

**WEST LIBERTY UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**Executive Committee
Minutes
May 19, 2021**

Executive Committee Members Present: Jack Adams, Rich Lucas

WLU Administrators: W. Franklin Evans, Brian Crawford, Stephanie Hooper, Roberta Linger, Shemrico Stanley

1. Chair Lucas called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

2. President Evans gave an update on the following:
 - a. His trip to the Florida Alumni Chapter reunion.
 - b. He shared plans for a possible end-of-the-year on-campus event for employees.
 - c. Mr. Shemrico Stanley has started as the new DEI Officer and Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives. He will work as the liaison to the BOG to provide assistance to the group.
 - d. Searches are underway for deans for the Gary E. West College of Business and the newly combined college.
 - e. He will be presenting a new name for the new college to the full board at the June 2nd meeting.
 - f. The search for the next Provost/VPAA is underway. Initial screenings have happened and interviews will begin soon.
 - g. Summer enrollment is down compared to last year. Enrollment numbers for fall are also somewhat down, as expected based on lower high school graduating numbers in the region and the impact of the pandemic.
 - h. He announced that organizational changes are being made to better align functions across campus. Included in these are plans to better utilize the Highlands Center, which will house an admissions office, Topper Station, and other academic and community service activities in the future.
 - i. Fundraising is significantly ahead compared to the last three years.
 - j. The women's softball team won the MEC championship and is playing today in the NCAA regional tournament. In addition to being athletically successful, the team has a 3.56 cumulative GPA.
 - k. He reported that the Governor has appointed three new members to the BOG:
 1. Arlene Brantley, Enterprise Account Executive/Google
 2. David McKinley, President and Chief Investment Officer/McKinley Carter Wealth Services
 3. Stephanie Shaw, VP Enterprise Technology/The Wendy's Company

3. The election of BOG officers will occur at the full board meeting. Officers to be elected are the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Mr. Lucas will contact individuals to possibly serve and create a slate of nominees. There was discussion of training available for board members. Mr. Lucas requested that additional local training be scheduled.

4. The schedule of BOG meetings for 2021-22 will be presented for approval at the full board meeting.
5. Ms. Hooper and President Evans introduced suggested amendments to the BOG bylaws and the establishment of the following additional standing committees:
 - a. Academic Affairs
 - b. Student Life
 - c. Governance
6. Ms. Hooper introduced proposed changes to BOG policies. This will be on the full board agenda.
7. The Annual Graduate Degree, which is an annual requirement of the HEPC, has been created by Ms. Sara Sweeney, Director of the Office of Graduate Studies, and will be presented for approval at the full board meeting.
8. Ms. Linger gave a brief update on the FY 21 budget. She reported that revenue for FY21 will still see some increases based on graduate tuition and the addition of CRRSAA funds. Expenses have held fairly steady and are not expected to change a great deal prior to the end of the fiscal year.
9. Ms. Linger introduced a proposed change to summer tuition and fees, eliminating the athletic and institutional activity fee. She also proposed minor changes to the Dental Hygiene fees and the RN-BSN program metro tuition rate.
10. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 a.m.

Richard Lucas _____
Chair

Jack Adams _____
Secretary