

MINUTES
WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY AT PARKERSBURG
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

March 26, 2009

An emergency meeting of the West Virginia University at Parkersburg Board of Governors was held on March 26, 2009 by teleconference in the President's Conference Room at WVU Parkersburg beginning at 4:00 p.m. Board members present were: Cindy Bullock, Matthew Santer, Joe Campbell, Gerard El Chaar, William H. Hopkins, Curtis Miller, Violet Mosser, Gregory K. Smith, Kim Starkey, Keith Burdette and Kennad Skeen, II. Absent was Rock Wilson. Others present included Dr. Marie Foster Gnage and Patsy Bee.

Guests present included administrators, faculty, staff and members of the media.

1. Call to Order

Mr. Campbell, Chair of the WVU at Parkersburg Board of Governors, called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Patsy Bee, Executive Assistant to the President, noting that a quorum was present.

3. Discussion Items

Practice and Procedures for Social Activities: Request

Mr. Campbell asked Board members to consider a request from the WVU at Parkersburg Foundation for President Gnage to approve the serving of alcohol at a Mystery Dinner Theatre fund raising event scheduled on the WVU Parkersburg Campus that would permit two drinks (wine or beer) per person to approximately 200 people. Mr. Smith moved that the WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors would endorse the request. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. After additional discussion, Mr. Smith amended his motion to include endorsement for President Gnage to approve the request for the Foundation to serve alcohol at the Mystery Dinner Theatre with the following conditions:

1. The WVU at Parkersburg Foundation needs to have host liquor liability insurance
2. WVU at Parkersburg must be named as additional insured.

3. Endorsement by the Board of Governors is for this one-time event with the approval of the President.

Mr. Miller seconded the amendment to the motion. Motion carried.

- Foreign Travel for Faculty and Staff

President Gnage provided information to the WVU Board of Governors regarding foreign travel for faculty and staff. She noted that she recently received a request for a faculty member to travel to Chad located in Central Africa. While the President follows current policy in approving requests for travel to foreign countries, she wanted our WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors to be aware of such requests. President Gnage also noted that employees are covered under West Virginia's BRIM insurance when traveling on behalf of the college.

- Communications with WVU

Mr. Campbell asked President Gnage to provide an update on meetings with West Virginia University. President Gnage reported that meetings have been held with representatives from WVU and an agreement between WVUP and WVU is progressing. She noted that both institutions want to be aligned as much as possible despite HB 3215.

- Other

Mr. Campbell announced the resignation of the faculty representative on the Board of Governors noting that Mr. Gregg Busch has accepted a position with Washington State Community College as the dean of arts and sciences. He announced and introduced new board member Professor Matthew Santer from the Social Science Division who has been elected by faculty to serve as their representative on the Board of Governors.

Mr. Burdette provided an update on several bills currently circulating in the Legislature That would have an impact on the college, but he noted they currently do not have much support.

4. Executive Session Executive Session under the authority of WV Code 6-9A-4-2A

Mr. El Chaar moved to go into executive session. Ms, Mosser seconded the motion. Motion carried. At approximately 4: 25 p.m. the WVU Parkersburg Board of Governors moved into Executive Session.

At approximately 5:17 p.m. Mr. Burdette moved that the Board return from Executive Session. Ms. Starkey seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Campbell reported that Board members reviewed a draft of the agreement between WVU and WVU Parkersburg and noted that it is an evolving process.

5. Next Meeting

Mr. Campbell noted that Board would probably meet again before the next meeting scheduled on June 10.

6. Adjournment

With no further business to be discussed Mr. Burdette moved to adjourn. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patsy Bee

Executive Assistant to the President

Joe D. Campbell, Chairman

Keith Burdette, Secretary