

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
DECEMBER 11, 2019
REPORT TO STAFF**

I. Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson, Kristina Williams

II. Introductions:

Nancy Guzma from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP presented a report on the audited financial statements of West Liberty University for the years ended June 30, 2019 and 2018.

Dr. Greiner also introduced two West Liberty students, Brandon Morrison and Caitlin deVries. These students were honored for being Academic All-Americans.

III. Public Comment

No individuals signed up to speak.

IV. Agenda Order (Board may move to change order of consideration)

No changes

V. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Full Board October 16, 2019-Approved
- B. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting November 11, 2019, December 4, 2019-Approved

VI. Board Items for Approval

A. Audit*

The West Liberty University Board of Governors is asked to approve the Fiscal-Year 2019 audit report. The Finance Committee has met with the auditors and approves the audit findings. The Fiscal -Year 2019 audit report was approved.

B. Oil and Gas Lease*

The Board of Governors is asked to approve an oil and gas lease with Southwestern Energy (SWN) of 4.752 acres for an 18% royalty plus \$5,500.00 per acre. The lease was approved.

C. Executive Committee Nominations*

The West Liberty University Board of Governors is asked to approve the recommendation of Rich Lucas to serve on the Executive Committee, replacing Pat Ford at the end of his board term. The recommendation was approved.

D. Board Chair Special Election*

Rich Lucas was voted in as the new Chairman of the Board.

E. Presidential Search Procedure*

The West Liberty Board of Governors is asked to approve the presidential search process as recommended by the Executive Committee. The process was approved.

F. Presidential Search Committee*

The West Liberty University Board of Governors is asked to approve the recommendation of Rich Lucas as Chair and Jack Adams as Vice Chair of the Presidential Search Committee. The recommendation was approved.

*Action Items

VII. Reports:

A. Provost Report: Dr. Crawford

Dr. Crawford stated that several new Master Program approvals are moving along through the internal steps process.

B. Enrollment: Scott Cook

Report attached

C. WLU Foundation: Angie Hill

Report attached

D. Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Gall reported that at the last Faculty Senate the President's Evaluation was discussed and why it has not been done. It was suggested that the president was going to be a consultant in the search and being that an evaluation has not taken place this was causing some concerns and discontent. It was also said that if an evaluation would take place you could understand some of the very important characteristics that will be needed for our new president. Kristina Williams stated that Dr. Greiner had spoken to the Chair of the Board (Pat Ford) roughly a year ago and expressed his desire to retire. Mr. Ford felt at hearing this information the evaluation was not necessary. Dr. Gall stated that during Faculty Senate it was discussed that the Board and Administration does not have to follow policy then why is the staff and faculty required to do so. The faculty are also concerned that they do not receive fiscal priority.

A discussion was made about the evaluation in regards to the evaluation helping in the search for the new president. Rich Carter produced a previous evaluation form and it was decided to have the search committee review the form.

E. SGA: Isabella Yakicic

Ms. Yakicic gave report on Winterfest Bingo for the students, a bus trip to New York in the Spring, the importance of the upcoming census, and that SGA is working with Sodexo to improve meal plan options for next year.

VIII. President's Report

See attached

IX. Finance Report

Roberta Linger reported on the budget and some current issues they are having with the state and the procedures in getting payments completed. It was also discussed by Dr. Greiner and Roberta the upcoming possible budget cuts by the state.

X. Information Gathering

None

XI. Possible Executive Session

None

XII. Actions Emanating from Executive Session

None

XIII. Next Meeting Date-Wednesday, February 5, 2020

XIV. Adjournment

Enrollment Update BOG Committee Meeting 12/11/2019

Fall 2020 Applications

Undergraduate Applications	1197 (up 12%)
Graduate Applications	30 (even)

New Student Visitation Program

2018-19 Prospective Student Visits	Up 24%
Fall 2019 Admission Program Visits	Up 16%
Fall 2019 Individual Visits	Up 12%

Spring 2020 Registration

Students registered for spring	2026 (2007-Spring 2019)
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Development Report FY 2020-1st Quarter

July 1, 2019-December 10, 2019

Total Revenue Received= \$1,105,743.44

Comparisons to date (through December 31):

Total Revenue FY 19= \$977,696.59 *13% ahead of FY19 as of 12/10....21 days to go

Total Revenue FY 18= \$887,240.43 *25% ahead of FY18

Focus Areas:

Annual Campaign= \$96,187.19

Endowment= \$553,678/4 Brand New Endowed Funds \$25,000+

New Individual Donors: 211/New Organization Donors: 64

Total New Donors (First Time Givers): 275 Compared to this time last year 118 total *133 % increase

Already 82 % of last FY total of 335, which was an increase of over 44% over FY18

of Gifts (Not Donors): 1241

Average Gift: \$891/ Average Gift for FY19: \$1, 021.47

Presidents Circle Level (\$1,500+) Donors: 38

Nathan Shotwell Society FY20: 157...*Welcome one new member this FY!*

Nathan Shotwell Society FY19: 156.... *Welcome eleven new members this FY!*

Nathan Shotwell Society FY18: 145 *Welcome eight new members this FY!*

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO WLU
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- Historic Shaw Hall marks 100 years of existence this month. At the time of its construction, it was built as the first dormitory on campus for what was then known as West Liberty Normal School. President John C. Shaw, who was the first official president of the school (previous leaders were referred to as principals), was behind the land purchase and building of the prominent structure. He served from 1908 – 1919. Initially, Shaw Hall housed female students and it is the oldest building on the campus of West Liberty University.
- Dr. Sarah Armstrong Tucker, interim chancellor of West Virginia's Higher Education Policy Commission and chancellor of the Community and Technical College System, will be the commencement speaker at West Liberty University's Fall 2019 Commencement Ceremony. Dr. Tucker is a Wheeling native. The graduation ceremony will take place at 11:00 am on Saturday December 14, with 163 students scheduled to graduate.
- Pittsburgh CEO Charles Bitzer was the guest speaker for this fall's Gary West College of Business Executive Seminar, held on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2019 in College Hall. Bitzer is president and CEO of ABARTA, Inc. and chairman and CEO of ABARTA Coca-Cola Beverages.
- The West Liberty University Nursing program has been ranked as one of the Best Online RN to BSN Nursing Schools in West Virginia for 2020 by TopRntoBsn.com.
- According to the Fall 2019 HEPC Census Data Report West Liberty University is one of only two West Virginia public universities that experienced an enrollment increase in the last four years.

- The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) recently announced that West Liberty University has received accreditation for its educator preparation programs.
- West Liberty University Choirs presented their annual holiday concert on Saturday, November 23, at Christ United Methodist Church in Wheeling. Under the direction of Director of Choral Activities Ryan Keeling, the concert featured the WLU Singers and Choral Scholars presenting a concert of seasonal and holiday music with piano, strings and flutes. There are 26 voices in the WLU Singers and 20 in the Choral Scholars.
- West Liberty University's Speech Pathology and Audiology Program won third place in a national competition recognizing innovation in early education. The Zaentz Early Education Innovation Challenge was held at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, located in Boston. The \$5,000 prize will be used to create a tele-health suite in our soon to be built university clinic in Campbell Hall to ensure that children and families across rural West Virginia have access to high quality speech, language and hearing services.
- The West Liberty University Concert Band, under the direction of Dr. Gretchen Pohlman presented their winter concert on December 4 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Wheeling.
- One of the most valuable books in the area returned home recently to West Liberty University's Elbin Library after a restoration performed by the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia. The 15th Century illuminated Book of Hours is a Dutch manuscript elegantly decorated with Gothic lettering and gold decorations on vellum. Devotional prayer books like these became popular in the Middle Ages and were considered a status symbol since only a rich person could hope to own one at the time. This is a complete book, donated by former professor Nelle Krise.

- A Chesapeake Bay Alumni Reunion was held in Cambridge, Maryland on December 6 & 7. Andy and Linda Pasden served as hosts for the event and welcomed alumni to their historic home. Ron Witt, Angie Zambito Hill, and President Greiner attended the event.
- A Cleveland Alumni and Basketball Fan event will be held on Wednesday, December 18, that will include a 1:30 Lady Toppers tip off in the Cleveland Cavaliers arena, followed by an alumni reception at 4:30, and a 7:00 NBA game between Cleveland Cavaliers and Charlotte Hornets. The cost for all three events is \$24.
- West Liberty University senior women's soccer standout Caitlin deVries has earned a first-team berth on the 2019 NCAA Division II Academic All-America® Women's Soccer Team, as selected in nationwide balloting by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA). Caitlin maintained a perfect 4.00 GPA throughout her collegiate career.
- The West Liberty University wrestling team cracked the NCAA Division II Top 10 for the first time since the 2012-13 season when the National Wrestling Coaches Association (NWCA) put WLU at No. 10 in the first set of regular season team and individual rankings for the 2019-20 season.
- Construction Update:

Two of three Topper Village Apartment buildings are occupied.
 Library Elevator replacement (completed).
 House Demolition on Route 88 (completed).
 4th floor Campbell Hall (architects are securing contractors).
 Indoor Practice Facility (Clearspan is installing interior lining).