

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS**  
**August 19, 2020**  
**REPORT TO STAFF**

**Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Rich Lucas**

**I. Introductions**

CMTA Presentation-A representative from CMTA gave a power point presentation explaining the cost savings the University has received since lighting improvements have been done around campus and water line break issues have been repaired.

**II. Swearing in New Board Members**

Michael Baker and Jamie Evick were sworn in as the new BOG members.

**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 June 3, 2020\*-Approved.

B. Minutes of the Executive Committee August 5, 2020\*-Approved.

**VI. Board Items**

A. Approval of Proposed Policy No. 59: Modified Duties for Certain Full-Time Faculty-Approved.

\*Action items

**VIII. Reports**

A. Provost (Crawford)-See attached.

B. Enrollment (Cook)-See attached.

C. Staff (Baker)- No items from staff council were asked to be presented.

D. Faculty (Gall)-Reported on some of the issues from faculty senate including the issue with continuing on with the current presidential search. Faculty Senate is not in support about continuing on with the just the 2 candidates and the changes in board members as well as with problems being informed of scheduling and the fact that it is opening week of school when this is all set to happen.

E. SGA (Yakicic)-Miss Yakicic reported that SGA has new officers and for now with everything going on, SGA has been somewhat limited on what can be accomplished.

H. Foundation (Zambito)-Ms. Zambito reported that over all donations have been down. This is due to the fact that many money making events had to be cancelled due

to Covid 19. However, they did have a 75% increase in donors. The Helping Hilltoppers campaign has raised money for student aid for financial situations of students who have been hurt by Covid-19.

#### **IX. President's Report**

See attached.

#### **X. Finance Report**

Ms. Roberta Linger commented overall we had a slightly positive balance for the fiscal year ending 6/30/2020. She expressed that we have considerable uncertainty about what could be coming financially in the upcoming months.

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

Dr. Greiner expressed to the Board that if budget permits, he would like to see another round of raises for employees. This would not be able to be looked at till January. Kelly Baker responded by asking Dr. Greiner if the Board does see that raises are possible in the budget later on this fiscal year, what will be the plans for those who were cut back from 12 months to 11 and those who lost their jobs due to Covid 19. He said each employee who was cut back will be looked at again, and that at this time they are not looking to add any positions. No comment on those who lost their jobs due to Covid 19.

#### **XII. Next Meeting Date-Wednesday, August 26, 2020**

#### **XIII. Adjournment**

*Report respectfully submitted by:*

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

Dr. Crawford Report:

- BA Music ITP approved by HEPC - Full proposal being prepared
- MS SLP - w/ HLC
- MA ATC - w/ HLC
- MS EP - will be submitted to HLC soon
- # of faculty teaching remote - only <10%
- Smart Catalog implementation over the summer - Sara Sweeney, Maureen Golick, Dr, Jeremy Larence
  - Provide dynamic online catalog - major improvement over large pdf
  - Will eliminate manual curriculum change process & ensure greater accuracy
- Digital Measures implementation about to begin
  - Allow faculty to more easily and accurately maintain records of current qualifications and professional activity
  - Will feed directly to web pages to promote recruiting
  - Will simplify and improve faculty evaluations
- Technology support for classes
  - Zoom -
    - Being used extensively right now for classes, video meetings, conferencing, and collaboration
    - All faculty and students now have a pro license
  - SWIVL classrooms
    - Technology to automate video and audio recording of classes
    - 50 classrooms planned initially w/ additional rooms to be added
    - A major step forward in providing capability for every lecture to be digitally captured and made available to students who cannot attend class in person or who wish to go back and review.
    - Supplier is overwhelmed by current demand, but systems will be set up as quickly as possible.

Then Jason Koegler gave a short presentation of the use of Topper Station for academic lectures.

## ***BOG Enrollment Update 8/19/2020***

### **Headcount**

Fall 2020	2262 prior to enrollment verification and Early entrance registration
Fall 2019	2261 after enrollment verification and before early entrance registration
Final Fall 2019	2495

### **Housing**

Fall 2020	1024 students in campus housing
Fall 2019	1153 students in campus housing

### **COVID 19 Testing**

2789 on our employee and student list  
2157 tested

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO WLU**  
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- West Liberty University has made adjustments to its fall academic calendar due to the pandemic. Fall changes to calendar include starting classes one week earlier than planned. Classes began on Aug. 15 at the Highlands Campus and on Aug. 17 on the main campus. Move-in dates were staggered and COVID-19 testing was conducted in conjunction with the Ohio County Health Department and the West Virginia National Guard. Fall Commencement is now scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 21. The last official day of class will follow commencement and is planned for Tuesday, Nov. 24. Final exams are scheduled for Nov. 28 – Dec. 4 and will take place online, allowing students to remain at home after Thanksgiving break.
- Fall 2020 undergraduate enrollment is at approximately the same level as this time last year. Graduate enrollment is slightly ahead of last year. Single room housing will be available to students, and students who wish to have a roommate will be able to do so.
- Construction on the remaining apartment building has been delayed and not expected to be open in time for the fall semester. Construction of the Behavioral Health Lab and the Speech Pathology and Audiology Lab are scheduled for completion September 1. Construction on the expanded weight room is underway and expected to be completed in the fall. The Indoor Practice Facility has been cleared by the fire marshal for occupancy.
- Last year, the international Sport Literature Association met in Paris, France. This summer more than 50 participants took part in the annual meeting virtually, in a conference hosted by West Liberty University. Facilitator for the meeting was Dr. Jeremy Larance. The group gathered on Zoom June 18 – 20. Presenters were from Australia, Canada, France, Poland, and every time zone in North America.
- In an effort to supply masks to staff as they return to work, West Liberty University had a willing seamstress busy stitching up protection. Longtime Technical Director of Theatre Meta Lasch and her husband Richard Deenis have been creating cloth masks for

about six weeks. Deenis is an adjunct member of the theatre faculty and a carpenter. They offered to make us as many as needed for WLU staff.

- *Assistant Professor of Biology (Zoology/Ecology) Dr. Zachary Loughman made the news again this spring as the Ohio Division of Wildlife discovered a new species.* The Ohio Division of Wildlife announced the discovery of a new species in Ohio: the blue crayfish, which Ohio researchers have been searching for since 1975. The colorful crayfish was discovered in eastern Ohio on May 19.
- Several West Liberty University students in the Gary E. West College of Business recently participated in the Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda national competition. The 2020 national winners were: Kyle Carusa, first place, Entrepreneurship Concepts; Collin Hlad, third place, Entrepreneurship Concepts; Jonathan Howard, sixth place, Client Services; MaCall Brummage, first place, Sales Presentation; and Collin Hlad and Kyle Caruso, tenth place, Small Business.
- West Liberty University junior Alex Easthom won the 101st West Virginia Amateur on the Old White TPC course at The Greenbrier. The Ravenswood, W.Va. native is a former West Virginia Junior Amateur champion and a 2-time NCAA Division II All-Region honoree.
- The Intercollegiate Tennis Association has honored the West Liberty University women's tennis program as a national ITA All-Academic Team for the ninth consecutive year.
- In May the WLU Foundation, under the direction of Angie Zambito-Hill, and in conjunction with the WLU Office of Financial Aid, began a Helping Hilltoppers Scholarship Campaign that has resulted in more than \$50,000 to assist West Liberty University students affected by the pandemic during the 2020 – 2021 academic year. Whether it's used for books, childcare, transportation or tuition and fees, the amount of the award will not exceed \$500.
- Emma Haley, a recent graduate from St. Clairsville High School, is one of 25 high school students selected as West Virginia's first Underwood-Smith Teaching Scholars. She will receive the state's newest and most prestigious scholarship of up to \$10,000 per year,

or \$40,000 total, for their college education as they prepare to pursue careers as West Virginia teachers. She plans to double major in early education and special education.

- The West Liberty University volleyball team is a recipient of the 2020 United States Marine Corps/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award.
- The West Liberty University women's basketball team checked in at No. 21 when the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) released its 25<sup>th</sup> annual NCAA Division II Academic Top 25. The Lady Hilltoppers posted a combined team grade point average of 3.656 for the 2019-20 academic year.