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Marshall University Board of Governors
August 23, 2017
Shawkey Dining Room

Present: Wyatt Scaggs, Chairman; Phyllis Arnold; James Bailes; Tim Dagostine; Woody Duba; Jim Farley, Patrick Farrell, David E. Haden; Christie Kinsey; Joseph McDonie; Gary G. White; Carol Hurula; Dr. Cam Brammer; Matt Jarvis;

I. **Call to Order**

Upon determining, a quorum was present, Mr. Scaggs called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m. He introduced the new members: Woody Duba, Jim Farley, Patrick Farrell and Carol Hurula.

II. **Minutes Approval**

Upon a motion by Dr. Brammer, seconded by Mr. McDonie, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 28, 2017 and the special meeting of July 19, 2017 meeting.

III. **Committee Reports**

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mrs. Kinsey, Chair of the Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee.

Mrs. Kinsey noted that the Committee received a report from each of the colleges. Sherri Smith presented EDGE to the group and would be presenting it to the Board in October.

The Provost's Office, Student Affairs, Medical School and Athletics each provided updates. Student Affairs provided a report about Week of Welcome. A "file folder" was distributed with information about student assistance.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Haden, Chair of the Committee, provided the report for the Finance Committee. The following items were discussed and approved from committee for consideration by the board:

A) Investment Earnings Update

Upon a motion by Mrs. Kinsey, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, the following resolution was read and motion carried:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report for Fiscal Year 2017 ending June 30, 2017

Mr. Haden asked Brandi Jacobs-Jones to give the Operations Report, who provided updates on University construction projects.

- B) Dr. Ron Area, CEO of Marshall University Foundation gave a quick overview of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Services Agreement between Marshall University and Marshall University Foundation noting these agreements have been vetted and approved by the Marshall University Foundation, Inc.'s Board of Directors on June 3, 2017. He also noted the differences in the Agreements. Upon a motion by Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. White, the board read the following resolution and the motion carried:

Resolved, to accept both the Memorandum of Understanding and the Services Agreement between the Marshall University Foundation Inc. and Marshall University as presented.

IV. **President's Report**

Dr. Gilbert discussed the annual Convocation. The 2017 Week of Welcome events were viewed as more successful than the previous year. He really felt this class has a sense of belonging and connecting. He also discussed the play called "Traditions". The play has been taped and he asked the board to let us know if they want to watch the video.

There were several receptions at the house for new faculty, MU School of Medicine, grad student's orientation reception, and other MU activities. Last week a newly developed Alumni Club in Charleston met for the first time. Mike Queen is the President of this new club. Thank you to Sara Payne Scarbro for making this new club happen!

The Alliance for Economic Development of Southern West Virginia met for the first time on August 10th at Edgewood.

Some notes about our cuts and increases. A 9% tuition increase does not mean we are in great shape. We are partially freezing positions, and closely monitoring all positions. There will be some restructuring and probably areas will be combined.

Dr. Gilbert spoke to the Charlottesville tragedy and stressed the importance of the Marshall creed.

V. **Chairman's Report**

Mr. Scaggs thanked each board member that attended the Summit. There were 10 of our members in attendance.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded Mrs. Arnold, the Board entered Executive Session to discuss proposed appointments. After a short period, upon a motion by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, motion carried and the Board entered open session. The following resolution was motioned by Mr. Duba, seconded by Mr. McDonie with the following resolution read and unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Board approves the appointment of Angela Bryson as Parent/Autism Advocate and Dr. Bill Bissett as a Citizen Member of The West Virginia Autism Training Center at Marshall University.

VII. **Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Dr. Haden, seconded by Mr. Jarvis, the meeting was adjourned.