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# The Minutes of the Marshall University Board of Governors Meeting, February 11, 2015

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Marshall University Board of Governors  
Board Meeting  
John Spotts Room  
February 11, 2015

Present: Michael G. Sellards, Chair; Tim Dagostine; Oshel Craigo, James Bailes, Christie Kinsey; Miriah Young; Duncan Waugaman; Joseph Touma; Joe McDonie, Dave Haden; Wyatt Scaggs; Dale Lowther; Ed Howard; Marty Amerikaner

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sellards, Chairman, at 12:10 p.m.

II. Approval of Prior Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. Haden seconded by Mr. McDonie, the meeting minutes for December 17, 2014, December 18, 2014, and December 29, 2014, were unanimously approved.

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

The Board convened into Executive Session under the authority of WV Code §6-9 A-4 to discuss Personnel Matters and a potential Real Estate Acquisition

After a brief time, the Board resumed the open meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Mr. Howard, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby authorize the acquisition of certain parcels of real property described in executive session and to be publicly identified upon consummation of purchase.*

IV. Committee of the Whole

A) Approval of Search Process and Appointment of Search Committee for Presidential Vacancy

Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Dr. Touma, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approves the Search Procedure and the appointment of AGB Search as the Search Firm/Consultants for the Presidential Search.*

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Wyatt Scaggs, Secretary

The AGB Search consultants selected were Arnold Speert and James L. Lanier. Scaggs discussed the importance of ensuring that if the most-suitable candidate was not found after the initial round that the Board of Governors would commit to searching until a satisfactory candidate was found.

B) Official University Green Ink Color

Ginny Painter presented PMS 354 as the proposed official University green. The benefit of selecting PMS 354 was to ensure continuity of and ease of reproduction of Kelly Green.

Upon a resolution by Dave Haden, seconded by Joe McDonie, the Board approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve Pantone Matching System (PMS) 354 as the official green ink color to be used in university logos and printed materials.*

V. Committee Meeting Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee – Action Items

A) Approval of Intent to Plan for MS in Mechanical Engineering

Discussion ensued regarding the Intent to Plan for the Bachelor of Science program that this intent to plan is based upon. It will be brought to the April meeting and both will be brought to the June meeting for approval and addition of the programs.

Upon a motion by Dr. Touma, seconded by Mr. McDonie, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Intent to Plan for the Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering.*

B) Approval of Intent to Plan for MS in Clinical and Translational Science

This item was tabled in the Committee Meeting.

C) Approval of Addition of Degree Program for MS in Clinical and Translational Science

This item was tabled in the Committee Meeting.

D) Approval of Intent to Plan for MSW: Master of Social Work

Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Mr. Waugaman, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Intent to Plan for the Master of Social Work.*

E) Approval of Intent to Plan for MS in Biomechanics

Upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Dr. Amerikaner, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Intent to Plan for the Master of Science Degree in Biomechanics.*

It was noted that a one-time \$5,000 expenditure was the only known expenditure required to launch the program. This will be the only such program offered in the state of West Virginia.

Information Items:

Upcoming events of note were the Marshall Day at the Capitol on February 18 and the Diversity Breakfast on February 20. Updates were given by Dr. Ormiston, and he reminded the Board about Program Review on March 12-13.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee – Action Items

A) Six Months Ending December 31, 2014, Financial/Budget Report

Upon a motion by Mr. Bailes, seconded by Mr. McDonie, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Board of Governors receives the Financial/Budget Report for the six months ending December 31, 2014.*

B) Investment Earnings Update

Upon a motion by Dr. Touma, seconded by Ms. Young, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report for the 6 months ending December 31, 2014.*

VI. President's Report

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Wyatt Scaggs, Secretary

President White began by saying he was enjoying being president and proceeded to update the Board on his activities. He said the largest adjustment is his schedule. He has met with senior staff, Faculty Senate, Classified Staff Council and Student Government Association. He has also met with an accreditation team (for the journalism program), noting that there is always a suggestion for improvement from these teams and the university will be receiving their report soon.

He discussed the Funding Model and Marshall20/20, noting he has attended two sessions. He noted that MU is leading in this initiative.

He gave several other updates regarding forensics, the spans and layers review, enrollment and retention, and the legislative session, including a handout with some information. He also noted he had met with Congressman Evan Jenkins and was in contact with Senator Shelley Moore Capito.

#### VII. Adjournment

Mr. Sellards thanked the Board for their attendance and participation and with no further business to bring to the Board, upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Dr. Touma, the meeting adjourned at 1:46 p.m.