

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**April 1, 2020**  
**REPORT TO STAFF**

- I. Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Rich Lucas**
- II. Introductions**  
No introductions
- III. Public Comment**  
No individuals signed up to speak.
- IV. Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Minutes of the Full Board February 5, 2020\*-Approved
  - B. Minutes of the Executive Committee March 18, 2020\*-Approved
- V. Agenda Order (Board may move to change order of consideration)**  
No changes
- VI. Board Items**
  - A. Approval of Program Reviews\*-Approved
    - Biology
    - Dental Hygiene
    - English
    - Nursing
    - Speech Pathology and Audiology
  - B. Master in Art Therapy and Counseling Proposal\*-Approved
  - C. MAEd leadership Track\*-Approved
  - D. Change name of the Department of Journalism, Communication Studies and Visual Arts- Name change to Department of Media and Visual Arts-Approved
  - E. Split the Department of Natural Sciences and Mathematics\*-Approved
  - F. Honorary Degree Approval\*-This item moved to President's Report-no action needed.
  - G. Notice of Intent for Board of Governors Policies\*-Stephanie Hooper reported that per BOG Policy 23 (Policy on Policies), 3 new policies that will be made available for a 30-day public comment to the campus community.
    - Modification of Duties of Certain Full Time Faculty
    - Minors in the workplace
    - IT Resource and Governance
  - H. FY 2021 Budget/Tuition and Fees\*-Approved (This budget may be changed due to the current COVID-19 situation and how it will impact State Higher Education).

\*Action Items

- VII. Reports**
  - A. Provost (Crawford)-Dr Crawford stated that the 100% transition to on-line classes has gone very well. He wanted to thank all the Faculty, IT Services, Office of eLearning, Business Office, and Jeremy Larence for all the help received from them during this transition. He also stated that Jenna Cook, a Mathematics Instructor was awarded the WV Council of Teachers of Mathematics teacher of the year award.
  - B. Enrollment (Cook)-See attached.
  - C. Staff (Baker)-It was reported that Staff Council is currently in process of getting the

election process together to fill the current Council positions that are available. However, it was also stated that the Council has been unable to meet do to the COVID-19 situation to continue with the election at this time.

D. Faculty (Gall)-Dr Gall. Reported that at the February Faculty Senate meeting a resolution that Administrators at all levels should adhere to establish policies as written and any necessary changes need to follow established procedures to change said policy. It was also reported that other workload policies were revised and are already out for a 30-day comment. Discussions had also taken place at the Faculty Senate on March 31, 2020 regarding concerns with the online classes.

E. SGA (Yakicic)-Ms. Yakicic-reported that the New York bus trip, the Spring Fling, and SGA Day all had to be cancelled. A grant was awarded for \$750 for the census project. However, they are unable to utilize due to the current campus situation. It was also stated that the SGA elections will be done electronically. A concern was also relayed to the Board regarding some graduates wanting to wait and have a later graduation so they can walk across the stage and have their family present.

### **VIII. President's Report**

See attached.

Addition to report-If in-seat graduation is cancelled-no Honorary Degree will be given to speakers unless they give a taped speech. Dr. Greiner commented on how the faculty has really stepped up with the on-line classes with only about a week of instruction.

### **IX. Finance Report**

Ms. Roberta Linger commented on the increases, additional fees, and those fees that have not been changed for the upcoming year- tuition and fees amounts. A report that as of the February, 2020 all expenses and revenue are trending near the amounts expected.

### **X. Information Gathering (Members may ask questions or gather information to prepare for future agenda items without general discussion or action at the meeting.)**

No comments

### **XI. Executive Session-Executive Session under 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) and (b)(12)**

#### **XI. Actions Emanating from Executive Session**

None

### **XIII. Next Meeting Date-Wednesday, June 3, 2020**

### **XIV. Adjournment**

*Report respectfully submitted by:*

*Kelly Young Baker, WLU Board of Governors Staff Representative*

## **Enrollment Update BOG Meeting 4/1/2020**

### **Campus Closure**

- Almost all staff working remotely
- IT Staff has done a wonderful job setting us up
- Zoom & Google Hangout set up for staff meetings
- Office phones directed to lap tops
- On line appointments and chats set up for all admission and financial aid counselors
- Scholarship offers and financial aid awards are still going out weekly

### **Application Report**

April 1 report on fall applications

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| UG | Applications Received | +42 |
| UG | Applications Accepted | +7  |
| GR | Applications Received | -9  |
| GR | Applications Accepted | +7  |

### **Fall Registration**

Pre-registration begins on Monday, April 6, 2020

Removed alternate pin requirement

Holds Removed

Registration is open for New Student Orientation & Registration

Transfer Registration is open

### **Adjustments Moving Forward**

- Removing grade point average requirement for scholarship renewal
- Suspending academic suspension for spring semester

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO WLU**  
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- Alumna Jes Reger has been awarded a 2020 Emerging Artist Fellowship from the Tamarack Foundation for the Arts. The fellowships are presented to thriving, early-career artists across West Virginia.
  
- West Liberty University men's basketball standout Dalton Bolon achieved a rare post-season honors "double" when he was named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Division II All-America Team. Selected and voted on by NCAA Division II NABC member coaches across the country, the 16-man honor roll is the most exclusive of all post-season All-America teams. This honor completed an All-America "double" for the 6-4 junior guard from Gnadenhutten, Ohio, who was honored earlier in March as a first-team NCAA Division II Academic All-American. Bolon is one of just three Academic All-Americans to earn NABC All-America honors and the lone first-team selection. It's the second consecutive NCAA Division II Academic All-America honor for Bolon, an honors graduate with a degree in Biology who is currently serving as a teaching assistant in WLU's College of Sciences while pursuing his master's degree. In addition, he was the only repeat first-team selection when the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) released its nationwide list of All-District awards for the 2019-20 season. Also he has advanced to the Top 25 Watch List for the fifth annual Bevo Francis Award, which will be presented next month to the most outstanding small-college basketball player in America by the Small College Basketball national website.
  
- West Liberty University was awarded a \$129,000 grant for summer research as West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission renewed its support for the Summer Undergraduate Research Experience (SURE) program across the state.

- Business students enjoyed a chance to learn first-hand from a presentation by international travel leader Dr. Peter Sontag. Hosted by business student club Phi Beta Lambda, the presentation offered tips and advice from Sontag, who was inducted into the Alumni Wall of Honor in 1990. Also an honorary member of the WLU Foundation, he has endowed multiple scholarships for WLU students and is a member of the John P. McCullough Giving Society.
- Three West Liberty University seniors participated in the West Virginia Undergraduate Literary Symposium recently and shared their research with other students and faculty from across the state. Ashley Cole of Terra Alta, W.Va., presented on the topic of “Poverty in Bleak House” during the Society and Morality segment of the symposium. Cole is an English Literature major. Charles Henry, Richmond, Ohio, presented on “A Question on Assessment of English Literature” during the Popular Culture and Academic Studies segment. Henry is an Interdisciplinary Studies major with an emphasis on writing. Maria Matsakis, Shadyside, Ohio, presented on “Harry Potter: An Activist Analysis of the Boy Who Lived” also during the Popular Culture and Academic Studies segment. Matsakis is an English Literature major.
- West Liberty University is now the owner of a one story home, located along Rt. 88, that will enhance the student experience for criminal justice majors. The newly purchased house is not a residential house but a house that will be used as a criminal justice lab.
- The NCAA and MEC have cancelled all spring sports. However, graduating seniors in spring sports only will be allowed a redshirt year if they choose to do so.