

**West Liberty University  
Board of Governors**

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**Minutes  
April 5, 2017**

Attendance:

Jack Adams, Reid Boden, Les DeFelice, Cindy Fluharty, Patrick Ford, Jim Haizlett, Rich Lucas, Jim Stultz, Teresa Toriseva, Rhonda Tysk, Kris Williams

Unable to Attend:

Joe Carey

Administration/Faculty/Staff:

Scott Cook, Brian Crawford, Mary Ann Edwards, Steve Greiner, Diana Harto, Ben Howlett, Jason Kogler, Roberta Linger, John McCullough, Ron Witt, Maureen Zambito

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum and Mission Statement**

Chair DeFelice called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and a quorum was established.

**II. Introductions**

Chair DeFelice continued with congratulations to Pat Ford, who was recently named Small Business Champion of the Year for the State of West Virginia. He also welcomed recently appointed men's head basketball coach Ben Howlett. Ben came to West Liberty as a student player and returned as assistant coach. Newly appointed Board member Teresa Toriseva was also introduced, who then gave a brief background on her area of expertise.

**III. Public Comment**

None

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

**A. Minutes of the Full Board of February 1, 2017\***

**On motion by Kris Williams and seconded by Reid Boden, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the full Board of February 1, 2017.**

**B. Minutes of the Executive Committee of February 23 and March 22, 2017\***

**On motion by Jim Haizlett and seconded by Rhonda Tysk, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee of February 23 and March 22, 2017.**

**V. Agenda Order**

No changes to the agenda order.

**VI. Board Items**

**A. Approval of Program Reviews\***

The Board of Governors was asked to approve the five-year program review for the following degree programs and recommend continuation of the programs at the current level of activity:

- Master of Arts in Education (M.A.Ed.)
- Social Work

**On motion by Pat Ford and seconded by Kris Williams, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the program review recommendations.**

**B. College of Education Name Change\***

Pursuant to Board of Governors Policy No. 5, Naming or Renaming of Buildings or Organizational Units, the Board of Governors is asked to approve the name change of the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Performance.

**On motion by Jim Stultz and seconded by Kris Williams, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the name change of the College of Education to the College of Education and Human Performance, effective July 1, 2017.**

**C. Relocation of Academic Program – Information Item**

Pursuant to BOG Policy 4-2.2, effective July 1, 2017, the Psychology Program will be relocated to the College of Sciences. The request was made by the Dean of the College of Liberal Arts, having been initiated by the faculty of the program, with the approval of the Dean of the College of Sciences.

**D. Track/Soccer Field\***

**On motion by Kris Williams and seconded by Reid Boden, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to move forward with the construction of the track/soccer field through all legal channels necessary to finalize this process.**

**E. Ratification of Oil, Gas and Mineral Lease\***

The lease comes to WLU as a result of a search conducted by Noble Energy, on property owned by W.E. Pierce, Helen Elbin's father. This lease will release a royalty check being held in suspension by Noble Energy.

**On motion by Jack Adams and seconded by Jim Stultz, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to authorize the President of the University to initiate all actions and execute all documents and instruments to carry into effect the finalization of the terms of said lease.**

**F. Policies for Approval for 30-Day Comment\***

The Board of Governors was asked to authorize a 30-day period during which campus constituencies may review and comment on the following revised Board policies:

1. Policy 11 – Employment Hiring
2. Policy 27 – Order of Responsibility
3. Policy 57 – Discipline and Separation from Employment

**On motion by Jim Haizlett and seconded by Rich Lucas, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the dissemination of the stated policies to constituent groups for 30-day review and comment.**

**G. Honorary Degree Approval\***

**On motion by Cindy Fluharty and seconded by Teresa Toriseva, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to authorize the conferral of an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (DHL) degree from West Liberty University at the May 2017 commencement to Glenn F. Elliott, Jr., Mayor of Wheeling.**

**H. Expansion of Metro Rate\***

**On motion by Reid Boden and seconded by Rhonda Tysk, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the new Metro Rate counties of Richland and Ashland, Ohio beginning with the 2018-19 academic year as stipulated.**

**I. FY 2018 Budget/Tuition & Fees\***

Information was distributed to the Board members by Ms. Linger, and a lengthy discussion followed with regard to the various budget scenarios. Several budget options were prepared in order to have the best fit when the final State budget is decided upon by the Governor. Suggestions were made for the FY 2019 budget process and access by Board members to more in-depth budget materials.

**On motion by Jack Adams and seconded by Jim Stultz, the West Liberty University Board of Governors approved option "C" of the Fiscal Year 2018 budget and the tuition and fees as presented; one member was opposed.**

## **VII. Reports**

### **A. Chair of the Board of Governors (DeFelice)**

None

### **B. Provost Update (Crawford)**

Dr. Crawford stated that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) had a small team on campus a few weeks ago looking at the Masters in Biology Program. The visit went well, and we should receive a report in the near future. There are a number of program accreditation visits next year, including the National Association of Schools of Music, the American Society of Exercise Physiologists, the Commission on Dental Accreditation, and the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation.

Dr. Melinda Kreisberg, Jon Serra, and Sara Sweeney just returned from Chicago, attending the annual HLC conference and brought back a lot of information that will be helpful for WLU's next 10-year authorization. There will be a liaison visit in October, and they will attend the Board meeting that month and a site visit in March 2018.

The Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology and Master of Science in Dental Hygiene will go to the HLC for final approval over the summer.

The new Dean in the College of Liberal Arts is Dr. Gerard NeCastro, and the internal search is ongoing for the Dean for the College of Arts and Communication. Dr. Scott Glysson, Director of Choral Activities, has resigned and a search started this afternoon. Dr. Keely Camden has resigned, leaving for Carlow University in Pittsburgh. We will most likely have an interim dean in the College of Education to serve next year.

### **C. Enrollment Update (Cook)**

Mr. Cook distributed enrollment information, reviewing various figures for spring and summer 2017, along with fall 2017 new-student application update.

### **D. WLU Connect (Witt)**

Mr. Witt presented a brief background on the Alumni Association in recent years and ideas on reconnecting with this group. We are in the process of rolling out WLUCONNECT, with the emphasis on "U." Students will finally see real value added to the Forever Hilltopper fee. Rather than charge a one-time \$150 fee, we are going to charge \$25 per student per semester to help cover the annual cost of the program. The program will allow a funding stream for scholarships, additional program support for the student body, mentoring, career advising, and other initiatives. The launch of the program will be in approximately six weeks.

### **E. SGA Update (Boden)**

Mr. Boden noted that the SGA elections were held today and he ran unopposed; Adam Croasmun is the newly elected Vice President.

Two buses for the trip to New York City sold out in an hour and one-half, and permission was given for a third bus, which sold out just as quickly. Greek organizations have many activities coming up on campus; an ALS event, Autism awareness, an ASPCA fundraiser, among others.

As part of the Sustainability Committee, he was able to visit Chatham University's branch campus in Pittsburgh to explore sustainability and green resource options for WLU. Mr. Boden thanked everyone on the Board for communicating with the students, who are very aware of what is going on at the state level at this time and appreciate the honest feedback.

## **VIII. President's Report**

Dr. Greiner stated that the first-ever "Day of Giving" was a great success and thanked Mr. Lucas and Main Street Bank for their generosity and support. WLU was able to raise over \$30,000 in a 24-hour period.

The Community University program had its largest participation in history this semester with over 90 individuals enrolled in classes.

Sixteen students attended the Undergraduate Research Day held at the Capitol, along with several of their professors.

Dr. Greiner had previously distributed a handout at the BOG Executive Committee meeting dealing with performance contracting. This is a program WLU is looking at to save on utility costs without spending a lot ourselves. An RFP is being prepared to go out for bid. A brief discussion followed on the advantages of performance contracting.

A Mutual Assistance Agreement was signed with the Town of West Liberty and the WLU Police Department. A discussion followed on what the agreement entails for the town and campus police.

Later this month an RFP will be ready for a new apartment complex on campus. This RFP will be for an architect to design the structure and depending on whether we get a loan or private financing for the structure, will be brought back to the Board to make a decision on where we go next.

Boyd and Rogers Halls have been shut down, but this year we are going to open them back up. Boyd is being repainted and cleaned-up and will be marketed as guaranteed single rooms for students. Knowing that these rooms do not have air conditioning and still have a community bath, students can sign up for these rooms at the greatly reduced price of a double. 110 students are signed up to date. Approval for a new building will be based on current residence halls being filled.

The Great Gala will be held on Saturday, April 22, 2017 with a Hawaiian theme for the evening.

Mr. Haizlett stated that this is the 17<sup>th</sup> year for MADFEST, which has grown to be a premier event. It will be held this Friday, all day long, with competitions and awards being presented at 10:00 a.m. in College Hall. High school students from the tristate area will be attending with four different artists from around the country presenting their work.

**IX. Finance Report**

None

**X. Information Gathering**

None

**XI. Possible Executive Session**

None

**XII. Actions Emanating from Executive Session**

None

**XIII. Next Meeting Date – June 14, 2017**

**XIV. Adjournment**

**On motion made by Reid Boden and seconded by Jim Stultz, it was unanimously agreed by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.**

Leslie DeFelice \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

James R. Stultz \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary