

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS
FEBRUARY 5, 2020
REPORT TO STAFF**

I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Rich Lucas

II. Introductions:

Sydney Burkle was introduced by Rich Lucas and spoke about the Alpha Xi Delta fundraiser (Amazing Gala) which benefits Autism Speaks on April 4, 2020. She extended an invite to the West Liberty University Board of Governors.

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 December 11, 2019-Approved.
- B. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting January 22, 2020, Approved.

VI. Board Items for Approval

- A. Masters of Science in Speech–Language Pathology*(Stephanie Bradley gave presentation to BOG)
The WLU Board of Governors approved the proposal to add this new program to be offered within the College of Sciences, Department of Health Sciences.
- B. Metro Rate-Fayette County, Ohio*(Scott Cook gave presentation on this matter)
The Board of Governors approved the new Metro Rate for this county beginning with the 2020-21 academic year as stipulated.

*Action Items

VII. President's Report

Report attached

VIII. Finance Report

Ms. Roberta Linger gave a report that as of the mid-point of the fiscal year ending 6/30/2020, all expenses and revenue are near the budgeted amounts.

IX. Reports:

A. Provost Report: Dr. Crawford

Dr. Crawford stated that several new Master Programs and Certifications approvals are moving along through the approval processes.

B. Enrollment: Scott Cook

Report attached

C. Staff:

A request was made by myself to have the Board of Governors meet with the staff in May of 2020.

D. Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Gall reported on some policy changes that were not supported by Dr. Crawford. He expressed that some faculty members were not pleased with Dr. Crawford's decision. He also spoke about the Dean of the College of Business requiring more office hours than those written in policy. This issue will be discussed during faculty senate. Dr. Gall also stated that some staff and faculty members have concerns about Dr. Greiner consulting on the presidential search committee being he has never been evaluated by the Board of Governors. A suggestion was made by Dr. Gall to possibly consider John McCullough- President Emeritus and respected member of the community to fill that position on the committee. No comment was made from the Board.

E. SGA: Isabella Yakicic

Ms. Yakicic commented that the SGA is still working with Sodexo on the new meals plans for next year and they have seen the plans for renovations that will be made by Sodexo. She stated that they are working with the HEPC to increase 2020 census participation. Plans have also been made for a New York bus trip in April at the cost of \$60 per person. The Spring Fling location has been decided and will be held at River City.

X Information Gathering

Dr. Gall brought to the attention of the Board that the BOG policies need updated and do not follow current state codes.

XI. Next Meeting Date-Wednesday, April 1, 2020

XII. Adjournment

Report respectfully submitted by:

Kelly Young Baker, WLU Board of Governors Staff Representative

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Enrollment Update Board of Governors Meeting 2/3/2020

Spring 2020 Enrollment

Enrollment	2203	up 2.1%	(2157 in 2019)
Housing	1035	up 2.3%	(1012 in 2019)

Fall 2020 Applications

Undergraduate Applications Received	1612	(up 6%)
Undergraduate Applications Accepted	1054	(up 8%)
Graduate Applications Received	59	(down 9 apps)

HEPC 2019 Enrollment Report

West Liberty University has the highest 4 year graduation rate

West Liberty University has the 2nd highest 6 year graduation rate

West Liberty University has the 3rd highest retention rate (behind WVU and Marshall)