

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
February 2, 2022**

Executive Committee Members Present: Jack Adams, Arlene Brantley, Richard Carter, Jamie Evick, Rich Lucas, David McKinley

WLU Administrators: W. Franklin Evans, Stephanie Hooper

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

2. President's Update

An environmental scan was provided by the President.

Dr. Evans discussed the impact of SB550 submitted by Senator Tarr at the urging of Bluefield State President Robin Capehart. The bill would allow two-year institutions to offer four-year degrees and similarly allow four-year institutions to offer two-year degrees. The bill also would limit the powers of the HEPC. The bill currently sits in the Senate Finance Committee.

Other topics discussed at a high level were areas of interest that have been reviewed or are under review. These include inconsistent stipends for chairs and program directors, appropriate faculty credentials for courses taught to ensure compliance with accreditation, budget shortfalls, budget process and personnel, Accreditation Assurance Review at the end of spring, program reviews and the BOG participation in those reviews, tenure and promotion, finalizing student grades prior to commencement so that degrees can be conferred at the graduation ceremony, the academic calendar and impact of University closings/delays, number of GA positions and the inconsistent benefits offered to those positions, lack of sponsored program grant funding, NCAA report and inaccurate reporting, Title IX equality between men's and women's sports, the refocus of the Highlands Center, filling the Alumni Affairs position, continued progress with community partnerships, update on our branding and campus marketing initiatives, DEI initiatives and annual calendar of events, inconsistent data reporting or reporting that is submitted prior to the President's review, cross training of employees and increased employee satisfaction, Human Resources employee evaluation system, nepotism, legal update, Master Plan and building operations, new Aquatic Center, enrollment and an emphasis/focus on graduate enrollment, improved dining hours, unused scholarships in the Foundation, and Board/Cabinet giving. The Board suggested the President discuss all of these with administration and faculty.

3. Board of Governor's Self-Evaluation Update

A board evaluation survey was sent to members of the board. Eleven out of twelve responded and the results are still being compiled and evaluated.

4. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:57 p.m.

Richard Lucas

Chair

Jamie Evick

Secretary