WLU Board of Governors

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 – 4:00 p.m.

Location: Shaw Hall Board Room

Microsoft Teams meeting
Join: https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25350463266592?p=68c4VfFs3hiJcbzoDR
Meeting ID: 253 504 632 665 92
Passcode: oC7mp2Qf

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

II. Introductions

III. Public Comment Description: Up to 10 individuals may sign in to speak in open session for three minutes each. The sign-in sheet will be available from Cyndi Galloway fifteen minutes prior to the meeting until the noticed start time.

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

V. Approval of Minutes*
- **A.** Minutes of the Board Retreat August 12, 2026* (pgs. 3)
- **B.** Minutes of the Full Board Regular Meeting August 12, 2026* (pgs. 4-7)

VI. President's Report (pg. 8)

VII. Reports
- **A.** Academic Affairs (Monteroso, pg. 9-10)
- **B.** Enrollment Management (Panepucci, pg. 11)
- C. Student Engagement (Lewis, pg. 12-15)
- **D.** Fiscal Affairs/Facilities (Hudson, pg. 16)
- **E.** Athletics (Forshey, pg. 17-18)
- **F.** Foundation (Delk, pg. 19)
- **G.** Faculty (Kreisberg)
- **H.** SGA (Sweat)
- **I.** Staff (Karas)

VIII. Board Items for Approval*
- **A. Reorganization Proposal** (pg. 20)
- **B. Notice of Intent, Rule 1.6, Ethics** (pg. 21)
- **C. Medial Laboratory Science (MLS) Program Recommendation** (pg. 22)

IX. Discussion Items

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

XI. Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, December 16, 2026

XII. Adjournment

West Liberty University
Board of Governors

Minutes
August 12, 2026

BOG Retreat

In Attendance: Will Turani, Robert Kreisberg, Stephanie Shaw, Mike Baker, Lou Karas, Katie Kacmarik, David McKinley, Erikka Storch, Tom Cervone

Others in Attendance: Tim Borchers, Cyndi Galloway, Cathy Monteroso, Lori Hudson, Betsy Delk, Jacob Manning, Brad Forshey, Katie Cooper

Unable to Attend: Jamie Evick

Arrival: 11:45
Lunch: 12-12:25
Tour: 12:30-2:15
Discussion: 2:15-3:45

The meeting was called to order at 11:57AM.

Opening Discussion
The retreat began with a discussion focused on institutional priorities, strategic planning, and future opportunities for growth. The campus tour is intended to provide a firsthand look at current operations, highlight accomplishments, and identify areas for potential improvement.

Participants discussed the Appalachian Aquatic Conservation Center (AACC) as an example of what is possible for the University. It was noted that significant grant writing and external funding efforts contributed to the development of the AACC, making it a strong model for future initiatives. The AACC was viewed as only the beginning of the opportunities available to the institution.

A key theme of the discussion was institutional distinction. Participants considered why students choose West Liberty University and what factors influence the selection of specific academic programs. The conversation emphasized the importance of identifying and strengthening the University's unique advantages in order to differentiate WLU from competing institutions.

The Board's diverse professional expertise was recognized as an important resource. Members were encouraged to share insights from their respective industries and communities, as well as identify potential partnerships and connections that could benefit the University.The group also discussed the importance of remaining aware of potential funding opportunities. Board members were asked to keep the University in mind when learning of grants, partnerships, or other resources that could support institutional initiatives.

Additionally, participants emphasized the goal of providing a consistent, high-quality experience for all students across the University.

Discussion Session (2:15 p.m.)

Following the tour, participants shared reactions and observations. Discussion focused on potential future projects that could be pursued as bond funding becomes available. The group also reviewed deferred maintenance needs and discussed the importance of addressing infrastructure improvements as funding opportunities arise.
Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:47PM on motion by Stephanie Shaw and seconded by Will Turani.

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Attendance: David McKinley, Mike Baker, Will Turani, Robert Kreisberg, Stephanie Shaw, Katie Kacmarik, Lou Karas, Luke Sweat, Tom Cervone, Jamie Evick, Erikka Storch

Unable to Attend: None

Administration/Faculty/Staff/Guests: Tim Borchers, Cyndi Galloway, Cathy Monteroso, Katie Cooper, Lori Hudson, Betsy Delk, Brad Forshey, Jacob Manning, Neil Szmunsky, Sherri Theaker, Andrew Lewis, Cecilia Konchar Farr, Ann Saurbier, Joe Horzempa

I. **Call to Order/Roll Call/Quorum and Mission Statement**
David McKinley called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. and a quorum was established.

II. **Introductions:** None.

III. **Public Comment:** None.

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

V. **Approval of Minutes***
   A. **Minutes of the Full Board June 10, 2026***

On motion by Mike Baker and seconded by Katie Kacmarik, it was unanimously adopted by the West Liberty University Board of Governors to approve the minutes of the full Board of June 10, 2026.

VI. **President's Report**

Dr. Borchers began his report by highlighting recent student and academic accomplishments, including the success of undergraduate research initiatives, strong Physician Assistant program outcomes, and a 100% pass rate for Dental Hygiene students on their certifying examination. He also discussed a new marketing initiative utilizing a Generative Engine Optimization (GEO) strategy. This approach focuses on optimizing the University's online presence for AI-powered search tools, recognizing that prospective students and families increasingly rely on artificial intelligence when researching colleges and universities. Additional efforts include increasing faculty visibility through publications and other opportunities that enhance the University's reputation and prestige.

Dr. Borchers provided several upcoming event updates. Homecoming is scheduled for October 17, with a full schedule available on the University's website. Career Connections Day and a Back to Business Chamber event will be held on September 30, followed by a Nonprofit Opportunity Fair on October 8. He also announced a generous commitment from Marty and Patti Adams, who have pledged $20,000 annually for five years to support unpaid internships. The funding will allow the University to assist employers in providing meaningful internship opportunities for students.

VII. Board Reports

A. Academic Affairs (Monteroso)

Cathy shared examples of the University's new Experiential Major Maps, developed in partnership with EAB. The maps are designed to help students and families visualize the complete educational experience at West Liberty University by outlining academic requirements, experiential learning opportunities, career preparation activities, and professional development milestones. The maps will be available for all majors beginning this fall and will be incorporated into College 101 courses. She also reported that preparations for the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process are underway, with teams being assembled for Criteria 1 through 4 and team leaders to be announced in the near future.

B. Student Affairs/Enrollment (Cooper)

Katie provided an enrollment update and reported that current enrollment numbers continue to exceed projections. As of the previous day, headcount stood at 1,831 students, not including approximately 400 dual-enrollment students expected to be added. Undergraduate FTE was reported at 1,466 compared to a budget projection of 1,391. Graduate credit hours totaled 2,172, excluding the Physician Assistant cohort, and housing occupancy remained above projected levels. While some enrollment melt is expected after classes begin, significant impact is not anticipated. Katie also reported that planning for Fall 2027 recruitment efforts is already underway. In addition to traditional recruitment travel, the admissions team is exploring smaller, more targeted campus visit events and is piloting a streamlined direct-admit process for dual-enrollment students. She noted that the TopperFest schedule has been released and includes numerous activities designed to help students connect with campus early in the semester.

C. Athletics (Forshey)

Brad reported on recent athletics initiatives, including the upcoming Coaches Show scheduled for August 20 at West Family Stadium. He reviewed social media analytics and highlighted significant growth in engagement and visibility across athletics platforms. Brad also discussed the creation of a drone-assisted virtual campus tour, developed to help prospective students, particularly international student-athletes, experience campus remotely before visiting in person. The virtual tour will be available online and may be utilized by departments across campus as a recruitment tool.

D. Fiscal Affairs (Hudson)

Lori presented the Fiscal Affairs report, reviewing year-end financial results through June 30, 2026. Although expenses exceeded the approved budget, the University still concluded the fiscal year with an operating budget surplus. Lori explained that the surplus reflects revenue, including student receivables, and does not represent unrestricted cash. She reviewed the University's cash position, noting that after accounting for restricted funds, the institution maintains approximately 82 days of available cash on hand, which is considered a healthy level. She also highlighted numerous facility investments completed or underway during FY26.

E. Foundation (Delk)

Betsy Delk reviewed the Foundation's FY26 fundraising results and highlighted several significant gifts received during the year. Among the major gifts was a contribution from Thomas and Janet Pannett establishing the Pannett Family Physical Education Scholarship. She also noted continued support for the Clyde D. Campbell Scholarship Fund. Upcoming Foundation events include the President's Recognition Banquet on October 16, TSTI on October 27, and Scholarship Day on November 4.

F. Faculty Representative (Kreisberg)

Robert Kreisberg discussed concerns regarding excess credit hours accumulated by some students prior to graduation. He reported that he and Melinda met with Dr. Borchers to review the issue and that the Retention Committee is developing advising checklists to help students remain on track toward timely degree completion.

G. SGA Representative (Sweat)

Luke reported that students are actively planning Homecoming activities and that a full event schedule will be released soon. He also shared that updates are being made to the Student Government Association office and expressed optimism for a successful academic year.

H. Staff Representative (Karas)

Lou presented the Staff Report and shared that TIAA is working with the Higher Education Policy Commission to include regular campus visits in its service schedule. She also reported that a Benefits Subcommittee has been created to review healthcare costs and employee benefits. She noted that West Liberty University will host the ACE meeting in May 2027, with Dr. Borchers, Cathy Monteroso, and Lori Hudson planning to attend. Lou further discussed initiatives planned by the Employee Engagement Team, including a coffee and donut gathering prior to the University Welcome on August 20 and a school supply drive benefiting the Center for Arts and Education. During discussion, Erikka Storch suggested creating an Amazon Wish List to increase participation, and it was noted that the University's Food Pantry also maintains an active online wish list. Lou concluded by sharing that the Staff Council Scholarship Committee is currently conducting a clothing fundraiser to support scholarship awards for faculty and staff dependents.

VIII. Board Items for Approval*

A. Notice of Intent, Rule 1.6 Ethics

Jacob Manning presented a Notice of Intent to revise Rule 1.6, the University's Ethics Policy. The proposed changes would expand the policy to include Board of Governors members and assist the University in meeting Higher Learning Commission accreditation expectations.

A motion to approve the Notice of Intent was made by Erikka Storch and seconded by Katie Kacmarik. The motion passed unanimously.

B. Fall 2026 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree

Executive Session
Pursuant to West Virginia Code § 6-9A-4(b)(10), at 5:19 PM, a motion to retire to executive session was made by Erikka Storch to consider the Fall 2026 Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree. The motion was seconded by Katie Kacmarik; motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session began at 4:49PM.

A motion to rise from executive session at 4:52PM was made by Mike Baker and seconded by Katie Kacmarik; motion passed unanimously. No action was taken during the executive session.

Following executive session, the Board considered the recommendation for the Fall 2026 Commencement Speaker and honorary degree recipient. The Board approved Kym Gable, distinguished West Liberty University alumna, longtime news anchor, motivational speaker, and recent inductee into the University's Wall of Honor, to serve as the Fall 2026 Commencement Speaker and receive an honorary degree.

A motion to approve was made by Stephanie Shaw and seconded by Erikka Storch. The motion passed unanimously.

IX. Information Gathering:
None.

X. Adjournment
On motion by Katie Kacmarik & seconded by Mike Baker, the meeting adjourned at 4:53PM.

David McKinley _____
Chair

Tom Cervone _____
Secretary

Minutes submitted by: Cyndi Galloway

President's Report to Board of Governors
October 14, 2026

1. **Key Updates Since June Meeting**
    - Career Connections Day was held on September 30.
    - Nonprofit Opportunity Fair was held on October 8.
    - Distinction Workshop is open for the campus community to provide feedback on distinctive directions for the University.
    - The website is nearing its launch.
    - Launched our Community Impact Internships.
    - We have built out several SharePoint sites to support the transition to the new website and Microsoft.

2. **Other Activities and Accomplishments**
    - I attended the MEC conference Board retreat at the Stonewall Resort.
    - I attended several community events including the Light of the Valley Luncheon, the Chamber Economic Outlook Conference, and the September RISE meeting.

3. **Personnel Items at the Cabinet Level or President's Reports**
    - Reorganization proposal for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs

Respectfully submitted by: Tim Borchers, President

Academic Affairs Report to Board of Governors
October 14, 2026

I. New Program Development

- Construction Management – projected start date: Fall 2027
- Early Education and Special Education online – projected start date: Fall 2027

II. Experiential Major Maps

As part of West Liberty University's Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Quality Initiative and Career Ready Campus strategy, Academic Affairs continues to advance the implementation of Experiential Major Maps (EMMs). The maps provide students with a structured pathway from enrollment through graduation by connecting academic milestones with experiential learning opportunities, including internships, undergraduate research, leadership development, co-curricular experiences, and career preparation activities.

During September, Academic Affairs reviewed submitted maps for consistency and alignment across programs. Department chairs received implementation updates, and a student assignment integrating the major maps into the first-year experience has been developed. Beginning the week of October 12, 2026, EMMs will be introduced to first-year students through Hilltopper Experience (College 101), where students will engage with their program map and be encouraged to meet with their academic advisor to discuss academic and career planning.

The initiative supports several key elements of the new HLC accreditation framework, particularly Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning for Student Success and Criterion 4: Sustainability: Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning, by strengthening student engagement, improving advising, clarifying pathways to career readiness, and creating a more intentional student success experience.

EMMs are expected to serve not only as a student success and retention tool but also as a recruitment resource that highlights the distinctive opportunities and outcomes associated with a West Liberty University education. Academic Affairs will continue refining the maps throughout the academic year as part of the University's ongoing Quality Initiative efforts.

III. Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Reaffirmation of Accreditation Update

West Liberty University has formally launched preparations for its Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Comprehensive Evaluation and Reaffirmation of Accreditation visit scheduled for November 15-16, 2027. A Steering Committee and criterion teams have been established to coordinate the institutional self-study, evidence collection, and federal compliance review.

Steering Committee

- President Tim Borchers
- Cathy Monteroso
- Jacob Manning
- Sarah West
- Tammy McClain

Criterion Team Leads

- Criterion 1: Mission – Cecilia Konchar Farr
- Criterion 2: Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct – Jacob Manning
- Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning for Student Success – Tammy McClain and Sherri Theaker
- Criterion 4: Sustainability: Institutional Effectiveness, Resources and Planning – Lori Hudson

Federal Compliance Lead

- Ann Saurbier

Progress and Next Steps

Criterion teams have begun gathering evidence, identifying institutional data sources, and developing documentation inventories aligned with the new HLC accreditation framework. Each team's Assurance Argument outline is scheduled for completion by December 2026.

Key milestones include:

- Fall 2026: Evidence collection and criterion outlines
- Spring 2027: Draft narratives and campus feedback sessions
- June 2027: Quality Initiative Report submission
- Summer 2027: Completion of the first full Assurance Argument draft
- Fall 2027: Campus review, final revisions, and submission to HLC
- November 15-16, 2027: HLC Comprehensive Evaluation Site Visit

The accreditation process provides an opportunity to demonstrate West Liberty University's commitment to its mission, academic quality, student success, institutional integrity, and long-term sustainability while supporting the University's strategic priorities and continuous improvement efforts.

Respectfully Submitted by: Cathy Monteroso

Respectfully submitted by: Cathy Monteroso, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs

Enrollment Management Report to Board of Governors
October 14, 2026

Enrollment & Admissions

- Fall 2026 Enrollment: 2,236 students as of October 2, 2026.
- 2027 Undergraduate Applications: Applications are up 67 compared to this time last year.

Recruitment Initiatives

- Direct Admission: Expanded direct admission opportunities for dual enrollment students at local high schools, with 100 students opting in for admission following high school graduation.
- Transfer Recruitment: Continuing to strengthen transfer partnerships, including the WVNCC Thundering Hilltopper program.
- CFWV Pathway to Champion: Participating in the statewide initiative to increase recruitment activities and achieve Champion designation.
- EAB Partnership: Continuing to utilize EAB strategies and resources to support undergraduate recruitment and enrollment.
- Graduate Recruitment: Working with Liaison to develop digital campaigns and other strategies to increase graduate inquiries and enrollment.

Recruitment Events

- Continuing to promote and expand on-campus recruitment opportunities through Black and Gold Days, with upcoming events scheduled for October 10 and November 11.

Respectfully submitted by: Michelle Panepucci, Director of Admissions Operations

Student Engagement & Campus Life Report to Board of Governors
October 14, 2026

Summary
Fall 2026 opened with strong student and family engagement across West Liberty University. TopperFest provided a sustained welcome and connection series during the critical opening weeks, Parent Weekend successfully reestablished a valued campus tradition, and September programming strengthened student organizations, leadership development, school spirit, community partnerships, residential engagement, and student support initiatives. Housing & Residence Life reported 807 residential students and targeted building-based programming focused on policy education, wellness, academic support, and campus resources. Together, these efforts advanced institutional priorities related to belonging, retention, leadership, family connection, and campus vibrancy.

Key Indicators at a Glance

Indicator	Fall 2026 Result
TopperFest major-event participation	At least 1,909 recorded participations across listed events
New Student Assembly	345 attendees
TopperFest move-in support	50+ upperclass students from 10+ organizations
Club & Organization Fair	200+ attendees; 55+ groups signed up
Parent Weekend	Reintroduced after several years
Parent Weekend tailgate	175 actual attendees
New student organizations	4 established
Sorority recruitment	23 new members accepted bids
Food Pantry 50/50 fundraiser	More than $400 generated
Residential occupancy	807 / 1,065 listed spaces (75.8%)
September residence hall programs	59 recorded participations across 5 programs

1. TopperFest 2026: Welcoming Students and Building Belonging

TopperFest 2026, held August 21 through September 11, served as the University's annual welcome and engagement series. Programming connected students with peers, faculty, staff, campus resources, student organizations, and institutional traditions through academic, social, leadership, cultural, recreational, and community-building experiences.

Move-in support reflected broad campus participation, with more than 50 upperclass students representing over 10 organizations assisting new students and families. Participating groups included Student Government Association, fraternity and sorority organizations, athletics, and other campus organizations.

Selected TopperFest Event	Attendance
New Student Assembly	345
Laser Tag & Donuts	280
Confection Connection	200+
Club & Org Fair	200+
Build a Topper	185
Making Connections Tie-Dying	147
Block Party	135
Football Tailgate	100
TopperWars	85
Hypnotist	75
Paint n Sit	72
Resource Fair	70
Wild Things Game	15

Weather required adjustments to several activities: Build a Topper and the Block Party moved indoors, the trail walk was canceled because of conditions, and rain affected the Making Connections program.

Despite these challenges, overall participation and anecdotal feedback pointed to a positive start to the academic year, including visible interest and early engagement from first-time students.

TopperFest was supported by Housing & Residence Life, Student Government Association, the Center for Arts & Education, Athletics, Admissions, Counseling Services, Campus Ministry, student organizations, and fraternity and sorority organizations. The collaborative model increased opportunities for connection and reinforced a welcoming campus environment.

2. Parent Weekend 2026: Reestablishing Family Connection
Parent Weekend 2026 successfully reintroduced a valued campus tradition through academic, athletic, and social programming. Planning began in Spring 2026 with family-interest surveys through Parent Power, expanded to campus-partner outreach in June, and moved into promotion during July through Orientation, Parent Power communications, the Parent Weekend website, public relations, and social media.

Event	RSVPs	Actual Attendance / Status
Welcome Event	72	30
President's Brunch	145	70
Student Success Center Session	77	11
Tailgate	229	175
Football Game	218	Not tracked; tickets distributed via Will Call
Ursa Major / Comedian	83	37 / 29
Hike	51	Canceled due to trail conditions
Soccer Match	42	Not reported

The tailgate and football game generated the strongest interest. The President's Brunch relocation to the Union provided a central gathering location, and families frequently expressed appreciation for the return of Parent Weekend. Four alumni self-identified during registration, offering an additional point of connection between family engagement and alumni relations.

Academic Engagement
Sixty-seven students and families reported academic major information. The most represented areas were business-related programs (15), nursing (8), zoo science (7), dental hygiene (6), exercise physiology/sports science (6), and education programs (5). A broad range of additional disciplines was represented, demonstrating the opportunity to further integrate colleges and academic programs into future family engagement.

3. September Student Activities and Leadership Development
- The first football-game student tailgate provided food, giveaways, school-spirit activities, and a pregame gathering designed to strengthen campus engagement.
- The Food Pantry 50/50 fundraiser generated more than $400 for the campus food pantry and students experiencing food insecurity.
- A partnership with Kroger expanded community support: each reusable bag sold through the Elm Grove Kroger generates a $1 donation to the WLU Pantry.
- The Club & Organization Fair had more than 55 groups sign up to participate and drew 200+ attendees as part of TopperFest.
- Four new student organizations were established, including Ju Jitsu and Young Democrats. Student organization support also expanded through the Student Organization Insider weekly email for leadership and the Advisor Angle monthly email.
- Fraternity and sorority life programming and recruitment continued, with sorority recruitment resulting in 23 new members accepting bids, an increase compared with the prior two years.

4. October 2026 Forward Look
Programming continues in October with an emphasis on tradition, leadership, prevention education, wellness, student involvement, and regional engagement.

- Homecoming Week, October 11-17, including Serenades, Tent Day, Pep Rally, luau dance instruction, and the Homecoming Dance.
- Student Organization Leadership Series for club presidents.
- Hazing Awareness & Prevention online training for club leadership, advisors, and coaches, due October 30.
- October trips including an Oglebayfest shuttle, Neighborhood Flea at Schenley Park, and Kennywood Fright Night.
- Intramural 7v7 flag football on Thursdays in October and Oktoberfest in collaboration with Housing & Residence Life.
- Domestic Violence Awareness Walk, co-sponsored by Title IX and Lambda Psi Sigma, on October 9, and a Blood Drive on October 16.

5. Housing & Residence Life
Housing & Residence Life reported 807 residential students across 1,065 listed bed spaces, representing approximately 75.8% overall occupancy. Residence life programming in September emphasized policy education, campus connection, mental health and wellness, academic support, and awareness of campus resources.

Residential Profile
Academic rank data are included for context but should be interpreted cautiously. Housing & Residence Life noted inconsistencies associated with the Banner rollover, including graduate students being mixed into the reported classifications. A separate graduate-student count was not provided.

Reported Academic Rank	Residents
Freshman	338
Sophomore	160
Junior	158
Senior	151
Graduate Student	Not separately reported

Building Occupancy

Residential Area	Occupied / Capacity	Notes
Beta	118 / 133	5 rooms offline
Bonar	61 / 95	22 singles
Boyd	69 / 73	1 showroom
Curtis	63 / 67	1 showroom
Hughes	154 / 219	2 showrooms; 50 singles; 25 Graduate Floor singles
Krise	192 / 307	2 showrooms; 2 rooms offline; 75 singles
Rogers	91 / 98	
Commons Apartments	29 / 34	
Cabins	11 / 14	
Houses	19 / 26	

Note: The reported building-level occupied counts total 807, consistent with the overall residential count. Capacity figures above reflect the figures as provided and do not adjust for rooms identified as offline or used as showrooms.

September Building Programs

Building	Program	Purpose / Focus	Attendance
Royd	Kahoot and Kookies	Campus policy education using Kahoot	4
Krise	West Lib Geo Guesser	Campus familiarity through photos and related trivia	15
Burtis	Mental Health Matters Coloring	Mental health and wellness engagement	10
Beta	Snacks and Schedules	Academic planning resources and awareness of Student Success Center academic coaching	10
Hughes	Dipping into Campus Resources (Caramel Apple Bar)	Awareness of important and engaging campus resources	20

Across the five reported September building programs, 59 resident participations were recorded. These programs complemented broader campus engagement by bringing policy education, wellness, academic support, and resource awareness directly into residential communities.

Upcoming Housing Event

Oktoberfest is scheduled for October 21 at 6:00 p.m. on the Quad and will feature games, food, axe throwing, raffle prizes, and additional activities.

Respectfully submitted by: Andrew Lewis, Executive Director Academic Engagement & Learning Services

WLU Fiscal Affairs & Facilities Report to Board of Governors
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I. Update of Division/Area

FY27 Budget Status Report through September 14, 2026:

- Revenue
  - Undergraduate tuition & fee revenue – Fall 2026 projection on target
  - Graduate tuition & fee revenue – Fall 2026 slightly under projection
  - Housing & meal plan revenue – Fall 2026 projection on target
  - Appropriation – 1st quarter funds received
  - Other income – on target
- Expenses
  - All expenses are on target for the 1st quarter

FY26 Financial Statement Audit – To be completed by 10/15/26 and sent to HEPC

Facilities

- Campus Master Planning RFP and Registered Municipal Advisor RFP – accepting bids
  - Accelerating required campus master planning process in order to align decision making, financing, and project readiness to make sure that the University's highest priority projects are identified, vetted appropriately, financially modeled, and bond ready when financing becomes available in July 2028.
- Preventative Work Orders – 957
- Active Work Orders – 536
- Upcoming Projects
  - Replacing Rogers café doors
  - Installing fire doors in Blatnik
  - Exercise Physiology bathroom and locker renovation
  - ASRC main lobby restroom renovation
  - Concrete work on sidewalks and ADA ramp for Fine Arts
  - Hughes and Rogers roof replacement (state deferred maintenance grant)
  - Sidewalk and road repairs (state deferred maintenance grant)
  - Campus rekeying (Byrne grant)
  - Purchase of police vehicles (Byrne grant)
  - Trailhead work and repairs due to water damage
  - AACC cabin #1 repurpose into Zoo Science space

Respectfully submitted by: Lori Hudson, VP of Fiscal Affairs

Athletics Report to Board of Governors
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Hall of Fame
September 19th Inducted 9 Hall of Famers into the West Liberty Athletic Hall of Fame
Segar Bonifant, Rob Lucas, Joe Maskivish, Kailee Howe, Liz Flowers, Janice Johnson, Alexis Montes, Kiki Simpson, Dr. John McCullough

Football
Receiving votes for National Top 25 Ranking
Luca Neal Defensive MEC Defensive player of the week (Week 0)
Hunter Patterson MEC Offensive player of the week (Week 2)
Kohl Meisman MEC Offensive player of the week (Week 4)
Dominic Maulstby MEC Defensive player of the week (Week 4)
Dominic Maulstby National D2Football Defensive player of the week (Week 4)
Samuel Hobbs MEC Defensive player of the week (Week 5)
Aidan Grella MEC Special Teams player of the week (Week 5)
Start season 5-1 first time since 2009 First place in MEC (2-0)
Celebrated First Responder/Military Appreciation Night 8/27 and Champions Day 9/26

Hunter Patterson
3rd in nation in Rushing yards (994), 2nd in the nation All-purpose yards (218.8 ypg) (1313), Leads the nation in Total TD (16), and total points scored (98).
Second in nation in rushing TD (11) and scoring (16.3 ppg)., 4th in Rushing yards per game (165.7)
Eighth in yards per carry 7.05.

Volleyball
Dakoda Keni continues to add to her school record in assist. She went over 3,000 in her career in a win over Frostburg.
Hosted MEC-PSAC Crossover
Hosting 2 Volleyball matches (Friday and Saturday) and a football game on Homecoming Weekend
Taylor Speake MEC Defensive player of the week (Week 6)

Volleyball Continued
Dakoda Keni MEC Defensive player of the week (Week 6)

Tennis
September 25th Hosted first match on the Hilltop in since 2022

Women's Soccer
September 30th Hosting Ohio Valley soccer night against Glenville 7:00 pm

Men's Soccer
Continuously appearing in regional rankings, getting as high as 4.

Men's and Women's Golf Conference Championships
Men's- October (4-6)
Women's- October (11-13)
Stonewall Resort Palmer Course

Cross Country
Men finished second at Bethany Invite, placing 4 runners in the top 10
Women finished fourth at Bethany Invite

WIC (Women in Coaching) Female Student Athlete Mentoring Madness
September 27th
- Athletes were split up into 4 groups randomly. Every 7 minutes they rotated to a different mentoring station talking numerous leadership topics with our Female Coaches & Staff.

- Interactive leadership games were played the last 20 minutes.
- Journal reflection questions were provided to promote the most out of their growth.

4.0 Club

October 21st every student athlete who earned a 4.0 last year will be honored for their hard work. They will receive a 4.0 T-shirt which was sponsored by Rich Lucas. Dr. Borchers and Dr. Monteroso will be in attendance.



Toys for Tots

WLU Athletics partnered with the Northern Panhandle Toys for Tots. They will be in attendance of every home football, volleyball, men's and women's basketball, men's and women's wrestling events. The goal is to increase their families supported to over 1,000 this year.

Respectfully submitted by: Brad Forshey, Athletic Director

WLU Foundation Report to Board of Governors
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July 1, 2026 – September 20, 2026

Total Revenue Received from fundraising through 9/20/26 = $443,559.94

Annual Fund: $54,150

Significant Gifts:
$28,130 memorial gifts to the Dr. Clyde D. Campbell Scholarship
$20,000 Gift/Pledge from Daniel & Chelsea Young for Broadcast Studio and AACC Turtle Garden
$50,000 gift from Kris Williams and Jim Taibi
$66,000 gift from Betsy McCormick for tennis court resurfacing project
$10,000 gift from Dan Warner for tennis court resurfacing project
$18,000 from Joann Whetsell for the English Department

Recent Events and Activities:
Award of $10,000 in NIP Tax Credit for Retention Scholarship
FY26 Audit Completed
Hilltopper Athletic Club Kick-Off
Annual Fund Campaign Mailing

Upcoming Events:
Homecoming Weekend – October 16-18
President's Recognition Dinner – Friday, October 16 at 5:30pm
Tri-State Tax Institute – Tuesday, October 27
Scholarship Days – November 4 & 5

Respectfully submitted by: Betsy Delk, Executive Director WLUF

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REORGANIZATION PROPOSAL

WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

Action Item

Proposal for reorganization of two units, Enrollment Management and Student Success and Engagement.

Proposed Resolution: Resolved, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approve the Reorganization Proposal as presented.

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October 14, 2026

NOTICE OF INTENT, RULE 1.6, ETHICS

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Action Item

A Notice of Intent to send the updated BOG Rule 1.6 to campus for 30-day comment.

Proposed Resolution: Resolved, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approve the Notice of Intent as presented.

MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE (MLS) PROGRAM RECOMMENDATION

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Action Item

The President's recommendation was reviewed by the Academic Affairs/Student Life Committee, who voted to move the recommendation forward to the full board.

Proposed Resolution: Resolved, that the West Liberty University Board of Governors approve the Medical Laboratory Science (MLS) Program recommendation as presented.