

**West Liberty University
Board of Governors**

**Student Life Committee
Minutes
March 14, 2022**

Attendance:

Thomas Cervone, Stephanie Shaw

Unable to Attend:

Alexandria Black, Jamie Evick, Ryan Glanville, Rich Lucas

Administration/Faculty/Staff:

W. Franklin Evans, Monique Akassi, Scott Cook, Mary Ann Edwards, Lynn Ullom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
Chair Shaw called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
2. Approval of Minutes
 - A. August 4, 2021
 - B. November 15, 2021

Chair Shaw asked for a motion to approve the minutes of August 4, 2021 and November 15, 2021. A motion was made by Tom Cervone and seconded by Scott Cook; motion to approve passed unanimously.

3. Student Activities
Mr. Cook noted a few events; one being the wrap up of Topper Idol held this spring, which is one of the most popular student life activities as a spin off from American Idol. Next month brings a few very popular events; Greek Week and the spring fling, sponsored by Campus Life and the SGA. Intramurals continue to go on weekly on campus. Kate Billings does a good job keeping these events moving on and around campus and being creative.
4. Career Services/Graduation
Mr. Cook stated that the graduation fairs are set for April 5th and 7th. The graduate fairs serve as a one stop shop for seniors to take care of all last minute items with staff in the registrar's office, graduate studies, business office, and to pick up their regalia before the ceremony. Company's will also be there to talk with perspective employees as part of the fair as well. We are planning to have one commencement ceremony on May 7th for graduate and undergraduate students. The ceremony, weather permitting, will be held in the West Stadium; in the ASRC if not. The PA students do not finish until June 10th and will have their own ceremony at that point in time.
5. Student Retention Activities
Learning and student sponsored workshops have been held on campus, along with other things. Sponsored workshops were organization and time management, and note taking and active reading sessions. A student health fair is scheduled for April 7th where students can take advantage of healthy activities in the College Union, along with an ongoing virtual mental health program. FAFSA (financial aid) workshops continue to apply for free federal aid and make sure students have their forms in before the deadline.
6. Diversity
Mr. Cook noted that February is Black History month with a number of activities on campus, and March is Women's Empowerment month. A number of activities are listed on the report, but there have also been pop up diversity and inclusion events around the campus held by Dr. Akassi. Dr.

Akassi noted that the pop up workshops have been a success thus far, receiving excellent remarks from the data that has been collected and the response seems quite well indeed. We have completed four, and the position is to make sure that we can cover each division on campus. Mr. Cook stated that one of the more popular events we have as it pertains to diversity is on March 29th, the International Food Festival where international students prepare dishes from their home country. A calendar of campus activities can be found monthly at <https://westliberty.edu/info-resources/events-calendar/> and select the calendar you wish to view.

7. Athletics

Mr. Ullom noted that the biggest event in our conference is the basketball tournament, with a major boost being that it is now held in Wheeling. WesBanco arena is much more convenient for our local faithful followers and brings huge crowds since it was moved from Charleston. The men's team won the championship and the women's team had a really good showing. Bryce Butler was just named regional player of the year, and Audrey Tingle named First Team Academic All American honor. This is the second year in a row WLU has won the National Academic All American. Wrestling just came off a third place finish, their highest finish in the NCAA. They also won the Atlantic Region Super Regional. The women's track team finished second and the men's team placed third at the MEC Indoor Championships. Acrobatics and tumbling are currently 11th in the country. Our winter sports really had an incredible year; as good a year total in a long time, if ever. Spring sports are geared up and ready to go with several down south over spring break.

A discussion followed with regard to the success of the athletic teams and web site and social channels used to communicate information, along with enrollment numbers. Mr. Cook stated that for around five consecutive months we have been ahead in enrollment numbers. New sports programs and what is involved in the start-up was also discussed.

8. Adjournment

On motion by Rich Lucas and seconded by Thomas Cervone, the meeting adjourned at 8:32 a.m.

Stephanie Shaw _____
Chair