

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

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**Executive Committee  
Minutes  
November 15, 2017**

Executive Committee Members Present: Pat Ford, Jim Stultz

WLU Administrators: Stephen Greiner, Brian Crawford, John McCullough, Scott Cook, Roberta Linger, Diana Harto

Others: John Gompers

1. Vice Chair Patrick Ford called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.
2. President Greiner reported on the following items:
  - a. Lease Agreements:
    - Cell tower negotiations are still in progress. An offer was made to change from a monthly payment to a one-time payment. The State of West Virginia will not allow more than a 40-year lease.
    - A seismic study is being done in the area, and some meters will be located on campus. The Attorney General's office has approved the agreement for this study.
    - The Southwest Energy right-of-way check for approximately \$219,000 has been received.
    - Offers have been received for mineral leases on properties in Pennsylvania and Texas. These seem to be more trouble than they would be worth at this point. We plan to hold off on any agreement regarding the Texas property for now, as it is in an area that could have value in the future. The Greene County, PA property is co-owned with Bethany College and the offer of lease is for only one acre.
  - b. Bids for earth moving for the soccer and track facility were opened yesterday. There were six bids and the lowest bidder was Cast & Baker, at \$833,500. McKinley & Associates are recommending that we accept the low bid. Earth moving could start as early as November 28<sup>th</sup>. This project will require closing access to that area, including the current gravel parking lot. Cast & Baker also provided alternate bids to install a water line around the new field and create a gravel parking lot to support the field. Motion to approve the primary and alternate bids from Cast & Baker was made by Jim Stultz and seconded by Pat Ford. Motion passed.
  - c. The gas fire pit on the quad is nearing completion. The gas line has yet to be connected, but the seating is done and it looks good. The globe and gas line will be installed as soon as possible – hopefully in time for Winterfest on November 30<sup>th</sup>.
  - d. Other projects planned for this winter include painting in a number of locations, including the second floor of Rogers Hall, in preparation for opening 33 more dorm rooms for students next fall.
  - e. The technology project is complete, with just a few follow-up details remaining.
  - f. Fundraising for the indoor practice facility is ongoing.
  - g. The President distributed his proposed goals and objectives for the 2017-18 academic year.
3. Mr. Stultz asked about the functions of the general counsel for the BOG, and whether information regarding legal issues and proposed policies and policy changes should be shared with that individual before those proposals are presented to the BOG. Mr. Gompers responded that the procedures recently followed have been appropriate, but that he will be glad to add his review to any future proposals as soon as he is asked to do so. Mr. Ford agreed that the BOG counsel should be reviewing these proposals.

4. Mr. Stultz presented HEPC Title 133 Series 4 and WLU BOG Policy 23, pointing out that there may be one or more conflicts between them, and that this could have an impact on the process for reviewing received comments on proposed policy changes.
5. Diana Harto reported that she had no comments to report on BOG Policy 34. President Greiner reported that there have been few new comments, and that they are coming from the same few individuals. Mr. Gompers said that he will not recommend the current Policy 34 proposal to the Board. He feels the current policy should be "tweaked," but that the change proposal is not clear. He would support the creation of a BOG committee to work on this policy. There was a general discussion of the need for this policy change. Mr. Stultz made a motion to table this proposal and the proposed BOG Policy 59, seconded by Mr. Ford. Motion passed.
6. Mr. Ford will be the commencement speaker for Fall Commencement. Approval of the honorary degree will be on the full BOG agenda.
7. Roberta Linger presented a budget update. At this point, revenue and expenses are on track. The audit was completed and submitted on time. The HEPC has submitted the higher education audit to the state on time.
8. The President reported on a request to add Hocking County, OH to the metro rate list. This will be researched for possible recommendation to the Board.
9. President Greiner reported that Panhandle Restoration has purchased the apartment building at the bottom of the hill.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.

Leslie DeFelice

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Chair

James R. Stultz

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Secretary