

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
August 5, 2020**

Executive Committee Members Present: Jack Adams, Rich Lucas, Kris Williams

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

1. Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. President Greiner gave an update on candidates for BOG positions. Jack Adams and Richard Carter have been reappointed. Two candidates, Michael Baker and Jamie Evick have been approved by the Governor's Office but two others, Ron Scott and Joelle Moray were not approved. Two other individuals have been suggested as possibilities. There was some discussion and it was decided that the Executive Committee will seek out more possible candidates before the full board meeting. If the two new approved members are available for the August 19th meeting they can be sworn in then.
3. A representative from CMTA will call in to the August 19th BOG meeting to provide update on the lighting project.
4. Ms. Linger provided an update on year-end numbers for the FY20 budget. She reported that we generated 97.2% of expected revenue. Graduate tuition exceeded the budgeted amount while undergraduate tuition and room and board were slightly under what was expected. Expenses were lower than would otherwise have been the case as there was less spending in the last quarter while the campus was closed. Overall there was a slightly positive balance at the end of the fiscal year. In large part this was due to CARES Act funding, which allowed us to reimburse ourselves for room and board refunds. Spending against the FY21 budget is limited at this point, as there is considerable uncertainty about what the coming months will bring
5. Mr. Cook gave an enrollment update. He reported that there are currently 2,212 students registered, which is a 1.5% increase over this time last year. He reported that the demand for student housing is stronger than expected and, because most students on-campus students have been provided single rooms, there are almost 100 on the wait list at this time. There have been negotiations with Oglebay, which has agreed to provide extra housing in the Chalet and one wing of the Lodge, as necessary.
6. Dr. Crawford provided an update on academic preparations for instruction for the fall semester. Classroom instruction will include expanded use of technology so that students can participate in many classes in-seat or remotely.
7. President Greiner provided a report on the following items:
 - a. The start of the fall semester is still planned for August 17th. Students have begun to move belongings into the dorms on a staggered schedule.
 - b. COVID-19 testing. The Governor changed his approach recently from targeted to mass testing. When testing was first directed by the Governor there was no plan established at the state level. We originally thought we could count on Wheeling Hospital as a possible testing provider, however they no longer have the resources to help. The Governor has now said that local health departments will conduct the testing. The Ohio County Director initially balked at this, but now is making arrangements. Based on recommendations from the county health director, we asked students, staff and faculty to get tested before arrival. Now, the health director says that all testing must be done on campus. He will be

on campus today and will be asked again to reconsider this stance, as a significant number of individuals have already arranged to be tested privately in the last few days. The Governor is expected to make a major announcement related to education today, although it is unknown what this might be.

- c. There has been a request made by a parent to expand our metro rate into Prince Georges County, Maryland: Currently, five Maryland counties that border West Virginia have been approved for the metro rate. Prince Georges County does not border West Virginia and we currently have nine students from there. This action is not recommended at this time and the item will not be brought to the full board for consideration.
- d. Athletics: The NCAA Board held a meeting on fall championships yesterday and an announcement is expected today. The MEC has made no decision other than to delay the start of fall sports to October 1st and is waiting for the NCAA announcement before making any other changes.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36am.

Richard Lucas

Chair

Jack Adams

Secretary