

WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
DRAFT MINTUES OF MEETING OF DECEMBER 21, 2011

Chairman Larry Rowe called the meeting to order at 2:55 p.m. Those additional governors present were: Millie Booker, Kris Casdorff, Tom Guetzloff, William Lipscomb, Larry Salyers, Ann Smith, Tom Susman, Gary Swingle, John Thralls, and Vincent Williams.

T. Susman moved that the agenda be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Announcements by the chair:

- The Board approved the final presidential search plan and formation of the search committee with good representation. The Plan is on the December 28, 2011 HEPC agenda; if they approve it, it will then be implemented.
- Dr. Orlando McMeans has met with the acting chancellor, Paul Hill, regarding the requested additional allocation for WVSU. Mr. Hill said everyone needs to make the same request: a \$1.6 million increase to the base budget; no other requests should be made. Likely we will lose \$2.1 to \$2.3 million when the KVCTC leaves.
- The Legislature may cite us on failing to fully fund the classified staff salary schedule; the cost is approximately \$1 million.
- An important point is the relief on the conditional admission policy.
- We would also like Land-Grant to be shifted to the Economic Development portion of the budget since that is really what it is. That will take it out of the comments from some Legislators that “we gave you \_\_\_” but in reality some of it was for the obligatory Land-Grant match.

The question was asked whether or not WVSU has anyone on the senior staff in the Governor’s Office to be our advocate. It was observed that we need to talk with them to ensure the \$1.6 million gets into the governor’s budget. The question was also asked whether or not it would help to have outstanding students to show Legislators. Chairman Rowe’s response was that may be a possibility later, not now. It was observed that WVSU needs to contact someone in the Governor’s Office immediately following the New Year.

Regarding focus groups for the presidential search, G. Swingle asked that WVSU Foundation members be included. Chairman Rowe observed they need to be included on the steering committee as well.

T. Susman made a motion that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of dealing with a personnel matter and negotiation having legal implications on a contract. It was seconded and the motion passed.

Following the Executive Session, Chairman Rowe declared the Board out of Executive Session.

V. Williams made a motion that the Chair modify any documents discussed in the executive session in accordance with the matters that were warranted and initiate future negotiations to fulfill the objectives that were discussed in the contract and legal matters. T. Susman stated that such document would not be public until such time as it was accepted by all the parties as well as by the HEPC. The Chair of the Board has the authority to make any required changes to the document and it will remain confidential until legal counsel determines it may be made public. A. Smith seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken resulting in 8 for the motion and 2 against the motion. Chairman Rowe noted he would vote in the affirmative if permitted under the rules (had there been a tie vote).

With the business of the agenda completed, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,