

Minutes
West Liberty State College Board of Governors
Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park
Friday, 26 October 2001

ATTENDANCE:

Board Members: Brad Blair, Debra Boger (by telephone), John Cole, Jim Frum, John Gompers, Dan Joseph, Keith Kaczor, Roseanna Keller, Larry Miller, John Moore, and Will Turani.

Unable to Attend: Derek Ennis.

WLSC Administrative Staff: Marsha Krotseng.

WLSC Presidential Search Committee: Emmett Boyle (by telephone), Allison Adler, Jody Seabright, and Angie Steele.

Guest: Elliott Hicks, representative for the WV Higher Education Policy Commission.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman John Gompers called the meeting to order at 8:05 am. He welcomed Mr. Elliott Hicks, the official representative of the WV Higher Education Policy Commission.
2. **WLSC Compact Approval:** Dr. Krotseng briefly presented the West Liberty State College *Compact* which must be forwarded to Charleston to meet the November 1, 2001, reporting deadline. This update does not include any substantial changes from the document originally approved by the Board and the Higher Education Policy Commission in April of this year.

ACTION ITEM I:

Resolved, That the West Liberty State College Board of Governors approves the West Liberty State College Compact and Compact Action Plan for transmission to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission by November 1. Motion to approve was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mr. Blair; motion passed unanimously.

3. **Commencement Participation:** Given the new role that the Board has assumed in governing West Liberty State College since July 1, Chairman Gompers proposed the possibility that Board members could play a more visible part in the December and May commencement ceremonies. Dr. Krotseng will follow up with all Board members concerning their availability to participate in the upcoming December 15 commencement.
4. **Questions for Finalists:** Chairman Gompers reviewed with the Board the questions that will be posed to the finalists for the Presidency of West Liberty State College.
5. **Policy 2: Presidential Appointments, Responsibilities, and Evaluation:** One of the many former state-level policies that will now be the responsibility of the local Board of Governors is the policy relating to "Presidential Appointments, Responsibilities, and Evaluation." The proposed policy, modeled closely after Series 59 of the former State College System Board of Directors, was reviewed with the Board. Prior to final adoption of this policy, it must be disseminated to constituent (faculty, staff, and student) groups for comment. The policy will be acted upon at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting following a 30-day comment period.

ACTION ITEM II:

Resolved, That the West Liberty State College Board of Governors approves the dissemination of Policy 2 regarding "Presidential Appointments, Responsibilities, and Evaluation" to constituent groups for comment. Motion to approve by Ms. Keller and seconded by Mr. Kaczor; motion passed unanimously.

6. **Possible Executive Session:** A motion was made by Mr. Moore that would permit Ms. Seabright to remain in the room during the possible Executive Session of the Board, and it was seconded by Mr. Frum; motion approved.

A motion was made by Mr. Frum that the Board enter into Executive Session under West Virginia Code 6-9A-4 subsection b-2-A, and it was seconded by Mr. Cole; motion approved.

Following discussion, Dr. Joseph made a motion for the Board to rise from Executive Session, and seconded by Mr. Blair; motion approved.

7. **Action Resulting from Executive Session:** The following resolution was proposed by Dr. Joseph, and seconded by Mr. Blair.

ACTION ITEM III:

Resolved, That the West Liberty State College Board of Governors approves the appointment of Dr. Richard H. Owens as President of West Liberty State College effective December 31, 2001, at an annual salary of \$132,000 and subject to the terms and conditions discussed in Executive Session. The Board delegates to the Chair the authority to enter into a contract with Dr. Owens on behalf of the full Board.

The motion was approved unanimously with the full concurrence of Mr. Hicks. Mr. Gompers reported that Dr. Owens has agreed to the terms of the contract as presented. Board members congratulated and welcomed Dr. Owens as the 31st President of West Liberty State College.

8. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Blair, and seconded by Mr. Cole; meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

John E. Gompers

Chair

Debra Boger

Secretary