

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Minutes
October 3, 2018**

Attendance:

Jack Adams, Cindy Fluharty, Patrick Ford, Jim Haizlett, Rich Lucas, Zachary Rhodes, Rhonda Tysk, Kris Williams

Unable to Attend:

Joe Carey, Teresa Toriseva

Administration/Faculty/Staff:

Scott Cook, Mary Ann Edwards, Steve Greiner, Diana Harto, Jason Koegler, Roberta Linger, John McCullough, Joe Montemurro, Gerard NeCastro, Sara Sweeney, Ron Witt, Angie Zambito

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

Chair Ford called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and a quorum was established.

II. Introductions

Mr. Koegler noted that an interactive LED screen was donated by Main Street Bank to be hung in the ASRC arena. The screen will not only be a great addition for sporting events, but also for commencement and other presentations held in the arena.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Agenda Order

No change to agenda order.

V. Approval of Minutes

A. Minutes of the Full Board August 22, 2018*

On motion by Kris Williams and seconded by Rhonda Tysk, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the full Board of August 22, 2018.

B. Minutes of the Executive Committee September 19, 2018*

On motion by Kris Williams and seconded by Rich Lucas, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to table approval of minutes until the November 28, 2018 meeting.

Chair Ford noted that he received a letter of resignation from Jim Stultz, leaving the position of Vice Chair to the Board of Governors vacant. He then asked for a motion to fill the position of Vice Chair with a nomination for Kris Williams.

On motion by Cindy Fluharty and seconded by Jim Haizlett, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to appoint Kris Williams as Vice Chair of the West Liberty University Board of Governors.

Chair Ford noted that with the appointment of Kris Williams as Vice Chair, this leaves the position of Secretary to the Board of Governors vacant. He then asked for a motion to fill the position of Secretary with a nomination for Jack Adams.

On motion by Rich Lucas and seconded by Jim Haizlett, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to appoint Jack Adams as Secretary of the West Liberty University Board of Governors.

VI. Board Items

A. Department of Criminal Justice & Criminology*

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 creation of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology.

On motion by Jim Haizlett and seconded by Cindy Fluharty, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the creation of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, effective January 1, 2019.

VII. Reports

A. Chair of the Board of Governors (Ford)

None.

B. Provost (Crawford)

None.

C. Enrollment Update (Cook)

Mr. Cook distributed an enrollment report to the group. The current overall headcount is 2,525 students, an increase of 3.2% (67 students). Many student categories are tracked, with Mr. Cook giving an overview of approximately half of these categories. We will continue to see a decline in high school students in WV. There are 1,120 students living in residence halls, an increase of 6% (69 students). Every residence hall is at 100% occupancy.

D. Student Government (Rhodes)

Mr. Rhodes noted that Topperfest was better attended this year, attributing this to more use of social media to distribute information. Fall elections were held with six new senators elected; there are still some slots to fill in the coming months. Updating of the Constitution has cleared up some confusion with some work still being done on the Bylaws. The funding process for the fall is being wrapped up with the hopes of fostering more campus events.

Mr. Rhodes introduced Anna Malone, Student Government Vice President, who gave an update on homecoming events. The theme this year is Candy Land, with serenades Monday, community service with homecoming candidates Tuesday, voting and other events on Wednesday, paint and sit on Thursday, and decorate on Friday. Homecoming will be held on October 20th, with the dance from 10:00 p.m. – 2:00 a.m.

VIII. President's Report

Dr. Greiner gave a review of many campus projects, including a brief presentation on R&D Holdings recent purchase of the property across from the main entrance to campus. Their plan is to have three buildings of two bedroom apartments up by August 2019 with 72 beds total. They have requested an easement on our property to have entry to a parking lot behind the buildings. We are willing to discuss an easement if they will put in a sidewalk from their parking lot and lighted steps down to the street, as well as a sidewalk in front of the buildings, so our students no longer have to walk Route 88. Chair Ford asked for a motion to permit Dr. Greiner to move forward with negotiations with R&D Holdings on this project.

On motion by Jack Adams and seconded by Kris Williams, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to permit Dr. Greiner to move forward with R&D Holdings on the above mentioned project.

A brief slide presentation was then given by Dr. Greiner showing growth and funding over the years at the University. Dr. Greiner's goal is to get the funding information into the hands of the local Legislators.

Dr. Greiner continued with a review of future graduate programs, closing on the property up town and many campus projects. A brief discussion followed with regard to the state-wide youth law enforcement camp, which is going to be moved to WLU this summer. This is a huge youth camp with police officers, sheriff's officers, and state troopers from all over the state, along with students from all counties, on WLU's campus.

On October 23rd the 61st Annual Tri-State Tax Seminar will be held at The Highlands Center. This event was held for many years at Wheeling Jesuit University. Jason Kogler and David Croft worked out this change of location to WLU. Attorneys and accountants from West Virginia, Ohio, and Pennsylvania can register to attend to earn continuing education credits.

At the request of the Board, sensitivity training sessions have been set up for faculty and staff, to be held October 29 and 30. Online registrations are quickly filling up all available sessions.

IX. Finance Report

Ms. Linger reported on the quarter ending 09/30/18, where we've collected 45.6% of revenue budgeted, which includes one allotment of the state appropriation, which we do not receive all at once. The allotment is quarterly and to date has been around 20% each quarter. On the expense side we are running around 27% for the personal services, with everything else running as expected. Other expenses are running below last year at this time.

X. Information Gathering

Mr. Ford noted that he would like to see a report on all of the construction projects at future meetings.

Ms. Zambito-Hill stated that the Foundation is closing out their first quarter in fundraising nearing \$500,000 already without any of the big appeals. There will be a mailing later this week for the first appeal. A second day of giving will be added on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving; Dr. McCullough will be matching the first \$5,000 in donations. October 19th is the recognition dinner at the Highlands Event Center, which also includes the Wall of Honor Induction ceremony. This year's inductees are Dr. Anissa Anderson, David Croft, and Dr. Zac Loughman. Dr. Greiner stated that Dr. Loughman's work, for the second time, will be featured in *National Geographic* in the near future.

Mr. Haizlett stated that the campus police presence is everywhere, very professional and makes the campus feel safe. It appears we have a group who can handle campus situations. Dr. Greiner noted that Ohio County deputies also periodically stops through and walks around campus. WLU has an agreement with the Town of West Liberty for coverage throughout the area.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made and was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Patrick B. Ford _____
Chair

Jack Adams _____
Secretary