

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
July 27, 2016**

Executive Committee Members Present: Les DeFelice, Patrick Ford

WLU Administrators: Scott Cook, Brian Crawford, Stephen Greiner, Stephanie Hooper, John McCullough

Others: Jack Adams, John Gompers, Jim Stultz

1. Chair DeFelice called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Chair DeFelice asked for suggestions for ways to recognize the former Board Chair. President Greiner reported that a plaque has been ordered.
3. Mr. Cook provided an enrollment update.
 - a. Currently, enrollment is running ahead of projections, particularly in first-time freshmen.
 - b. New student transfers are also expected to run ahead.
 - c. Residence Hall occupancy is also ahead of projections.
 - d. The enrollment mix is very similar to last year's.
4. Ms. Hooper provided a budget report.
 - a. FY16 closed with a deficit of \$268,000. That number was originally projected to be much higher.
 - b. The cash reserve is currently higher than recommended by the HLC and HEPC.
 - c. Based on required reporting to the HLC (CFIs), there may be further extensive financial reporting required. This should not be of concern.
 - d. A few adjustments have been made to the FY17 budget due to state allocation expectations. The original budget included an eight percent cut, which did not occur. There is still a plan for a four percent mid-year cut. The net budget position currently stands at approximately -\$200,000, but this may change on a daily basis through the year.
 - e. There was some discussion of the potential for changes in state budget and higher education based on fall elections. President Greiner shared that if the republican candidate for Governor is elected the HEPC may be eliminated and the state may look to implementing a model similar to that of North Carolina.
5. Dr. Crawford presented a recommendation from the President's Cabinet that the Board adopt a Weapons Policy. There was discussion of provisions for allowing visitors, but not students, to have weapons locked in private vehicles. There is currently a provision in the draft for the President to grant permission to specific individuals to carry firearms or store them in their vehicles. The policy will be added to the Board agenda.
6. President Greiner reported that Dr. Crawford is chairing committees on a Strategic Plan for the library and on the consolidation of colleges.

7. President Greiner provided his report.
 - a. He will be attending a meeting of college presidents and others at Oglebay immediately following this meeting, the purpose of which is to create a consortium of colleges and universities able to obtain grant funding in the health sciences.
 - b. He reported that the FBI has advised him that no criminal charges will be filed based on their investigation of the Research Corporation.
 - c. There is a committee involved in creating recommendations for campus facilities. The primary suggestion from this committee is for the creation of a student recreation center.
 - d. The lease for the Gary West cabins will be signed soon.
 - e. There has been discussion with Mr. Duplaga of Generations restaurant regarding opening a sports-themed restaurant and bar in the Gary E. West Event Center space. It is expected that negotiations will be concluded soon and that it will open early in the fall. The University will negotiate for a percentage of gross profits.
 - f. There will be an effort shortly to generate funding for artificial turf for the soccer field, which would allow that facility to be used for additional sports. Several initial pledges have already been received. The long-term plan is to also add a running track around the soccer field. The total cost for these projects will be approximately \$1.1 million.
 - g. This is Ms. Hooper's final meeting with the BOG Executive Committee. Roberta Linger, a CPA and MBA with extensive experience in WV higher education has been hired as VP of Finance and Administration and will begin employment on August 15th. She will attend the upcoming BOG meeting. The Executive Committee wished Ms. Hooper the best in her future endeavors.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Chair, Les DeFelice

Secretary, Patrick Ford