

BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 2, 2021

REPORT TO STAFF

Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Rich Lucas

I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum and Mission Statement

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II. Introductions

A. Welcome New Board Members

- Arlene Brantley
- David H. McKinley
- Stephanie Shaw

III. Public Comment

No individuals signed up to speak.

IV. Approval of Minutes

- A. Minutes of the Full Board March 31, 2021*-Approved.
- B. Minutes of the Executive Committee May 19, 2021*-Approved.

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

No changes.

VI. Board Items for Approval*

- A. Election of Officers*
Rich Lucas was elected as Chair, Jack Adams-Vice Chair, and Jamie Evick-Secretary.
- B. Schedule of Meetings July 2021-June 2022*-Approved
- C. Annual Graduate Degree Report*
Sarah Sweeney gave a report on the substantial growth of graduate programs and the addition of new programs for fall 2021 and fall 2022.
- D. Tuition and Fee Adjustments-Roberta Linger proposed changes to summer tuition and fees as well as small changes to Dental Hygiene fees and RN-BSN program metro tuition rate.-Approved
- E. Update BOG Bylaws-Standing Committees established and approved by a unanimous vote.
 - Academic Affairs
 - Student Life
 - Governance
- F. Notice of Intent for Proposed Rulemaking-A review all the BOG policies so that they are in line with the HEPC rules and WV state code.

- G. Combining and Renaming of the College of Liberal Arts and the College of Arts and Communication -Renaming combined college to the College of Liberal and Creative Arts.

*Action Items

VII. President's Report

Dr. Evans did a power point presentation on his strategic plan. Academic success, enrollment, financial stability, student success, and alumni engagement are all part of the plan. Dr. Evans introduced Shemrico Stanley the new DEI Officer and special assistant to the president. Mr. Shemrico commented on a newspaper article regarding unisex bathrooms on campus and he wanted to clarify to the BOG the misunderstanding about the bathrooms in the article. Search for a new Provost/VPAA is underway. He is looking into ideas to utilize the Highland Center more efficiently. Main Hall is having an overhaul, summer class sessions are underway and are down in numbers, as well as two dean searches are underway. The softball team won the MEC championship and Dr. Evans commented on the teams overall GPA. The baseball team became division runner-up. He also announced that Roberta Linger will be leaving and Stephanie Hooper will be Interim-CFO until the position is filled. Dr. Evans commented on IT accomplishments this year. He commented that the four graduations that took place turned out great. Track and Field and Acrobatics and Tumbling have seen good increases in those activities. Dr. Evans commented that a plan is being worked on regarding the on campus procedures going forward for Covid-19.

VIII. Reports

- A. Interim Provost (Larance)-Dr. Larance gave a report on the status on the year with Covid-19 and all that had to be dealt with as well as commenting that faculty contracts are being done ahead of schedule this year. He also commented on the status of additional programs.
- B. Enrollment (Cook)-Mr. Cook gave an update on the current and future status of Enrollment, stating that the numbers are down for the summer terms and are currently down for the fall term, mainly with freshman admissions. He commented that we are starting summer orientations on campus. This has not been done for two years.
- C. Staff (Baker)-I commented to the BOG and Dr. Evans, that myself and staff council are very grateful to Dr. Evans for funding the staff/faculty picnic.
- D. Faculty (Cowan)-Gave a power point presentation about how Covid-19 was handled with faculty and what they faculty expectations are moving forward as well as the many accomplishments the faculty members received this year. Ryan McCullough was introduced as the new chair of the faculty senate.
- E. SGA (Yakicic)-Did not attend.
- F. Information Technology (Rodella)-Mr. Rodella went over all the accomplishments IT services succeeded in with dealing with the virtual world and the pandemic.

IX. Finance Report

Ms. Linger stated she is accepted a position with Arizona State University. She commented that as of May finances were trending close to budget but end of year may see a deficit in the budget.

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

XI. Next Meeting Date-Wednesday, August 18, 2021

XII. Adjournment

Report respectfully submitted by:

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