

West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Meeting of January 27, 2011

ITEM: Second Year Report on the Institutional Compact

AREA: Academic Affairs

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of the second year report on the WVSU Institutional Compact

PRESENTER: Dr. R. Charles Byers, Vice President for Academic Affairs

BACKGROUND:

To address the goals of the Higher Education Policy Commission's 2007-12 master plan, each institution was required to develop a compact with the Commission based on the elements of the statewide master plan. Each institutional compact addressed how the university will meet statewide goals and, where appropriate, established institutional goals for the duration of the master plan. The five-year plan was submitted to the Commission to December 1, 2008.

All institutions report on a series of common elements that reflect the state's fundamental public policy goals for higher education. West Virginia State University is required also to report on its land-grant mission. Reports may also include elective items which reflect the variety and diversity of institutional missions, existing strengths, population and regions served, and goals throughout the planning cycle. These elective items permit the institution to highlight their differentiation, which is the key to a more efficient and more accountable state system of higher education.

Annually all institutions are to report on their activities related to the reporting elements in the Compact; the second year report was due October 1, 2010 and was submitted on that date. After review, however, the Higher Education Policy Commission requested additional information and set a January 15, 2011 resubmission date. Institutional compacts must be approved by the respective governing board as well as by the Higher Education Policy Commission. The transmittal letter indicated it would be presented to this Board of Governors at their January 27 meeting for approval.