

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
January 24, 2018**

Executive Committee Members Present: Les DeFelice, Patrick Ford, Jim Stultz

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

Others: Jim Haizlett

1. Chair DeFelice called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Mr. Cook reported on enrollment:
 - a. Current overall enrollment is up 2.5% over last spring (52 students).
 - b. Fall applications are running 3.5% ahead of last year at the same time, with accepted applications 4.5% ahead.
3. President Greiner reported on the following items:
 - a. The State has refinanced some existing bonds, with significant savings that will come to the HEPC. This presents the expectation that WLU will receive some capital funding to address major health and safety issues.
 - b. There are several pieces of legislation in the State house and senate currently that are of concern, including one that would give the State Nursing Board approval authority over faculty hiring.
4. Ms. Linger gave a budget status report, showing that revenue and expenses are trending approximately on-target.
5. President Greiner reported on the current status of planning updates:
 - a. The Deferred Maintenance Plan includes a lengthy list of needed work. The total cost for these projects is still being calculated. There was some discussion of the lack of state support for capital projects and possibilities for other funding sources.
 - b. The Technology Plan has been started, with the assistance of Omni Strategic Technologies, which is serving as our interim CIO.
 - c. The 2014-19 Master Plan is currently being updated to show progress to-date. This will be shared with the BOG at the full meeting.
6. President Greiner distributed a tuition-comparison document that includes WLU and other public schools in the state. This document will be used to inform our determination of tuition and fees for FY19.
7. Mr. Cook presented a request to extend the Metro Rate into Ashland, Athens, and Meigs Counties in Ohio. There was discussion of possibly extending the Metro rate to the entire State of Ohio in the future. Mr. Cook will be doing research on this possibility. This will be an action item on the BOG agenda.
8. President Greiner reported that he has a meeting with representatives of Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration later today regarding their renovation and management of the apartment building next to Dominoes. There are 48 beds in quad units in the building. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a leasing and management arrangement similar to that in existence for University Place I and II.
9. Ms. Harto requested that BOG Policy 34 – Nepotism/Employment of Relatives, be rescinded. There is no legal requirement for the Board to have such a policy and it will be replaced by an administrative policy, to be developed soon. This will be an action item on the BOG agenda. Mr. Haizlett expressed

concerns about the process of creating and approving the new policy. His concerns are that there be sufficient opportunity for input from current employees.

10. Chair DeFelice reported on the resignation of John Gompers as BOG General Counsel. There was discussion of the possibility of hiring a regular replacement or using the State Attorney General's office or a private attorney as needed. Mr. Stultz expressed the opinion that the BOG should engage its own attorney, outside the attorneys currently serving as board members. No determination was made, but Mr. Stultz was asked to gather additional information.
11. Dr. Crawford asked that the MS Athletic Training proposal be added to the BOG agenda as an action item. This was approved by consensus.
12. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Leslie DeFelice

Chair

James R. Stultz

Secretary