

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
May 24, 2017**

Executive Committee Members Present: Les DeFelice, Jim Stultz

WLU Administrators: Stephen Greiner, Brian Crawford, John McCullough, Scott Cook, Roberta Linger, Diana Harto

Others: John Gompers

1. Mr. DeFelice called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Diana Harto reported on recent legislative changes related to Human Resources, including HB 2815 and HB 2542. As a result of these changes, Marshall, WVU, and WVSOM are exempt from HEPC rules. The BOGs of other state institutions, including WLU, can create their own HR policies to replace those of HEPC. HB 2542 eliminates many of the HR issues that were previously of concern. There was discussion of the possibility of creating new board policies as needed.
3. Mr. Cook gave an enrollment update. As of today, fall enrollment numbers are up and other indicators are showing positive trends.
4. President Greiner presented information on the following:
 - a. A request for a gas line easement has been received. The location of the proposed pipeline is at the far side of the 200-acre property farthest from the campus. There was discussion of the proposal, its location, and the amount of compensation offered. The company has been invited to present to the Board at the 14 June meeting.
 - b. The Technology Infrastructure contract has been awarded and the project is scheduled to kick off today.
 - c. The selection of an architectural firm for the TTL project is ongoing. Because of complications with the process related to state rules, Mr. Gompers suggested starting over with a new Expression of Interest document. Permission to undertake this project will be requested at the HEPC meeting on 23 June.
 - d. The Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences and Humanities are being merged effective 1 July.
 - e. Permission for a Performance Contract will be requested from HEPC at their 23 June meeting.
 - f. WLU Connect is now functional. The webpage was displayed and there was discussion of the number of WLU alumni and best methods for maintaining communication with them.
5. The election of BOG officers was discussed. Mr. DeFelice appointed Mr. Stultz as Chair of the Nominating Committee and named Mr. Ford and Mr. Haizlett as members.
6. The tentative schedule of BOG meetings for 2017-18 was reviewed. There were no suggestions for changes. The schedule will be presented to the full Board for approval.

7. Ms. Linger presented an FY17 budget status update. Revenue is running slightly ahead of projections. Expenses are trending close to target and it is expected that we will end the year with a balanced budget.
8. President Greiner reported that he still hopes to be able to provide the already-approved pay raise for employees after the end of the fiscal year. The raise would likely take effect in September. It is dependent on having funds remaining from the FY17 budget.
9. Dr. Crawford reported that the annual Graduate Degree Report will be prepared for the full Board meeting.
10. The President reported that the Alumni Park renovations are underway. The alumni names from the “pyramids” have been moved to the breezeway. A fire pit with seating and landscaping will be in place by fall.
11. Renovations in Boyd and Rogers Halls are ongoing. All of Boyd and two floors of Rogers will be fully occupied in the fall.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.

Leslie DeFelice _____
Chair

James R. Stultz _____
Secretary