

**WEST VIRGINIA STATE UNIVERSITY  
ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE OF THE  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 22, 2011  
ERICKSON ALUMNI CENTER  
CLEVELAND ROOM  
9:00-11:00 a.m.**

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**A G E N D A**

**INFORMATION ITEMS:**

- New class time schedule
- Extended Studies initiatives
- Commencement held on campus
- B.S. degree in Math probation due to low number of graduates

**UPDATES/COMMITTEE PLANS:**

- Social Work collaborative degree with Concord University
- Academic Departments with low numbers of majors, low graduation rates
- Possible Plan of Work for the Committee for 2011-2012

**ACTION ITEM:**

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair of Committee**
- Third Year Report of the WVSU Institutional Compact**



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF JUNE 23, 2011**

Chair Attorney Larry Rowe called the meeting to order at approximately 11:00 a.m. in the Cleveland Room of the Erickson Alumni Center.

Additional Committee member attending was Dr. John Thralls; Dr. Tom Guetzloff was absent. Guests attending were: Dr. Charles Byers, Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Katherine Harper, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences & Mathematics; Dr. Orlando McMeans, Dean of the Gus R. Douglass Institute and Special Assistant to the President for Research; Dr. Sandra Orr, Chair of the Education Department; and Patricia Shafer, Special Assistant to the Vice President for Academic Affairs for Finance & Advising.

The minutes of the April 28, 2011 meeting were approved and it was determined that a quorum was present.

Dr. Byers introduced the **Intent to Plan a new content specialization in Agriculture Education (Pre K-Adult) to be added to the Bachelor of Science degree in Education**. Dr. Orr made the presentation. Highlights of her presentation included:

- the process of the Intent to Plan is that it goes to the Chancellor for approval but does not require approval of the Higher Education Policy Commission. Once the WVSU Board of Governors and Dr. Noland approve, we have one year to get the full plan ready.
- Educational Personnel Preparation Advisory Council (EPPAC) and our Campus-Wide Committee on Teacher Education have both approved the proposal and the courses have been developed;
- this is the restoration of a program we had at WV State College before we lost our Land-Grant status and thus it was discontinued;
- the purpose of this program is to certify teachers in Agriculture Education and is becoming more recognized because of sustainable agriculture;
- with approaching retirements, this certification will be greatly needed;
- it will serve the southern part of the state but will also feed into the WVU Master's program;
- Policy Bulletin 5100 says the age group for this certification is 5-adult; we would like to add Pre-K-Adult because there are programs in the elementary schools that these teachers can teach.

Comments and questions from Committee members included:

- the number of students expected in this specialization – the response was about five students per year,

- regarding cost to the University, it will likely be 2016 before we would be offering the courses for which we would be hiring adjunct faculty,
- when the full proposal comes back to this Committee, it should include a marketing plan because that will have a lot to do with the success of this program.

Dr. Thralls made the motion that this Committee recommend to the full Board of Governors that we move forward with the Intent to Plan this program. Attorney Rowe seconded the motion and it passed.

In other Committee business, Dr. Thralls offered some future agenda items he would like for this Committee to consider as follows:

1) Senate Bill 330 requires that by 2015 we must be at the level with our peers on graduation rates. He suggested we talk very specifically about what our plan is to move in that direction.

2) We are challenged to be very frugal with reallocation of external funding and he would like to know from the last five years the new and deleted programs along with all programs.

3) There is an agenda item of the schedule of Board meetings for 2011-2012 – is the calendar such that it will accommodate deadlines required by this Committee? He was assured Academic Affairs submitted the dates by which it needed meetings to approve items to meet its known submission due dates.

With the business of the committee completed, the meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Office of Academic Affairs

**West Virginia State University Board of Governors**  
Meeting of September 22, 2011

**ITEM:** Third Year Report on the Institutional Compact

**AREA:** Academic Affairs

**RECOMMENDED ACTION:** Approval of the third 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 on December 1, 2008.

All institutions report on a series of common elements that reflect the state's fundamental public policy goals for higher education. In addition, West Virginia State University is required 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 institutions 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 and on any additional items the Commission requests; the third year report is due October 1, 2011. Institutional compacts must be approved by the respective governing board as well as by the Higher Education Policy Commission.

