liberty State College. Congressman Mollohan will be the featured speaker at the May 11 commencement ceremony. He was named primarily for his service to this district, the state of West Virginia, and as a friend to the College. Congressman Mollohan was instrumental in securing funds for the renovation of the Dental Hygiene Clinic, and he is well known for his support of technological advances for West Liberty State College. The Committee members included: Anna Lusher (elected by Faculty Senate), Anthony Salatino (elected by Council of Classified Employees), Ryan Vandegrift (elected by Student Government), Ronald Witt (Director of Alumni Association), and John McCullough (Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs). During the committee meeting, a motion to award Congressman Mollohan an honorary degree was made by Mr. Ron Witt and seconded by Mr. Anthony Salatino.

**ACTION ITEM III:**

*Resolved, That the West Liberty State College Board of Governors approves the awarding of the degree of Doctor of Humane Letters (D.H.L.) to Congressman Alan B. Mollohan at the May 11, 2002 commencement. A motion to offer the honorary degree was made by Ms. Roseanna Keller and seconded by Mr. John Cole; motion passed unanimously.*

6. **Announcements:** Mr. Gompers reminded Board members that commencement is scheduled for May 11, at 11:00 am. All participating Board members are to arrive in the President's Office by 10:30 am.
7. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:38 pm.

John E. Gompers

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Chair

Debra Boger

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Secretary

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**Next Scheduled Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 12**