

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
January 18, 2017**

Executive Committee Members Present: Les DeFelice, Patrick Ford, Jim Stultz

WLU Administrators: Scott Cook, Brian Crawford, Stephen Greiner, John McCullough

Others: John Gompers, Jim Haizlett

1. Mr. DeFelice called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Dr. Crawford provided a brief overview of outcomes from the recent reorganization discussion.
3. President Greiner provided a report that included the following items:
 - a. A publication by the American Council of Trustees and Alumni, entitled “What Will They Learn” was shared. This report gives West Liberty University, and all other regional colleges and universities in the state, a “C” rating.
 - b. A very favorable update from Institutional Advancement was distributed. There was some discussion of the impact of recent gifts on the endowment.
 - c. The proposed soccer/track complex was discussed. Two locations have been considered for construction, including one on leased land and a second on University-owned property. Maps showing the alternatives were presented. Building on the University-owned location would involve removing several older houses. The President reported that a \$1 million pledge has been received for the project. The pledge is contingent upon the Foundation Board providing a loan for the remaining \$1.5 million needed for the project. The item is on the January 27th Foundation Board agenda.
 - d. He presented a preliminary idea to construct a student apartment complex next to the softball field and Beta Hall. This would be a 120-bed complex. The plan would be to build the new housing, then take down Beta Hall. The desire is to put out an RFP soon, with funding potentially coming from a low-interest loan through the USDA.
 - e. There was discussion of the return-on-investment for the proposed construction projects. The President provided a handout summarizing anticipated revenue generated. There was discussion of the currently unused 200 acres of land adjacent to the campus and some ideas for how it might be utilized in the future.
 - f. The President provided a summary of facilities upgrades projects that could be addressed with a \$2 million loan. These would include addressing academic technology needs, safety concerns, student services, athletics, and other campus enhancements.
4. The President provided a budget update as of December 31, 2016. We are anticipating another cut in state appropriation, but amounts and timing are unknown. There was discussion of the future of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

5. The auditors will be attending the BOG meeting to present their report. A material deficiency was identified because of lack of segregation of duties during a period of reduced staffing. Another less-serious deficiency was reported involving several invoices that were recorded to the incorrect fiscal year. These issues have been resolved.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Leslie DeFelice _____
Chair

James R. Stultz _____
Secretary