

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
January 30, 2025**

In Attendance: Tom Cervone, Rich Lucas, David McKinley

Others in Attendance: Tim Borchers, Cyndi Galloway, Jacob Manning

Unable to Attend: Mike Baker

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 AM

1. Approval of Minutes-December 5, 2024

On motion by Tom Cervone and seconded by Rich Lucas, the West Liberty University Executive Committee unanimously approved the minutes of December 5, 2025.

2. External Funding Update-Dr. Borchers

Listening sessions have been held with faculty and staff to gather ideas for external funding initiatives. Legislative representatives met on campus last night to discuss potential funding opportunities. Four state legislators discussed topics such as deferred maintenance, PEIA, the funding formula, and various funding proposals.

Additional discussions focused on congressional-directed funding opportunities, including potential support from Senator Capito's office, Riley Moore, and Senator Justice. Dr. Borchers will be traveling to Washington, D.C., next week to meet with these representatives and explore potential projects of interest while strengthening relationships. He also reviewed key ideas that could be proposed for funding.

A discussion took place regarding state appropriations and how they are calculated. Additionally, the university is in the process of hiring an architect of record to provide accurate cost estimates for necessary campus repairs. A realistic timeline for these projects will be developed based on available funding.

Tom expressed willingness to collaborate with a committee and the Foundation on fundraising efforts for the Theater's needs.

3. State Updates-Jacob Manning

Jacob provided an update on recent executive orders issued by the Governor. The Governor has issued eight executive orders, and the university is currently working with HEPC on a few of them. HEPC has requested updates on the following topics:

1. A review of large expenditures from the last fiscal year.
2. Identifying government waste and inefficiencies.
3. Compliance with the Governor's executive order on DEI. WLU is already in compliance with the order, as current programs and opportunities align with its requirements. The university does not use state funding for DEI positions and is not currently doing so.

Some of these topics may arise during the legislative session in the spring.

Tom inquired about the impact of the executive order on LGBTQ+ events on campus. It was clarified that the order does not require the elimination of any current programming. LGBTQ+ events are student-run and student-organized, meaning they do not fall under the order's restrictions. At this time, no events have been identified that would need to be discontinued.

4. Discussion of agenda items for the upcoming BOG Meeting

- a. The May Commencement Speaker should be included on the February Agenda.
- b. No additional items were raised from sub-committee meetings this week.
- c. Brief discussion took place about the presidential evaluation process. On campus listening sessions will possibly begin the week of February 24th.

5. Adjournment

Rich Lucas motioned to adjourn the meeting with a second from Tom Cervone. The meeting adjourned at 10:34 AM.

Minutes submitted by: Cyndi Galloway