

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
September 19, 2018**

Executive Committee Members Present: Patrick Ford, Kris Williams

WLU Administrators: Scott Cook, Brian Crawford, Stephen Greiner, Roberta Linger

Others: Jack Adams

1. Chair Ford called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. President Greiner reported on several items:
 - a. Mr. Cook provided an enrollment update. Enrollment is up 2% overall and housing occupancy is up 6%. Credit for the housing increase is given to the move to single rooms. There was some discussion of future trends in regional high school graduation numbers and efforts to maintain enrollment.
 - b. There was some discussion of plans to develop new programs at both the graduate and undergraduate levels.
 - c. The President announced that, at the request of the Board, the state's Director of EEO will be coming to campus in late October to provide training related on workplace sensitivity, working environment, bullying and other related topics. Multiple sessions will be offered and will be mandatory for staff and faculty. Separate training for Board members is also an option and could be provided in conjunction with an upcoming board meeting. This will be discussed further at the full Board meeting.
 - d. The Governor's office has still not provided approval of Rich Lucas' reappointment or responded to the nomination of Mr. DeFelice's replacement. We now have an additional vacancy created by the resignation of Mr. Stultz. Current Board member Mr. Carey must complete training before September 21st in order to remain on the Board.
 - e. The closing on the bond issue is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. today.
 - f. The closing on the property north of campus is scheduled for September 25th. As Mr. Ford will not be available for that event, a motion was made, seconded, and approved to allow either President Greiner or Mr. Adams to sign on his behalf.
 - g. An invoice has been received from the attorney who conducted the investigation relative to the personnel matter discussed at the last Board meeting. The investigation report draft will be available soon.
 - h. President Greiner will be meeting with representatives from R&D Holdings this morning at 10:00, to receive information on the company's plan to build additional housing across the street.
 - i. Mr. Ford was invited to attend and speak with Faculty Senate at one of their upcoming meetings.
 - j. Drilling is to begin on the Reeves County, Texas property. Forms relative to the distribution of royalties have been received and were signed by Mr. Ford.
 - k. The latest U.S. News & World Report rankings have been released and WLU has moved up to #6 among public colleges in the south. We remain the highest rated regional public university in WV.
 - l. WLU was recently ranked #41 among the top 50 most affordable colleges and universities in the U.S.
3. Ms. Linger gave a budget update. At this point, all indicators are on track for FY19.
4. President Greiner gave an overview of the bond issue, which will be finalized at the closing this afternoon. Initial steps have been taken on the work to be done in Arnett and Campbell Halls using funding from this issue.
5. Dr. Crawford provided background information on the creation of the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology. This will be an action item on the Board agenda.

6. President Greiner gave an update relative to a 2014 injury lawsuit filed by a student. WLU is now engaged in a related lawsuit against Hartford Insurance. Teresa Toriseva was contacted by our insurance company's counsel to provide legal services related to this case without knowing that she is a Board member. As there is a possible conflict of interest in this arrangement, the state Ethics Commission has been asked to review the situation. The Executive Committee supports the recommendation of the insurance counsel pending approval by the Ethics Commission.
7. There was further discussion of the Board vacancies.
8. There was some further discussion regarding the plans of R&D Holdings, including a possible request that they include a walkway to connect a crosswalk from campus to the university-owned restaurant property behind their new development.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

Patrick Ford

Chair

Kristina Williams

Secretary