

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
March 22, 2017**

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

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

Others: John Gompers, Jim Haizlett

1. Mr. DeFelice called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.
2. Dr. Crawford discussed the Program Reviews that are up for approval. Mr. Ford will be participating in the review process again this year. A summary document will be available before the regular BOG meeting.
3. Dr. Greiner reported on the following:
 - a. Performance Contracting – Information was distributed from a recent presentation by H. E. Neumann and T.E.N. that proposed an energy and water savings project. This project will provide significant savings to the University. A request for bids will be initiated within the next few weeks to begin the process of selecting a contractor.
 - b. Technology Upgrade Project – Bids were recently opened for this project. Six of the seven bids received seemed reasonable. They are now being reviewed and two or three will be invited to provide additional presentations prior to final selection.
 - c. Police Mutual Assistance Program – An agreement is being established with the Town of West Liberty that will have Campus Police providing some coverage to the town. This is modeled on the relationship between WVU and the City of Morgantown, and will allow WLU Police to operate in areas where University students live.
 - d. Relocation of Academic Program – The Psychology Program will be moving to the Department of Health Sciences in the College of Sciences, effective July 1, 2017.
 - e. Construction Update – The next construction project activity will be a request for bids for the track and soccer field. Core sampling has been completed and indications are that there is an old landfill at the lower end of the proposed location. A likely solution is to adjust the location upslope. Cost estimates are now being prepared. A new apartment complex is still on the agenda, and there will be movement on this item at some time in the near future.
4. Ms. Linger gave an overview of the FY17 budget.
 - a. She distributed a budget status report for March 15th. Revenue and expenses are trending close to budget.
 - b. There was discussion of reduction in the number of P-Cards and spending control.
 - c. A planning model for FY 18 was distributed, showing possible decrease in state funding of 5, 10, and 15%, and a possible tuition increase of 4.5%.
 - d. Tuition schedules were distributed showing what graduate and undergraduate increases of 4% and nearly 5% would look like.
 - e. A Proposed Special Fees list was distributed. Several proposed changes were highlighted, including a reduction in the On-Line Course fee, restructuring of parking fees, and

- restructuring and repurposing of the Hilltopper for Life fee.
- f. An action item is being proposed to extend the Metro tuition rate to include Richland and Ashland Counties in Ohio.
 5. Mr. Cook reported on today's Accepted Student Day, for which 160 families are registered.
 6. An Honorary degree is proposed for Maria Pappas, alumna and Treasurer of Cook County, Illinois, who will be the May commencement speaker.
 7. The President reported on his visits with state legislators in Charleston last week:
 - a. At this time there is a great deal of uncertainty regarding the impact on higher education, but some cut to state appropriation is expected.
 - b. He also reported on the Human Resources bill that has passed both the house and the senate. This change to code would allow local boards to take control of human resources policies and decisions, independent of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.
 - c. There is a proposal being considered by the legislature to commission a study of higher education in the state to be completed by the 2018 session.
 8. There was discussion of the departure of Coach Crutchfield.
 9. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

Leslie DeFelice _____
Chair

James R. Stultz _____
Secretary