

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Minutes
March 2, 2015**

Attendance:

Beverly Burke, Joe Carey, Richard Carter, Sandra Chapman, George Couch, Brian Joseph, Patrick Kelly, Evan Newman, Frank Noble, Ann Thomas

Unable to Attend:

Les DeFelice, Patrick Ford

Administration/Faculty/Staff:

Brian Crawford, Mary Ann Edwards

Visitors:

Shelley Hanson

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum and Mission Statement

Chair Couch called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. With the majority of attendance participating by conference phone and at the request of the Chair, Mary Ann Edwards conducted a roll call and established a quorum.

II. Board Items

A. Approval of MBA Degree Program

At the Chair's request, Dr. Crawford reviewed the summary of recommended changes to the MBA Program. The revised International MBA reduces the required 36 credit hours to 30 credit hours. There are two concentrations in a common core focusing on Management and Entrepreneurship. This program will be unique to the State of West Virginia. A brief discussion followed with regard to infrastructure and timing of the program approval. The revisions to the MBA Program will be sent to the HEPC tomorrow with the assurance it will appear on the agenda for the March 13, 2015 meeting. Following approval from the HEPC is a five to eight month approval process with the HLC. The proposed program start date is spring 2016.

On motion by Patrick Kelly and seconded by Ann Thomas, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the summary of changes to the MBA Program.

B. Honorary Baccalaureate Degree

It is the recommendation of the Honorary Degrees and Recognition Committee and the President of the University, for the conferral of an honorary Baccalaureate degree from West Liberty University to Margaret Moninger, who received her teaching certification in 1928 from West Liberty State Teachers College and who is our oldest living alumnus.

On motion by Beverly Burke and seconded by Patrick Kelly, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the conferral of an honorary Baccalaureate degree from West Liberty University to Margaret Moninger.

III. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, April 15, 2015

The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 15, although a meeting scheduled before that time is anticipated.

IV. Adjournment

On motion by Patrick Kelly and seconded by Evan Newman, it was unanimously adopted that the meeting adjourn at 4:09 p.m.

George Couch

Chair

Sandra Chapman

Secretary