

**West Liberty University  
Board of Governors**

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**Student Life Committee  
Minutes  
January 16, 2024**

**In Attendance:** Lou Karas, Tom Cervone, Stephanie Shaw

**Administration/Faculty/Staff/Guests:** Tim Borchers, Brad Forshey, Katie Cooper, Cyndi Galloway

**Unable to Attend:** Jamie Evick, Rich Lucas, David McKinley

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

- a. Chair, Stephanie Shaw, called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

**2. Approval of Minutes**

November 27, 2023

On motion by Tom Cervone and seconded by Lou Karas, the West Liberty University Student Life Committee unanimously approved the minutes of November 27, 2023.

**3. Enrollment Update-Katie Cooper**

Katie shared an update on Spring 2024 enrollment and Fall 2024 Admissions and Recruitment.

**4. Student Activities Update-Katie Cooper**

Our Resource Fair is coming up soon. We're still averaging 6-7 student activities per week. Nailers games, ice skating at wheeling park, etc. Weekly shuttles are still being offered to students.

**5. Enrollment and Retention Initiatives-Katie Cooper**

Katie shared information on Tuition Free Toppers. The cost to us is minimal and will benefit many students. Katie noted that we do have a food pantry on campus that is used regularly. There is an Amazon list of needed items. Aladdin does provide meal cards to offices across campus to be given to students when they're in need. A "Hunger Free Campus" bill is in legislation. If the bill makes it through the session, there could be grand funds available. We are going to be working with a new counseling service provider. Bettermynd is a telehealth service with 24/7 access. The Student Success Center is officially in the Library. The BOG representatives expressed interest in meeting the new SSC Director, Andrew Lewis. Katie will invite him to our next sub-committee meeting. VisionPoint is currently in stage 4 of 4. Ads should begin appearing in early February on Spotify, Instagram, etc. A counselor was recently hired to focus specifically on Western PA. Lou offered to share some of her PA contacts with Katie.

**6. Arts Update-Katie Cooper**

Katie shared that the theater has two performances coming up. "Puffs" in March and "Devised" in April.

**7. Athletics Update-Brad Forshey**

Brad shared that a TV has been added in the athletics office area to showcase student athletes and a study space has also been created in the athletics department. Brad recently attended a conference where great information on mental health was shared—screening tools for athletes and coaches.

**8. Community Connections: Katie Cooper**

Members of the WLU community are participating as judges in the Ohio County Science Fair. Global School Play Day is on February 7<sup>th</sup> and students from Bethlehem Elementary and West Liberty Elementary Schools will be on campus to participate in activities. This is an international initiative focusing on kids having free play during the school days.

**9. DEI Update-Katie Cooper**

Many events are being held during the month of February for Black History Month. A “Read In” will be held on February 7<sup>th</sup> to commemorate black authors and there will be a guest speaker later in the month. Other events are still in the works and being finalized in the Diversity Committee.

**Adjournment--Tom Cervone motions to adjourn. Lou Karas seconds the motion. Motion to adjourn approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:36 AM.**

Minutes submitted by: Cyndi Galloway

Stephanie Shaw \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair