

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Governance Committee
Minutes
May 28, 2025**

In Attendance: Erikka Storch, Lou Karas, Will Turani, Rich Lucas

Unable to Attend: Stephanie Shaw

Faculty/Staff/Administration/Guests in Attendance: Tim Borchers, Cyndi Galloway, Jacob Manning, David McKinley

1. Meeting called to order at 9:02AM

2. Approval of Minutes-January 29, 2025

On a motion by Rich Lucas and seconded by Will Turani, the Governance Committee minutes of January 29, 2025, were approved.

3. BOG Reappointments

The committee is currently awaiting confirmation from the Governor's Office regarding the reappointments of Board of Governors (BOG) members David McKinley, Stephanie Shaw, and Tom Cervone.

4. HB 3279, Bylaws, NOI

There was discussion about House Bill 3279, which removed voting rights for faculty, staff, and student representatives on the Board. As a result, the committee acknowledged the need to revise the bylaws accordingly. A Notice of Intent (NOI) will be presented at the upcoming BOG meeting, with the goal of having revised bylaws ready for review at the August meeting. These revisions will be shared with the campus community for a 30-day comment period, with the hope of final approval at the October BOG meeting. Specific updates will include clarifying quorum language and potentially adding a new Section 8 related to voting rights under Article I, as well as revisions to committee attendance under Article III.

The committee discussed the possibility of combining the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committees to streamline operations. It was also noted that the Governance Committee has not consistently met, and reducing its meeting frequency may be appropriate.

There was also a review of officer roles, including the Vice Chair and Secretary. Currently, no term limits are outlined for these positions. The committee will review state law to determine if such limits are required or if the Board may choose to implement them independently. While term limits for committee memberships were considered, the consensus was that imposing limits may not be beneficial.

The Governance Committee agreed that the proposed changes should be brought before the full Board at the June meeting. Additionally, they supported the idea of combining the Academic Affairs and Student Life Committees. Executive session provisions, particularly Article I, Section 8, were also discussed.

Other Items:

David McKinley reported that the presidential evaluation has been completed and a memo has been submitted to the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC). The review was deemed satisfactory. A proposed new contract has also been compiled and sent to HEPC for their consideration.

Dr. Borchers noted that a board assessment was conducted last year and recommended scheduling another for the upcoming year.

5. Adjournment

Rich Lucas motions to adjourn and Erikka Storch seconds the motion.

Meeting adjourned: 9:26 AM

Minutes submitted by: Cyndi Galloway