

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Minutes
November 30, 2016**

Attendance:

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

Unable to Attend:

Joe Carey

Administration/Faculty/Staff:

Scott Cook, Brian Crawford, Mary Ann Edwards, John Gompers, Steve Greiner, Jason Koegler,
Roberta Linger, John McCullough, Sylvia Senften, Ron Witt

- 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**
None
- III. **Public Comment**
None
- IV. **Agenda Order (Board may move to change order of consideration)**
No changes to the agenda order.
- V. **Approval of Minutes**
 - A. **Minutes of the Full Board October 5, 2016***
On motion by Kris Williams and seconded by Patrick Ford, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the full Board of October 5, 2016.
 - B. **Minutes of the Executive Committee November 16, 2016***
On motion by Kris Williams and seconded by Patrick Ford, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee of November 16, 2016.
- VI. **Board Items for Approval**
 - A. **Honorary Degrees***
On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to confer an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters (DHL) degree from West Liberty University at the December 2016 commencement to Christina Fisanick Greer, and an honorary Bachelor of Science in Exercise Physiology degree from West Liberty University to Kylie D. Clark.
 - B. **Approval of Proposed Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology***
Dr. Crawford referenced the proposal contained in the packet, noting this is a sizeable program in terms of credit hours; there are a significant number of hours in clinical necessary for licensure. West Virginia is one of two states to grant a person a license to practice with only a masters.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the proposed Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology program.

C. Approval of Proposed BA/BS to BSN*

Dr. Crawford stated that this is a new major that fits within the current Nursing BSN program. It is a recruiting tool designed to streamline the process for those who have graduated to return to school and become a nurse.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the proposed BA/BS to BSN major.

D. Approval of Proposed Human Biology – MSPAS 3+2 Major*

Dr. Crawford stated that this is a new major within the Biology Program that was put together in collaboration with the Master of Science and PA Study Program. This will enable top quality students to go from entry as a freshmen in the Biology Program to completion of the PA Program in five years. 3+2 programs are becoming very popular and attract very good students. A brief discussion followed with regard to academic requirements.

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the proposed Human Biology – MSPAS 3+2 major.

VII. Rules

None

VIII. President's Report

President Greiner noted that the number of Elbin Scholars is at an all-time high of 135 students. There are a record 297 additional students enrolled in the University's Scholars Program, including Presidential Scholars and Foundation Scholars.

Governor Tomblin announced a mid-year 2% budget cut, which will be discussed in the finance report. WLU's required paperwork in regard to the cut has already been submitted.

We continue to look at new housing opportunities with focus on two areas; renovating an old facility that is in great condition and structurally sound, Boyd Hall, and also looking at repairs in Rogers Hall, which has plumbing issues, as a building to reuse. There is also the potential for new construction, with a lot of ongoing discussion about building a modern apartment complex on campus through a public/private partnership.

At the last Board meeting, a request was approved for the reallocation of the remaining \$836,000 from the 2012 bond proceeds on Campbell Hall to be used for technology infrastructure. At the November 18, 2016 meeting of the HEPC, attended by Roberta Linger and Dr. Greiner, this request was approved. A bid proposal is being put together to go out, and the rebuilding of the technology infrastructure should begin in the spring.

The newly elected Chair of the WLU Foundation Board is David Croft, who has currently been serving on the Foundation Board.

Fall 2016 commencement will be held Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 a.m. The guest speaker is Dr. Christina Fisanick Greer.

A special graduation ceremony was held this week for a young lady, a softball player, who has terminal cancer. She was within her final semester of completing a degree in Exercise Physiology at WLU. The ceremony was standing-room only and appreciated by the family of Kylie Clark.

Kathleen Wack was named 2016 Healthy School Hero for her work with area schools on health, fitness, and nutrition. This is a national award with only twelve national Heroes selected.

The WLU women's soccer team came within a penalty-kick shootout of a near-upset in the semifinal round of the Mountain East Conference Tournament.

IX. Finance Report

Ms. Linger noted the mid-year budget cut of 2% announced by Governor Tomblin, giving a dollar amount of \$159,127. WLU anticipated a possible mid-year cut and was prepared. The financial status is still good and a positive number with revenue remains, all while taking into consideration the impact of the FLSA ruling and pay raises proposed for the beginning of January 2017.

Dr. Greiner stated he would like to offer a 1% pay raise effective January 7, 2017, to all employees, with the exception of adjunct and any staff hired after June 30, 2016. In addition, because of the recent FLSA ruling, we moved forward with salary adjustments for some people. Those who received an adjustment, equal or greater than 1%, will not receive the 1% increase. The total cost, including benefits, would be \$139,000. In addition, the intent of this request is to give another 1% pay raise effective July 8, 2017, which is the first day of the full pay period for fiscal year 17-18.

On motion made by Rich Lucas and seconded by Kris Williams, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the proposed pay raises as stated above.

X. Reports

A. Chair of the Board of Governors (DeFelice)

None

B. Enrollment Update (Cook)

Mr. Cook stated that a successful campus recruiting program has wrapped up for the fall. There is an 11% increase in new student enrollment and it hasn't slowed down. Attending three separate recruiting events on campus were 84, 100+, and 48 families. Currently there is a 5.7% increase in spring 2017 registration. Summer 2017 registration is up for the first two summer terms; the third summer term is for PA students only.

C. SGA Update (Boden)

Mr. Boden started SGA activities in the summer with two truckloads full of items for flood relief in southern WV. Students from the flooded areas were very appreciative of the efforts. The next challenge was working with Dr. Greiner on the credit-hour overage charge being eliminated for students. Returning students were very excited to hear about the elimination of the charge and thanked the Board and Dr. Greiner for their support.

A very successful Topperfest was held with much appreciation going to Kate Billings, Campus Activities Coordinator. Homecoming on campus was also a huge success with thanks once again going to Dr. Greiner, Ron Witt, Jason Koegler, and Scott Cook for their support. Winterfest, along with men's and women's basketball games, will be held tonight. Winterfest encourages students to participate in holiday activities.

A student section has been established, and ideas for themes will be planned for home basketball games. There is also work being done on creating half-time activities, such as half-court shot competition, etc. Overall student participation so far this year has been up; there seems to be an air of a new era, creating a lot of student enthusiasm.

Next semester, SGA is working on a bus trip to either Washington, DC or New York City. They will also make an effort and reach out to and try to collaborate with Bethany College and their student government organization. The goal is for the two groups to share ideas and see where things go from there. A brief discussion followed regarding campus events during the cold weather.

XI. Information Gathering

None

XII. Possible Executive Session

None

XIII. Actions Emanating From executive Session

None

XIV. Next Meeting Date – February 1, 2017

XV. Adjournment

On motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

Leslie DeFelice _____
Chair

James R. Stultz _____
Secretary