

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
September 21, 2016**

Executive Committee Members Present: Patrick Ford

WLU Administrators: Scott Cook, Brian Crawford, Stephen Greiner, Roberta Linger

Others: Richard Carter, John Gompers, Jim Haizlett, John McCullough, Rhonda Tysk, Jim Stultz

1. Secretary Ford called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.
2. President Greiner reported a successful beginning to the academic year.
 - a. US News & World Report now lists WLU as one of the top 5 public colleges in the south. This ranking provides very positive public perception of the institution.
 - b. Work on the Facilities Master Plan continues.
 - c. There was a recent meeting on public/private housing partnerships that included individuals involved with such projects at WVU.
 - d. Fundraising is going well. The endowment should be increased by at least \$1 million this year.
 - e. The Governor has appointed four new Board members:
 - i. Rich Lucas
 - ii. Kris Williams
 - iii. Chris Carder
 - iv. Cindy Fluharty
 - f. Mr. Gompers questioned the availability of Chris Carder to serve, as she is currently a member of the Ohio County School Board. President Greiner will follow up on this.
 - g. The President reported that he will likely bring forward a proposal at the 10/5 meeting to enact a salary increase for employees.
3. Ms. Linger provided a budget update showing an increase in revenues, several adjustments to expenses, and a new budget position of positive \$434,185.
4. Mr. Cook provided an enrollment update. There has been an increase in first-time freshmen, transfers, and graduate students. Overall there is a decrease in enrollment of 3.4%, but an 8% decrease was projected and budgeted for.
5. Dr. Crawford reported on the status of the MA/MS Biology program proposal, which has been submitted to the HLC.
6. Dr. Crawford indicated that he will ask Dr. Melinda Kreisberg to provide a report on HLC preparations at the upcoming meeting.
7. Dr. Crawford asked that Academic Reorganization be added to the agenda as a possible action item. This was agreed.

8. The WLU Institutional Compact Update is under construction and will be provided to Board members prior to the meeting.
9. The MSDH program proposal will also be provided to the Board members in advance of the meeting.
10. BOG Policy 56 is still in its 30-day comment period. When this period is over, all comments will be sent to Board members in preparation for the 10/5 meeting.
11. Mr. Ford made an observation on the very positive experience he had during a recent visit to campus.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 a.m.

Vice Chair, Les DeFelice

Secretary, Patrick Ford