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Marshall University Board of Governors  
August 26, 2015  
Shawkey Dining Room

Present:   Michael G. Sellards, Chair; Phyllis Arnold; James Bailes; Philip E. Cline; Tim Dagostine; 
Dale C. Lowther; David E. Haden; Ed Howard; Christie Kinsey; Joseph McDonie; Wyatt Scaggs; 
Dr. Cam Brammer; Duncan Waugaman; Miriah Young; 

I.    Call to Order  
Upon determining a quorum was present, Mr. Sellards called the meeting to order. An 
official welcome was given to Dr. Brammer, Faculty Representative to the Board of 
Governors. 

II.    Minutes Approval  
Upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Mr. Haden, the Board approved the 
minutes of June 24, 2015. 

III.    Committee of the Whole  
Dr. Jan Fox and Jon Cutler presented the Information Technology Security Annual 
Report. 

IV.    Committee Meeting Reports  

Academic and Student Affairs Committee  

Mr. Howard, Chair of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee gave an overview of 
the Committee Meeting. He noted there were no action items for the Academic 
Committee. However, a report update was given by Dr. Gayle Ormiston, Provost. He 
announced that the Higher Learning Commission would be here October 12, and 13, and 
the University is seeking comments from the public about the university in preparation 
for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. This is the 10There will be 
ads in the newspaper as well. 

Other updates were given to the Committee by various constituents, such as the School 
of Medicine, Student Affairs, and Athletics.
Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Lowther, Chair of the Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee gave an overview of the Committee Meeting. He noted there were two action items, and one information item.

a) Investment Earnings Update

Upon a motion by Mr. Lowther, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Board approved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report for the 12 months ending June 30, 2015.

b) Approval of amendments to the Employee Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance Program

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

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approves the amended Policy No. AA-42, Employee Dependent Undergraduate Tuition Assistance Program, and that the amended policy will be effective for the Fall 2015 Semester.

Further Resolved, that the policy is approved as final at the conclusion of the comment period if no substantive comments are received.

Shown on the agenda was an information item. It was a Pro-forma example that was tabled for this meeting and will be presented at the next meeting.

An update was given by Mrs. Heuton regarding Finance and Ms. Jacobs-Jones regarding remodeling across campus and retail space at the Visual Arts Center.

V. President’s Report

President White updated the Board on several items:

- 2020 initiative, grant and research activity
- Grant and Research activity and awards
- Handout on the costs of attending MU
- Marketing Plan
- Student Employment
- Lighting on campus
- Week of Welcome
VI. Report from Provost Ormiston

Provost Ormiston reminded the board that official public notice is out today regarding accreditation. The Higher Learning Commission site visit is October 12-13, 2015. Comments for the HLC are due by September 12, 2015.

VII. Report from Chair Michael G. Sellards

Chairman Sellards thanked Board Members for their participation and their dynamic going forward. He told the Board that during the next few months, he would be changing the Committees.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Mr. McDonie, the Board entered Executive Session.

After a brief period of time, the Board returned to open session upon a motion by Mr. Scaggs, seconded by Mr. Waugaman.

IX. Adjournment

There being no other business to be brought to the Board of Governors, upon a motion by Mr. Waugaman, seconded by Mrs. Young, the meeting adjourned.