

**West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Academic Policies Committee
Erickson Alumni Center, Weisberg Lounge
January 28, 2016
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Agenda**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call – Committee Chair John Thralls, presiding
2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting Action 2
3. Review and Approval of Agenda Action 1
4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting Action 3
5. University Recommendations and Reports
 - 5.1 Other Business
6. Next Meeting Date – *March 17, 2016*
7. Adjournment

**West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Academic Policies Committee**

Date/Time: 1/28/2016 -- 10:30 AM

Location:

West Virginia State University, Erickson Alumni Center, Weisberg Lounge, Institute, WV

Purpose: To conduct regular business of the Committee in preparation for the January 28, 2016 Board of Governors meeting

Notes:

This is a compliant meeting.

Meeting was approved : 1/8/2016 4:29:19 PM

**West Virginia State University Board of Governors
Academic Policies Committee
Erickson Alumni Center, Weisberg Lounge
Minutes
December 11, 2015**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Dr. Thralls called the meeting of the West Virginia State University Board of Governors Academic Policies Committee to order at 10:30 a.m.

Present: Dr. Guetzloff, Mr. Lipscomb, Mr. Payton, Ms. Pitchford, and Dr. Thralls. Several members of the administration, faculty, and staff were also present.

2. Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting

Dr. Thralls announced the Verification of Appropriate Notice of Public Meeting.

3. Review and Approval of Agenda

Dr. Thralls asked for approval of the agenda. Ms. Pitchford made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Payton. The motion passed.

4. Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Dr. Thralls asked for approval of the minutes from the October 29, 2015 meeting. Ms. Pitchford made the motion, and it was seconded by Mr. Payton. The motion passed.

5. University Recommendations and Reports

1) **Other Business** – Dr. Jayasuriya gave an overview of the last year in Academic Affairs.

a. **General Education Curriculum** – A new general education curriculum was passed. Students will have increased flexibility to choose electives and add minors.

b. **New Programs**

i. **Master of Education in Instructional Leadership:** The full proposal has been submitted to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) for review and approval.

ii. **Civil Engineering:** The intent to plan was submitted to HEPC Chancellor Paul Hill for review and approval.

iii. **Master of Social Work: Program,** in conjunction with West Virginia University, will begin Fall 2016.

iv. **Bachelor of Fine Arts in Music:** Program began Fall 2015.

v. **Maser of Public Administration:** Program began Fall 2015. A second cohort will be welcomed on-campus for Fall 2016.

- vi. Sports Studies: A pre-professional track has been added to the program for students looking to continue to post-graduate education.
- vii. Nursing: After Committee discussion and expressions of interest in an RN to BSN Program, Dr. Jayasuriya stated that he would review the dormant state of an earlier proposal to develop such a program.
- c. **English as a Second Language** – The fourth cohort arrived on campus earlier this week. Students will stay on-campus through Christmas break.
- d. **Online Programs** – The University is planning to begin five fully-online degree programs for Fall 2016. Those programs are: Accounting, Business Management, Criminal Justice, Master of Education in Instructional Leadership, and Technical Writing. Academic Affairs is working to negotiate a contract with The Learning House, which will assist in marketing these programs.
- e. **Accreditation** – The University received reaffirmation of accreditation from The Higher Learning Commission for ten years. Additionally, two programs received program specific accreditation this year: Education through Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, referred to as CAEP, and Business through Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs, referred to as ACBSP.
- f. **1+3 Program** – The 1+3 program is gaining traction. Early Enrollment has grown in the past two years from 250 students to 850 during the Fall 2015 semester. Accreditation through NACEP for the Early Enrollment program is being applied for in the 2016-2017 academic year. This accreditation would provide the program with national merit.
- g. **Recognition** – Biology and Business were named third in Best Value Colleges. Social Work came in tenth. Overall, the University was recognized as fourth Best Value of Small Colleges and Universities.

6. Next Meeting Date

January 28, 2016

7. Adjournment

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Ms. Pitchford, and seconded by Mr. Lipscomb to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 11:27 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Megan E. Norman