

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
March 20, 2019**

Executive Committee Members Present: Jack Adams, Patrick Ford, Kris Williams

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

1. Mr. Ford called the meeting to order at 8:00am.
2. Mr. Cook introduced requests to add Ross, Vinton and Henry Counties in Ohio, and Fayette County in Pennsylvania to the Metro rate list. The decision was made to request that the Board approve adding Vinton and Henry Counties only at this time.
3. President Greiner reported on several items:
 - a. He gave a brief update on the situation at Wheeling Jesuit University. He has spoken with the WJU President regarding possible teach-out options for their students. There was discussion regarding the impact this may have on WLU.
 - b. Construction is continuing on the new apartment buildings across Route 88.
 - c. A meeting was recently held with the architect regarding the 4th floor of Campbell Hall. Discussion and planning are proceeding.
 - d. There is a delay in completion of the indoor practice facility. The Fire Marshall has indicated that a sprinkler system is required for the building, which was not anticipated. Quotes are now being gathered.
 - e. Pickles restaurant operations are closed. Their activities, involving the creation of a temporary dance floor and the use of a DJ, created an unsafe situation, which was brought to light by the Fire Marshall. If the facility was to be operated in the same manner in the future, a sprinkler system would be required. There was discussion of the future of the facility.
 - f. The President gave an update on recent state legislation. The Governor has signed the state budget, which includes an additional \$1,015,000 for WLU. The Campus Carry bill failed, thanks in part to Senator Ryan Weld. The Community College legislation was passed, but it's outcome is uncertain, as it refers to supporting specific programs without identifying what these may be.
 - g. WLU has been ranked the 26th most affordable university in the U.S. by study.com.
4. An Honorary Degree was proposed for Congressman McKinley, who will be the spring commencement speaker. A motion to approve was made by Mr. Adams and seconded by Ms. Williams. The motion passed.
5. A faculty couple is interested in purchasing the yellow house across Route 88. The process for the Board to sell property is being investigated. If it is sold, WLU will be assured of a right of first refusal in the future. No price has been set.

6. Board Training was discussed. This was scheduled for the day of a previous BOG meeting but cancelled due to weather. The decision was made to tentatively re-schedule for April 3rd. Board members will be polled for their availability.
7. Dr. Crawford gave a brief overview of this year's Academic Program Reviews. Full reviews will be sent to Mr. Ford for review. Summaries will be provided to the Board before the April 3rd meeting.
8. Ms. Linger presented an FY19 budget status update. She reported that the annual financial report has been submitted to the HLC. WLU has continued to build its reserve, but not as quickly as expenses are increasing. There was more discussion of the increased water bill and what steps have been and could be taken to reduce water consumption and cover the increased expense.
9. Ms. Linger presented and described the proposed FY20 high-level budget, tuition, and fees.
10. President Greiner indicated that no decision will be made regarding salary increases until there is more information on Fall tuition revenue.
11. The Facilities Master Plan will be presented at the April 3rd meeting, as will an update on the Institutional Master Plan. All Board members are invited to attend the Vision Conference on March 29th.
12. A motion to go into executive session was made by Mr. Adams and seconded by Ms. Williams. The committee went into executive session at 8:21 a.m.
13. The committee came out of executive session at 9:50 a.m. No action was taken.
14. The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.

Patrick Ford _____
Chair

Jack Adams _____
Secretary