

# BOARD OF GOVERNORS

June 3, 2020

## REPORT TO STAFF

- I. **Meeting called to order by Chairperson, Rich Lucas**
- II. **Introductions**  
No introductions
- III. **Public Comment**  
No individuals signed up to speak.
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
  - A. Minutes of the Full Board April 1, 2020\*-Approved
  - B. Minutes of the Executive Committee May 20, 2020\*-Approved
- V. **Agenda Order (Board may move to change order of consideration)**  
No changes
- VI. **Board Items**
  - A. Election of Officers\*  
Rich Lucas remains in the chairperson position. Kristina Williams remains as vice chair and Jack Adams stays on as the secretary.
  - B. Schedule of Meetings July 2020-June 2021\*-Approved
  - C. Annual Graduate Degree Report\*-Please see attached-Approved
  - D. MS Exercise Physiology\*-new degree program approved.
  - E. BS Exercise Physiology\*-new degree program approved.
  - F. Dental Hygiene Fee\*- approved.\*Action items
- VII. **Reports**
  - A. Provost (Crawford)-See attached
  - B. Enrollment (Cook)-See attached.
  - C. Staff (Baker)-I read the statement that was given to me from the staff council regarding being more informed about what is happening with staff regarding the COVID 19 financial status of the university. The quote read as follows: "Members of the Board and Dr. Greiner, We have had requests from several staff members of the possibility of receiving more detailed information and clarification to the employees regarding the financial situation and overall state of the on-going pandemic situation."
  - D. Faculty (Gall)-Dr. Gall reported that the faculty is requesting that they be better informed or included in the process for the Fall in regards to the classroom changes and new procedures that will be followed when the students start classes in August. Dr. Crawford stated that a letter would be going out later this week or early next week to the faculty regarding the procedures that have been decided upon for the Fall up to this point.
  - E. SGA (Yakicic)-Ms. Yakicic-reported that she is working with Kate Billings on different things but is waiting to see what if any guidelines or restrictions will be imposed for the Fall. She also commented on a question from Dr. Greiner, regarding having a live

graduation later in the Fall for the Spring 2020 graduates. She commented she has had students show interest in coming back for the live ceremony.

### **VIII. President's Report**

See attached.

### **IX. Finance Report**

Ms. Roberta Linger commented on the budget and all the expenses that have been attributed to Covid 19. She gave details about refunds that were given students in regards to the Cares act. She reported that the financial status of the University with everything that has happened should be in the positive as of the 6/30/2020 year end.

### **X. Information Gathering (Members may ask questions or gather information to prepare for future agenda items without general discussion or action at the meeting.)**

No comments

### **XI. Next Meeting Date-Wednesday, August 19, 2020**

### **XII. Adjournment**

*Report respectfully submitted by:*

*Kelly Young Baker, WLM Board of Governors Staff Representative*



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To: WLU Board of Governors  
From: Sara Sweeney, Director Office of Graduate Studies  
Re: Annual Graduate Degree Report  
Date: May 27, 2020

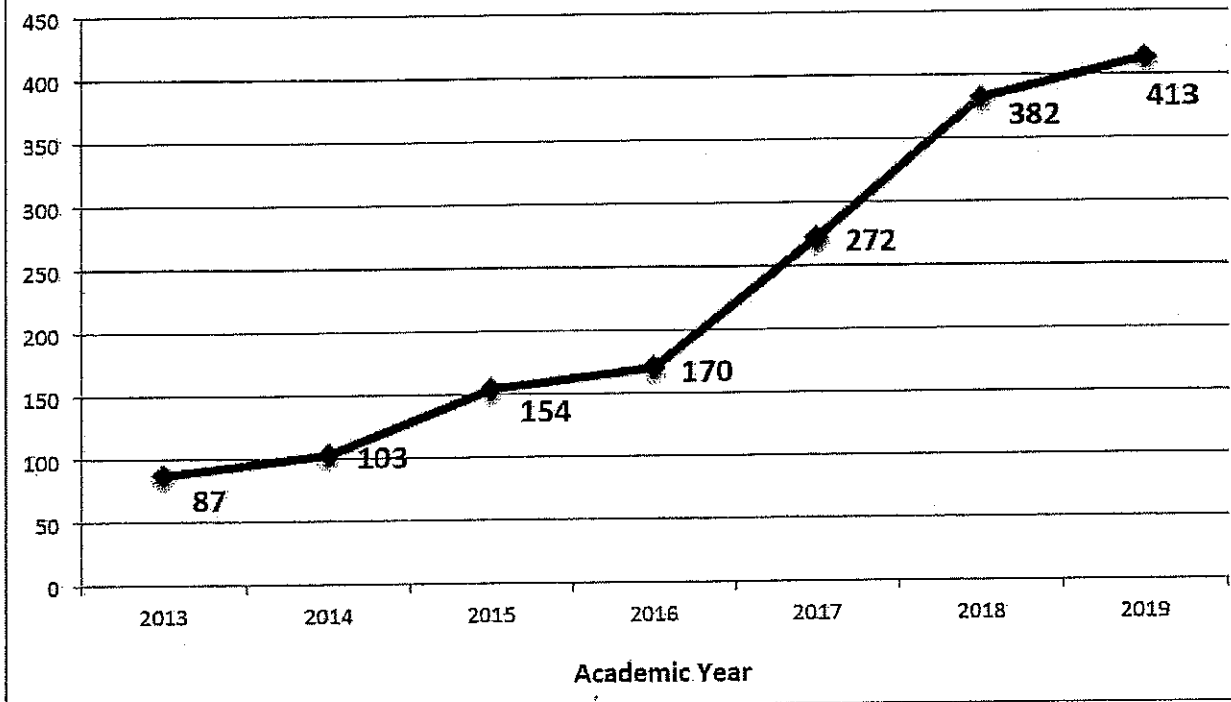
1. The number of programs being offered and the courses offered within each program:
  - a. Master of Arts in Education (MAEd) with Areas of Emphasis in:
    - i. Community Education: Research & Leadership
    - ii. Leadership Studies
    - iii. Multi-Categorical Special Education
    - iv. Reading Specialist
    - v. Sports Leadership and Coaching
    - vi. Technology Integration
  - b. Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies (MSPAS)
  - c. Master of Professional Studies
    - i. Organizational Leadership
  - d. Master of Business Administration
    - i. Forensic Accounting
    - ii. Healthcare Management
    - iii. Management
  - e. Master of Science in Criminology
    - i. Courts and Corrections
    - ii. Law Enforcement
  - f. Master of Arts and Master of Science in Biology
    - i. Biomedical Science (MA only)
    - ii. Tradition
    - iii. Zoo Science
  - g. Master of Science in Dental Hygiene
  - h. Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology
2. The disciplines in which programs are being offered:
  - a. MAEd: College of Education
  - b. MSPAS: College of Sciences
  - c. MPS: School of Professional Studies
  - d. MBA: Gary E. West College of Business
  - e. MS Criminology: College of Liberal Arts
  - f. MS/MA Biology: College of Sciences
  - g. MA Clinical Psychology: College of Sciences
  - h. MS Dental Hygiene: College of Sciences

3. The locations and times at which courses are offered:
  - a. MAEd: Monday through Thursday, 5:00 PM – 8:50 PM at the WLU Highlands Center or online.
  - b. MSPAS: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM on the WLU Main Campus
  - c. MPS: Friday 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the WLU Highlands Center or online.
  - d. MBA: Entirely online program.
  - e. MS Criminology: Entirely online program.
  - f. MS/MA Biology: Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM - 8:50 PM on the WLU Main Campus.
  - g. MA Clinical Psychology: Monday through Thursday, Evenings on the WLU Main Campus.
  - h. MS Dental Hygiene: Entirely online program.
  
4. The number of students enrolled in the programs for 2019-20:
 

a. MA Education:	104
b. MSPAS:	37
c. MPS:	21
d. MBA:	161
e. MS Criminology:	17
f. MS/MA Biology:	43
g. MS Dental Hygiene	5
h. MA Clinical Psychology	6
i. Special Non-degree:	30
  
5. The number of students who have obtained master's degrees through each program since May 2020:
 

a. MA Education:	17
b. MSPAS:	19
c. MPS – Org Leadership:	8
d. MBA:	48
e. MS Criminology:	4
f. MS/MA Biology:	29
g. MS Dental Hygiene	0
h. MA Clinical Psychology	0

### WLU Graduate Enrollment by Year





## Status update on new programs

- MS Athletic Training - start delayed to Fall 2022 due to specialized accreditation. Will start as soon as the last students have graduated from the BS AT program (spring 2022). New pre-AT major in BS Ex Phys will prepare students to transition
- MS Speech Language Pathology - has been submitted to HLC - waiting to hear if it will require a site visit. Hoping to submit for specialized accreditation candidacy in August
- MA Art Therapy & Counseling - On agenda for June 26th HEPC mtg
- MS Exercise Physiology - approved here today - will be sent to HEPC & likely will be on their September agenda

## Accreditation

- An interim report on strategic planning, resulting from their spring 2018 site visit, was due to HLC in May
- The report was submitted and accepted with no follow up or further reporting necessary.

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Brian L Crawford, PhD  
Provost  
West Liberty University





## **Enrollment Update BOG Meeting 6/3/2020**

### **Application Report as of June 1, 2020**

UG	Applications Received	-31
UG	Applications Accepted	-44
GR	Applications Received	-7
GR	Applications Accepted	-20

### **Fall Registration as of June 1, 2020**

Headcount Enrollment	1910	1900 (2019)	+10
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### **Housing as of June 1, 2020**

Applications for Housing	1011	1131 (2019)	-120
New Student Applications	-93		
Returning Applications	-27		



**PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO WLU  
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- It was a commencement to remember as West Liberty University celebrated the Class of 2020 in a first-time ever virtual ceremony presented by Topper Station, WLU's streaming platform on Saturday, May 9. Special thanks go to Theresa Gretchen and Jason Koegler for the production. A live graduation ceremony is planned for later this year.
- MacKenzie Davis, a 2017 graduate from the WLU nursing program, volunteered to travel to New York City at the height of the pandemic to work in the ICU at NYU Winthrop, a 591-bed facility that is located in Long Island. She said, "Honestly, going to New York just felt like the right thing to do. I didn't have any reason not to go. I'm healthy, young, and have the necessary experience and education to make a difference in the best way I know how."
- Due to COVID-19, the Phi Beta Lambda State Conference took an online format and students presented their work in a virtual setting. WLU emerged with several winners. All students attending the leadership conference are enrolled in the Gary E. West College of Business. They will join hundreds of America's college students in a virtual national conference and competition next, later in June, which offers thousands in cash prizes.
- West Liberty University plans to have in-seat classes for Fall 2020 and reopen its main campus and Highlands Center location, along with housing and dining services. Multiple scenarios and plans for opening are being developed.
- West Liberty University received a gift of 500 surgical masks from business contact Joanna Dongmei Jiang, who is the president of C3 Summit International. Jiang is located in Shanghai, China and she sent the masks to help the university during the pandemic.
- The West Liberty University Critical Incident Response Team (CIRT) has been meeting regularly during this crisis to identify safety

measures and precautions on campus and to implement the West Liberty University "Response to Pandemic Event" policy. Using the most current CDC and local public health and safety data, the CIRT team is currently addressing issues of safety with the incoming Physician Assistant class, scheduled to begin classes on June 29.

- Fred Kinder, a member of the West Liberty University Wall of Fame, worked with his alma mater and others to bring a rapid test system to West Virginia. Kinder does business throughout Asia and was familiar with a rapid test developed in China by Ustar. This test detects pathogenic microbes (such as COVID-19) from patient samples (nasal swabs, sputum, and other bodily fluids) in a matter of minutes. "This is a state-of-the art test capable of rapidly detecting COVID-19 without the need of extracting the viral genetic material or any additional tedious steps," explained Joseph Horzempa, Ph.D. Horzempa is a WLU biology professor and microbiologist who was named West Virginia Professor of the Year in 2018 and has gained national attention for his research.
- Senior women's tennis standout Carleyah Mclean won the ITA's Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award for the Atlantic Region, while the Lady Hilltopper team earned the ITA's Atlantic Region Community Service Award. The ITA's Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award dates back to 1982 and is presented annually to the male and female student-athlete who have exhibited outstanding sportsmanship and leadership, as well as scholastic, extracurricular and tennis achievements. Off the court, she served an internship at the Wheeling (W.Va.) YWCA where she worked to assist homeless individuals and individuals seeking shelter from domestic violence. As a regional award winner, Mclean is now one of eight finalists for the ITA National Arthur Ashe Leadership and Sportsmanship Award while the Lady Hilltoppers are finalists for the ITA National Community Service Award. Both awards will be announced later this month.
- Each and every spring, students are singled out for awards at Spring Convocation and this year was no different. Despite the pandemic and the nature of our virtual world, these annual awards were presented virtually. In addition, the Digital Media Design Students presented their annual Senior Art Show virtually. Upcoming virtual

programs include a Physician Assistant Open House and Summer Freshman Orientation.

- Construction continues on the fourth floor of Campbell Hall. The Behavioral Health Lab and Speech Pathology and Audiology Lab are scheduled for completion in August. The water leaks near the student union have been repaired. Installation of LED lighting throughout campus has begun with retrofits in the Library and Main Hall.

