

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
September 25, 2019**

Executive Committee Members Present: Jack Adams, Patrick Ford, Kris Williams

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Ford called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

2. Budget

Ms. Linger gave a report on the FY20 budget status as of the end of August. So far, revenue is about where it should be and expenses are trending slightly lower than budgeted. We have been notified that the state is considering a 4.6% mid-year appropriation cut based on decreased revenue.

3. Enrollment Update

Mr. Cook gave an enrollment update. The numbers are being finalized now and he expects we will have between 2,480 and 2,500 total enrollment this fall. Enrollment is up in all categories except returning students and in-state freshmen. The number of students in campus housing is also up. There was discussion of current recruiting efforts.

4. President's Report

President Greiner reported on several items:

- a. He, Ms. Linger and Mr. Koegler will attend the HEPC meeting this Friday, where he will give a five to ten-minute presentation based primarily on content from the recent *Rise* publication. He will cover mostly changes that have taken place over the last three years. WLU is the first school to be invited to give such a presentation to the Commission.
- b. WLU was recently named a "hidden gem" by College Raptor, along with Shepherd and WVWC.
- c. The U.S. News college rankings for the year have been released. We have been ranked #12 in Social Mobility, which is a new category. There was discussion of reasons for our relatively high graduation rates and other factors that contributed to this ranking.
- d. The Theater program continues to do well and earned Kennedy Center awards again this summer.
- e. Topper Station was recently launched. This will provide more and better content to viewers.
- f. He gave a construction update on several projects:
 1. We are moving furniture into the first new apartment building this week and hope to move students in next week, even though the parking lot will not be complete. Building two is at least several weeks behind and building three construction is in the early phases.
 2. All preparation work for the demolition of houses on recently purchased property across Route 88 has been completed and we are waiting for the demolition to begin. This may be as soon as next week.
 3. At a meeting on Monday, plans for the first phase of work on the 4th floor of Campbell Hall were finalized and we are moving ahead with that project. Construction should start after the first of the year and be completed by August 1, 2020. This will provide clinic space for the Clinical Psychology and Speech Language Pathology programs.
 4. The Indoor Practice Facility is nearing completion and is expected to open by October 1st. The sprinkler system and turf still need to be installed.
 5. The Library elevator project is continuing and should be completed in the next four to six weeks.
 6. Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration has purchased the property across from the apartments at the bottom of the hill and the trailer there will soon be removed. The property will become a parking lot for the apartments and may also provide a location for a campus welcome sign.
 7. Improvements and expansion of the athletic weight room are being supported by Panhandle Cleaning and Restoration and construction should be complete before fall football practice 2020. This project will allow for multiple teams to use the facility at the same time.

8. There was discussion of the lighting on the new soccer field, which allow games to start later in the afternoon. This means players do not need to miss afternoon classes as they did before we had a lighted field.

5. Executive Session

Pursuant to WV Code § 6-9A-4, at 8:40 a.m., a motion to retire to executive session to discuss a property acquisition and BOG officers was made by Jack Adams and seconded by Kris Williams; motion passed unanimously.

6. Actions from Executive Session

A motion to rise from executive session at 9:57 a.m. was made by Kris Williams and seconded by Jack Adams; motion passed unanimously and the Committee rose from executive Session.

The following actions were taken:

- a. A motion that West Liberty University not accept the property gift was made by Kris Williams and seconded by Jack Adams; motion passed unanimously.
- b. A motion to name the WLU Board of Governors Executive Committee as the Nominating Committee for the replacement of the Board Chair for the remainder of the six-month term was made by Jack Adams and seconded by Kris Williams; motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Patrick Ford _____
Chair

Jack Adams _____
Secretary