

# **WLU Board of Governors**

Regular Meeting

**Wednesday, June 11, 2025 – 4:00 p.m.**

Location: Shaw Hall Board Room

Meeting ID: 939 1470 2671

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- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum and Mission Statement**
- II. Introductions**
- III. Public Comment** Description: Up to 10 individuals may sign in to speak in open session for three minutes each. The sign-in sheet will be available from Cyndi Galloway fifteen minutes prior to the meeting until the noticed start time.
- IV. Agenda Order (Board may move to change order of consideration)**
- V. Approval of Minutes\***
  - A.** Minutes of the Full Board April 16, 2025\* (pgs. 3-6)
- VI. President's Report** (pg. 7)
  - A.** Master Plan Update
  - B.** IT Annual Report
- VII. Reports**
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  - H.** Staff (Karas)
- VIII. Board Items for Approval\***
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- IX. Discussion Items**
  - A.** Other
- X. Information Gathering** (Members may ask questions or gather information to prepare for future agenda items without general discussion or action at this meeting.)
- XI. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, August 13, 2025 (pending approval)**
- XII. Adjournment**

**West Liberty University  
Board of Governors**

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**Minutes  
April 16, 2025**

Attendance: David McKinley, Katie Kacmarik, Erikka Storch, Mike Baker, Rich Lucas, Lou Karas, Robert Kreisberg, Will Turani, Jenna Maguire, Tom Cervone, Stephanie Shaw, Jamie Evick

Unable to Attend: None

Administration/Faculty/Staff/Guests: Tim Borchers, Cyndi Galloway, Jacob Manning, Lori Hudson, Katie Cooper, Cathy Monteroso, Brad Forshey, Ann Saurbier, Cecilia Konchar Farr, Sherri Theaker, Betsy Delk

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

David McKinley 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)**

**V. Approval of Minutes\***

**A. Minutes of the Full Board February 12, 2025\***

**On motion by Katie Kacmarik and seconded by Erikka Storch, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the full Board of February 12, 2025.**

**VI. President's Report**

Dr. Borchers opened the meeting with a brief President's Update, focusing on current enrollment challenges. He addressed the ongoing "enrollment cliff," noting that West Liberty University is not alone in the nationwide trend of declining college-going rates, particularly in West Virginia, where the rate is currently below 50%. Efforts are underway to attract more students, including the development of a strategic framework aimed at targeted student recruitment. Digital marketing efforts have been broad so far, but next year's approach will be more focused and data-driven.

A full website redesign is in progress, with the goal of making it more user-friendly for prospective students and aligning it with recruitment needs. New one-page program landing pages have begun rolling out, especially for online programs, featuring consistent content, career outlooks, and "Apply Now" buttons to improve market reach. The university is exploring the development of new academic programs, including a Construction Management degree aimed at meeting local business needs. Additionally, the MBA program has launched three new concentrations.

Market development efforts include the upcoming promotion of online Criminal Justice and Psychology programs, joining the already-promoted online Business program. Work is ongoing to streamline the transfer process with WVNCC, and the university will begin offering a metro rate to all students from Ohio and Pennsylvania. Dr. Borchers also emphasized the institution's pursuit of becoming an official Anchor Institution, which would recognize WLU as a vital community asset. He outlined the four criteria required for this designation and discussed ongoing initiatives supporting this goal.

## **VII. Board Reports**

### **A. Academic Affairs (Monteroso)**

Cathy Monteroso announced that the Physician Assistant program's accreditation has been extended through 2035. Additionally, the Nursing program has been awarded a grant through West Virginia's Nursing Workforce Expansion Program. The Board will vote today on submitting the five-year program review to the HEPC. A full document detailing the program review has been shared with the board, along with a summary document for their review. Faculty have begun training on the new Canvas LMS, with a full professional development day scheduled for both faculty and staff. This system will support micro-credential delivery, online programming, and expanded dual enrollment offerings, which are set to grow, particularly in Brooke County.

### **B. Student Affairs/Enrollment (Cooper)**

Katie shared projections for Fall enrollment. Currently, 196 students are registered for orientation, with 40 athletes yet to register. Housing numbers are slightly down, potentially due to changes in the process. Marketing strategies are being adjusted to better target specific populations, and in July, the university will begin working with Student Search to refine its outreach efforts. Recruitment strategies are now focused on online, transfer, and graduate students.

Katie also shared updates from the Student Affairs division. The BetterMynd platform has been well-utilized, with 196 mental health sessions completed and 255 student registrations, and students rating it 10/10. The CIRT Committee has been restructured for efficiency. Spring Week is set for next week and will conclude with the Spring Fling. A new initiative, "Learning Communities," will launch next year as part of the strategic plan, with high student interest already reported—particularly in the "Sustainability and the Environment" theme. Katie noted that positive enrollment results and application growth are a win for our vendors.

### **C. Physical Plant/IT (Rodella)**

Joe shared that the university's Master Plan is being updated, and a Town Hall is scheduled to review progress. Major summer construction includes HVAC upgrades and an accelerated Door Project starting in May. An IT assessment is underway to evaluate data protection practices, with positive results anticipated. Joe also mentioned key integration efforts, including the rollout of Canvas LMS, the Student Success retention platform, and the Event Manager system for centralized scheduling. Training on Microsoft Co-Pilot is also being considered.

### **D. Athletics (Forshey)**

Brad Forshey noted that detailed updates are available in his board report and shared a touching video of student Finley Woodward's surprise reunion with his mother following a basketball game. The video exploded on social media, racking up countless views and shares.

### **E. Fiscal Affairs (Hudson)**

Lori reviewed the current budget status. While graduate and Health & Medical enrollments are expected to be down, summer enrollment efforts are strong. Spending is being closely monitored. Lori reviewed FY26 projected revenues, noting that last year's approved revenue budget was \$42.6M. She also presented the proposed Tuition and Fee Packet for FY26, which includes undergraduate and graduate tuition increases, new course fees, and an online undergraduate tuition rate. A proposed enhancement fee for undergraduate students taking graduate-level courses is included to preserve graduate tuition rates. An entertainment fee increase and a new laundry fee (in response to student requests) are also proposed.

**F. Foundation (Delk)**

Betsy provided a WLU Foundation update, sharing that the Day of Giving (DOG) was the most successful to date, exceeding the \$300,000 goal. Top participation areas included Wrestling, Biology, and Theater in the “Number of Donors” category and Biology, Theater, and PA Program in the “Amount Raised” category. A new scholarship is being established by Todd and Joyce Kemple for students pursuing financial planning in the College of Business, with plans to endow the fund permanently within the year.

**G. Faculty Representative (Kreisberg)**

Robert highlighted recent faculty achievements, all available in the Team Account. He raised concerns about shrinking indirect grant funds, which are vital to supporting students and lab resources. Some current grants may be at risk.

**H. SGA Representative (Maguire)**

Jenna reported on upcoming student events, including Greek Week (ending with the Spring Fling), and Spring Week, which will feature multiple student-focused activities. A campus hike on the new trail system is scheduled for April 23. Jenna also announced the newly elected SGA President, Luke Sweat. Luke will join the June Board of Governors meeting. Eight senate seats remain open for the fall, and student nominations for Faculty and Staff of the Year are underway

**I. Staff Representative (Karas)**

Lou shared that annual elections will be held next Tuesday, including selection of group representatives, the Staff Council Chair, and the BOG staff representative (a two-year term). The Employee Engagement Committee hosted a well-received appreciation week in March. The Employees of the Month were announced: Matt Delfine for February and Bree Blum for March.

**VIII. Board Items for Approval\***

**A. FY26 High-Level Budget**

On motion by Rich Lucas and seconded by Mike Baker, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the FY26 High-Level Budget as presented.

**B. FY26 Tuition & Fees Packet**

On motion by Mike Baker and seconded by Will Turani, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the FY26 Tuition & Fees Packet as presented.

**C. Program Review Submission to WVHEPC**

On motion by Will Turani and seconded by Erikka Storch, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve submission of the 5-Year Program Review to WV Higher Education Policy Commission as presented.

**IX. Discussion Items**

**A. BOG Reappointments-McKinley, Cervone, Shaw**

All three members are interested in reappointment to the board and a request will be send to the Governor.

**B. HB 3279 – Voting rights for Faculty, Staff, and Student Representatives**

Dr. Borchers shared that according to the bill, faculty, staff, and student representatives would no longer be eligible for voting. Discussions will take place about how we'll handle executive sessions and subcommittees. Our bylaws and policies will need revised. This applied to all state schools. Some discussion took place about the disappointment of the passing of this bill. **NOTE: HB 3279 had passed both Houses of the Legislature as of April 12, 2025, but at the time of this meeting, was awaiting the Governor's signature. On April 30, 2025, the Bill was signed by the Governor and made**

effective April 12, 2025. Thus, at the time of this meeting, the faculty, staff, and student representatives attended as advisory, non-voting members.

**C. Discussion of President's evaluation, compensation, and renewal of contract (possible executive session)**

Rich Lucas gave a brief overview of the Presidential Evaluation and noted that it was overwhelmingly positive. WVHEPC will be notified of the results.

Pursuant to WV Code § 6-9A-4(b)(2), at 5:35 PM, a motion to retire to executive session was made by Rich Lucas to consider a matter involving personnel. The motion was seconded by Katie Kacmarik; motion passed unanimously.

A motion to rise from executive session at 5:58 PM was made by Rich Lucas and seconded by Mike Baker; motion passed unanimously.

The board shared that they would like to offer Dr. Borchers a 5-year contract extension with no immediate pay increase. A retention and performance bonus is to be paid at the final year of the contract—final details will be discussed between the board Chair McKinley and Dr. Borchers.

**President Borchers' Contract Renewal**

Rich Lucas requests a motion to approve the 5-year contract extension for Dr. Borchers as discussed. Robert Kreisberg seconds the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**X. Information Gathering:**

Dr. Borchers shared that a Draft BOG Calendar for 2025-2026 has been added to the BOG Team for review. He is also considering a campus tour or something along those lines instead of a full orientation before the opening BOG meeting in the fall.

**XI. Adjournment**

On motion by Robert Kreisberg & seconded by Mike Baker, the meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

David McKinley \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair

Tom Cervone \_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

Minutes submitted by: Cyndi Galloway

**President's Report to Board of Governors**  
**June 11, 2025**

**1. Update on Strategic Initiatives**

- We have examined our software subscriptions and justified ones to keep while reducing licenses or eliminating unnecessary software subscriptions.
- We have expanded use of electronic approvals for routine forms.
- We are completing work on program landing pages for the current website and for the new website. These are critical pages to position our departments for prospective student visitors.

**2. Strategic Planning: 2024-25 Report and 2025-26 Initiatives**

- See handout in Team.

**3. Other Activities and Accomplishments**

- Our employee leadership development program held their group project event and raised over \$1100 for the West Liberty Lions Club Family Support Center.
- President Borchers recently attended an EAB workshop for Presidents on Artificial Intelligence, hosted at the ChatGPT headquarters in New York.
- RISE (Re-shaping Impact for Students and Employers) continues to meet. Our next meeting is Friday, June 25 from 8:30-10:00. Topic: Assisting Students in the Job Search, Part II

**4. Personnel Items at the Cabinet Level**

- With Joe Rodella's resignation, the following changes have been made:
  - a) Joe Mills and Facilities are reporting to Lori Hudson
  - b) Ron Fox and Police are reporting Katie Cooper
  - c) Bob Wise is reporting to Katie Cooper
  - d) Becky McCullough and IT are reporting to Tim Borchers
- We are also searching for a replacement for the Marketing and Communications Coordinator position.

**Respectfully submitted by: Tim Borchers, President**

**Academic Affairs Report to Board of Governors**  
**June 11, 2025**

**1. Faculty Activities Report**

Uploaded in Teams Board of Governors, 20250611 Meeting Materials, Faculty Activities Report.

- 2024-25 Faculty Award and Honors
- 2024-25 Faculty Contracts, Grants, and Sponsored Research
- 2024-25 Faculty Creative Works
- 2024-25 Faculty Editorial and Review Activity
- 2024-25 Faculty General Service
- 2024-25 Faculty Intellectual Contributions
- 2024-25 Faculty Presentations

**2. Program Review**

**Focused review recommendations:**

- Theater
- Communications
- Community Education
- Music
- Social Science
- Data Science
- MS Exercise Physiology
- MBA
- MS Speech Language Pathology

**Criteria for focus review:**

- Size of Program
- Percent decrease in program >15%
- Contribution Margin – target 33%

**Evaluation Process:**

- The focus is on an action plan.

**3. Learning Management System**

Implemented in the Doctor of Education Program since May 12, 2025

Implementation in the PA program starting in June

Campus-wide implementation August 2025

**4. Micro-Credential**

WV HEPC is supporting the purchase of Accredible Digital Badges for micro-credentials that are for credit.

**5. Graduate Studies Report**

James (Jim) Temple – New Director of Graduate Studies. Action items for the new director include increasing enrollment and evaluation of current programs and growth options. Since January 2025, there has only been one person in the graduate studies office; their primary role has been processing applications.

The Graduate Studies Office implemented the Centralized Application Service (CAS), provided by Liaison, to streamline and modernize the application process for graduate and professional programs. CAS is a national platform that simplifies application submission, enhances applicant experience, and supports institutional goals related to enrollment, visibility, and efficiency. The implementation positions WLU for long-term growth in graduate programs by enhancing recruitment, operational capacity, and data infrastructure. The transition required careful coordination and remains a work in progress.

**6. ACF Representative**

Outgoing: Douglas McCall

Incoming: Sylvia Berman

**Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Monteroso, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs**



**Student Affairs & Enrollment Management Report to Board of Governors**  
**June 11, 2025**

1. Enrollment
  - a. Current Fall 2025
    - i. TOTAL Headcount - 1493
    - ii. Undergraduate FTE – 1229
      1. Prior to any Dual enrollment registration
    - iii. Graduate Hours – 1415 for Fall semester
    - iv. Housing – 876 projected to live in housing for Fall semester
2. FY26 Budget Projection
  - a. Total Undergraduate Headcount – 1385
  - b. Undergraduate FTE – 1357
  - c. Graduate Hours – 5284 Full Year projections
    - i. Does not include Physician Assistant hours.
  - d. Housing – 829 for full year projection.
3. Marketing and Strategic Enrollment Management Plan Updates
  - a. RFP – Student Search - EAB Vendor Selection
    - i. EAB brings more than just marketing campaigns and email communications. A comprehensive and strategic approach to support our recruitment and enrollment efforts.
    - ii. They'll work side-by-side with us on everything from strategy to execution, including:
      1. Regular yield workshops and consulting sessions to help us build better communication and conversion plans - including biweekly campaign progress reviews, yield workshops, and on-campus strategy retreats.
      2. On-demand strategy support - our team will have access to experienced enrollment professionals for questions, advice, and adjustments as we navigate the recruitment cycle.
      3. A full suite of omni-channel campaigns (email, print, digital, text, social media) coordinated through one integrated platform.
      4. A strong focus on parent engagement and personalized, behavior-driven outreach to students at every stage of their journey.
      5. Real-time analytics and dashboards to keep us informed and agile in responding to market trends.
      6. Access to a national research library and enrollment best practices to inform broader institutional strategy.
    - iii. This partnership will be a collaborative extension of our recruitment team at a time when we need that extra support. This partnership will make an immediate impact and set us up well for the future.
  - b. Orientation
    - i. Orientation registration is off to a strong start, with 384 first-time freshmen and transfer students signed up so far. Every Wednesday this summer, offices from across campus come together to create a personalized, one-on-one experience for students and their families — helping them finalize schedules, tour their residence halls, navigate our systems, and get all their questions answered before the fall semester begins.
4. Data Governance
  - a. West Liberty University is poised to improve its ability to make timely, data-informed decisions by implementing a formal, campus-wide data governance framework. This initiative will:
    - i. Define clear data ownership and stewardship responsibilities
    - ii. Establish a centralized, authoritative Data Dictionary
    - iii. Standardize data definitions for consistency across reporting and decision-making

- iv. Build a sustainable, transparent, and collaborative data culture
    - v. Position the institution for future technology and reporting enhancements by resolving governance and process gaps first
  - b. This effort directly responds to recommendations from the 2025 EAB Data Capability Report, which emphasized the need for foundational governance structures and consistent data practices before pursuing new integration or reporting systems.
  - c. By focusing now on governance structure, data stewardship roles, and the development of a campus-wide Data Dictionary, West Liberty University will lay the critical foundation for future data integration, improved reporting capabilities, and enhanced decision-making processes—without immediate capital investment in new systems.
  - d. This initiative will position the institution to become a truly data-informed campus community, aligned with the priorities outlined in the 2025 EAB Data Capability Report.
  - e. This initiative will enhance operational efficiency, reduce data silos, and enable strategic planning across campus.
5. Student Affairs
- a. End of Year Activities
    - i. The end of the year was filled with exciting events for our students, including the always-popular Late-Night Breakfast, featuring inflatables, a chicken nugget bar, and plenty of finals prep activities to help students recharge and refocus during exam week.
  - b. Lavender and Multicultural Ceremonies
    - i. Our Lavender and Multicultural Ceremonies were held to provide a safe, affirming space for students to celebrate their identities, achievements, and community as the academic year came to a close.
6. Staffing
- a. Professional Development
    - i. Student Affairs
      - 1. Christy Bennington, Director of Student Health attended American College Health Association in New Orleans after being awarded a grant from the WV Higher Education Policy Commission on May 27-31, 2025.
      - 2. Sarah Fonner, Director of Housing and Residence Life is attending ACUHO-I Home Office! in Columbus, Ohio June 28-July 1, 2025.
      - 3. Kate Billings – Director of Student Activities is attending NASPA in Pittsburgh, June 2-3, 2025.
      - 4. Zach Rhodes accompanied our new SGA officers to the annual WV Student Leadership Conference May 21-23, 2025, at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center.
    - ii. Enrollment Management
      - 1. Michelle Panepucci and Michelle Filberto will be attending experience LIAISON in San Antonio on June 16-18, 2025.
    - iii. Data Governance
      - 1. Bob Wise our System Administrator is attending the Data Policy Advisory Council meeting hosted by WV HEPC on June 3-4, 2025, at Canaan Valley Resort and Conference Center.
  - b. Vacant Positions
    - i. Area Coordinator
    - ii. Two Campus Police Officers

**Respectfully submitted by: Katie Cooper, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management**

**WLU Fiscal Affairs & Facilities Report to Board of Governors**  
**June 11, 2025**

1. Update on Budget Status Report through May 21, 2025

Revenue

- Undergraduate Tuition & Fee Revenue exceeded projection
- Graduate Tuition & Fee Revenue did not meet projection
- Housing & Meal Plan Revenue did not meet projection
- Appropriation received in total
- Other Revenue exceeded projection

Expenses

- All expense categories are within an acceptable range with the exception of Contract Services and Other Expenses due to decisions regarding software and necessary facility maintenance
- Necessary to closely monitor all purchasing through year end

2. Action Item

- a. Request Approval for FY26 Budget
  - i. Total budget \$44,170,236

3. Update on State-funded Deferred Maintenance

- a. Roof project has been completed (ASRC, Krise & Myers) \$3M
- b. CMTA Phase IV - HVAC currently ahead of schedule with demolition - \$7M
  - i. Buildings affected include:
    - 1. Fine Arts
    - 2. ASRC
    - 3. Student Union
    - 4. Curtis
    - 5. Bonar
- c. Doors and windows project has begun \$1M
  - i. Buildings affected include:
    - 1. Blatnik
    - 2. Myers
    - 3. Boyd
    - 4. Hughes
    - 5. Fine Arts
    - 6. Krise
    - 7. Arnett
    - 8. Student Union
    - 9. Library

4. Update on Other Projects

- a. Appalachian Aquatic Conservation Center (grant funded) – building is nearing completion. There are a few in house projects remaining.
- b. Arnett renovation (grant funded) - in progress and remainder of work will be completed in house. Completion end date is July 31.
- c. Aviation Center – planning in progress. Working with architectural firm.
- d. Blatnik – obtaining quotes for floor
- e. Softball facility – waiting on quotes to be received
- f. Campbell 4<sup>th</sup> Floor- need additional funding to complete. Applied for congressional funds.
- g. Trails – obtaining quotes for bridge and signage; materials being ordered

**Respectfully submitted by: Lori Hudson, VP of Fiscal Affairs**

**Athletics Report to Board of Governors**  
**June 11, 2025**

**Athletic Updates:**

- West Liberty University Student-Athletes earned a cumulative 3.18 GPA. 292 student-athletes had 3.0 or higher GPA's while 98 Student-Athletes earned 4.0 GPA's. All numbers increase from the Fall 3.17 285 83
- Softball capped off a very impressive Conference Tournament run with an appearance in the Mountain East Conference Tournament Championship games. The Toppers fell to the Golden Eagles. The Hilltoppers finished the season with a record 31-25 and 18-10 in conference play. Fell one game short of an NCAA tournament appearance (Last appearance Spring, 2022). Ashlyn Tapman, Kaddence Pettitt, Sydney Johnson and Sara Simon earned MEC All-tournament team honors
- Softball cont. - Sydney Johnson and Kadence Petitit were All-MEC 1st team selections. Kayla Mancuso earned 2nd team All-MEC. Sydney Johnson was selected to the NFCA Division II All-Atlantic Region Second Team.
- Baseball finished their regular season with a record of 23-26 13-14 in MEC play.
- Baseball student-athlete Tyler Skeen was selected as the Mountain East Conference Freshman of the Year. Skeen finished his freshman campaign with a record of 6-4 on the bump, throwing two complete games, one shutout and 53 strikeouts. Student-athletes Will Balgo and Jacob Sherman were selected All-MEC Honorable Mention.
- Men's Track and Field / Football Student-Athlete Hunter Patterson was named the Mountain East Conference Track Athlete of the Year
- Track and Field student-athletes Isaac Tavo, Hunter Patterson and Ky'ara Ross were selected to the 2025 NCAA Division II Outdoor Track & Field All-Region Teams.
- Isaac Tavo earned All-American status at Division II outdoor National earning 4th in discus. Breaking his school record by 1.4 meters with 55.92.
- WAT: Kayla Gandy was named 1st team MEC for the third time and was the MEC arial champion for the 2nd straight year. Abbey Horvath was also 1st Team and Avery Ray was 2nd team. 11 acro SAs were named NCATA Academic Honor Roll.
- The sport of Acrobatics and Tumbling was recommended for NCAA Championship Status. Acrobatics and tumbling, which became an emerging sport in August 2020, quickly grew its NCAA sponsorship from 27 schools in the 2020-21 academic year to more than 40 in 2023-24. The NCAA Committee on Women's Athletics voted Thursday to recommend that all three divisions sponsor legislation to establish a National Collegiate Championship in acrobatics and tumbling. The recommendation is contingent on official confirmation of the sport's sponsorship and participation numbers for the spring 2025 competition, which will occur over the summer.
- Women's Tennis Student Athlete Evelina Martirosyan earned 1st Team All-MEC honors. Omolade Aderemi earned 2nd Team All-MEC honors. Evelina Martirosyn, Omolade Aderemi and Mia Camilletti were named to the CSC Academic All-District Team.
- Men's Golf Team qualified for the NCAA Regional Championship
- Men's Golf Student Athlete Brogan Bennet was named to the 2025 NCAA Division III PING All-Region Team.
- Former West Liberty Men's Basketball standout, alumni and all-time leading scorer Seger Bonifant was elected to the Small College Basketball Hall of Fame. The two-time D-II National Player of the year is the all-time leader in scoring at West Liberty with 2,289 points.
- Kayla Mancuso will be the WLU nominee for NCAA Woman of the Year
- 2nd annual WESPYs. Was a huge success. 22 awards were earned including the first annual "Jack Adams True Topper Award". The event had over 300 online viewers.
- Lary Loew Annual Golf Scramble scheduled for June 20th at 1:00pm on the Palmer Course.
- Still awaiting several spring sport academic and athletic honors.

**Respectfully submitted by: Brad Forshey, Athletic Director**

**WLU Foundation Report to Board of Governors  
June 11, 2025**

- **FY25 July 1, 2024 – May 31, 2025**

Total Revenue Received = \$3,508,743.43

Unrestricted Annual Fund: \$125,571.69

- **Significant gifts:**

- Kimpel Family Financial Planning Scholarship – Temporarily Endowed
- JB Chambers Memorial Foundation – Grant to Support Hilltop Summer Music Camp Scholarships

- **Upcoming Events & Activities:**

- Lary Loew Hilltopper Golf Scramble – Friday, June 20
- WLUF Quarterly Board Meeting – Friday, July 17
- President's Recognition Dinner – Friday, October 24
- Homecoming Tailgate/Football Game - Saturday, October 25
- Tri-State Tax Institute – Tuesday, October 28

**Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Delk, Executive Director WLUF**

**FY26 BUDGET**

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

West Virginia Code §18B-2A-4 states that the governing boards determine, control, supervise and manage the financial, business and education policies and affairs of the state institution of higher education under its jurisdiction.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget as presented based on the recommendation from the Finance Committee.**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

The BOG Bylaws state that at the Annual Meeting, the Board shall elect the following officers to serve a one-year term beginning the first day of July of that year through the thirtieth day of June of the following year and until after their respective successors have been duly elected.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the BOG officers for next year are appointed as elected.**

**2025-2026 BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING SCHEDULE**

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

West Virginia statute §18B-2A-2 states that the boards of governors shall hold at least six meetings in every fiscal year, including an annual meeting each June for the purpose of electing officers.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approve the 2024-25 BOG Meeting Schedule as provided.**



**MASTER PLAN UPDATE**  
**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

In accordance with West Virginia Code §18B-19-4, West Liberty University developed a 2019 Facilities Master Plan to guide campus development. This 2025 Update serves as the required progress review and outlines updated priorities for the next five to ten years.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the Master Plan Update as presented.**

**IT ANNUAL REPORT**  
**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

Board Policy 60 requires that “At least annually, the Board shall be provided with an update on matters relating to the deployment of Information Technology Resources and information security.” The Board is asked to approve the annual report as presented.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the IT Annual Report as presented.**

## **STRATEGIC PLAN ANNUAL REPORT & REVISIONS**

### **WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

#### **Action Item**

Based on the guidelines set forth by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) for review of the Institutional Master Plan, and the input and review of such from all campus and local community constituents, the Board is asked to approve the 2024-25 report for the Strategic Plan and the recommended revision to the report.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the 2024-25 Strategic Plan Report and revision to the Five-Year Strategic Plan as presented.**

## **CAPITAL PROJECTS REPORT**

### **WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

#### **Action Item**

HEPC Series 18: 18.2. The governing boards shall report to the Commission or Council on an annual basis their progress in implementing the objectives of institutions' campus development plans. Said reports shall include a copy of the campus development plan and their specific progress in meeting the objectives of the plan. For objectives not met, the institution shall provide a reasonable timeline to meet said objectives and a method to measure their progress in the future toward meeting the objectives.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approve the Capital Projects Report as presented for submission to WVHEPC.**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP**

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

The Board is asked to approve the committee membership as presented.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the committee membership as discussed.**

## **FOCUSED PROGRAM REVIEWS**

### **WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

#### **Action Item**

HEPC Series 10 states that either the Commission or the appropriate board of governors may request at any time that focused program reviews be conducted for a given purpose such as a) reviewing all programs within a discipline (e.g., biology) or b) concentrating on specific program review components (e.g. assessment). The Commission or the board, as appropriate, shall develop formal strategies for conducting such reviews consistent with the purpose of the review.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the focused program review process as presented.**

## **BOG BYLAWS NOTICE OF INTENT**

### **WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

#### **Action Item**

West Virginia Code § 18B-2A-1 has been modified to restrict voting access for BOG faculty, staff, and student appointees. As a result the West Liberty University Board of Governors must revise its bylaws.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, the West Liberty University Board of Governors is providing notice that it will modify its bylaws.**

## **Executive Session**

Per West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 an executive session may be held to discuss “Matters arising from the appointment, employment, retirement, promotion, transfer, demotion, disciplining, resignation, discharge, dismissal or compensation of a public officer or employee, or prospective public officer or employee unless the public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee requests an open meeting.”

1. President's Contract
2. President's 2025-26 Goals



**PRESIDENT'S CONTRACT**  
**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

The Board is asked to approve the contract for the President.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the presidential contract as presented.**

**PRESIDENT'S 2025-26 GOALS**

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY**

**Action Item**

Board Policy 9 calls for the President's goals with the Executive Committee with a report to the full Board during Executive Session in May or June.

**Proposed Resolution: *Resolved*, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approves the President's goals for 2025-26.**