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Marshall University Board of Governors
Board Meeting
December 17, 2014

Present: Michael G. Sellards, Chair; Phyllis Arnold; James Bailes; Oshel Craigo; Phil Cline; Tim Dagostine; David E. Haden; Edward Howard; Christie Kinsey; Dale Lowther; Joseph McDonie; Wyatt Scaggs; Joseph B. Touma, MD; Miriah Young; Martin Amerikaner; Duncan Waugaman

I. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Sellards, Chair.

II. Approval of Prior Minutes

Upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Dr. Touma, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of October 31, 2014 board meeting.

III. Executive Session

Upon a motion by Mr. Howard, seconded by Dr. Touma, the Board went into Executive Session. After a brief period of time, upon a motion by Mr. Bailes, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, the Board returned to open session. Upon a motion by Mrs. Kinsey, seconded by Mrs. Young, the Autism appts of Aarthy V. Shah, Earlene Sherp Anglin and Cathy Jo Higgins were unanimously approved. Upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Mr. Lowther, the real estate property purchase discussed during Executive Session was unanimously approved, giving Layton Cottrill, Senior Vice President, the authorization to proceed.

IV. Committee of the Whole

The Campus Compact was discussed in depth at the October meeting/retreat. After that meeting, the Compact was sent to the HEPC. At this time, it is requested that the Board accept the recommendation by the Academic Committee. Upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Marshall University Higher Education Policy Commission Compact Update and 2014 Performance Targets and Rationale, November 1, 2014.

V. Committee Meeting Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

- A) Addition of a Degree Program, Bachelor of Arts in the Arts. The Intent to plan was previously brought to the Board. No additional costs for this program will be incurred as it will complement the existing program. Upon a motion by Dr. Amerikaner, seconded by Mrs. Arnold, the following resolution was unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the addition of a degree program of Bachelor of Arts in the Arts.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee

- A) Three Months Ending September 30, 2014, Financial/Budget Report

Mr. Lowther discussed the financial condition of the University noting we are in good financial condition. Upon a motion by Dr. Touma, seconded by Mr. Howard, the Board unanimously approved the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Board of Governors receives the Financial Financial/Budget Report for the three months ending September 30, 2014.

- B) Investment Earnings Update

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

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report for the 4 months ending October 31, 2014.

Updates were provided by Senior Administration. Mary Ellen Heuton discussed WVOasis, School of Medicine and the Audit. Jan Fox provided additional detail on the OASIS program, Brandi Jacobs Jones presented updates in several operations areas, and Mike Hamrick updated the board on the Athletic Department and the upcoming Bowl Game.

VI. President's Report

Dr. Kopp updated the board on many items. Some highlights of his updates follow:

- Provecta Project with Mexican students. High School students visited the University to learn English and we are hopeful that the students will attend MU;
- 10 year Master Plan – working on implementation without adversely impacting our finances;

- Legislative Session – discussed change of leadership and the upcoming session;
- Forums – legislative forums were held at Huntington, Pt. Pleasant, and South Charleston. Discussions were informative and well attended;
- Council of Presidents – this group will prepare a legislative agenda;
- WVOasis – discussed our operational concerns and that we are asking for an exemption from this program;
- Physical Therapy Site Visit – the PT site visit was held recently and went well. A good exit report was given by the team;
- Title IX and Sexual Violence Report – report. Dr. Kopp asked Leah Tolliver and Lisa Martin to discuss Prevention and Services. They went over parts of the training they give to college students.

Dr. Kopp finished his report by discussing the renovation of Shawkey Dining Room and recognized Brandi Jacobs-Jones. He also discussed Commencement venues and growth of them, with the first Pharmacy and PT classes graduating in the next year and future.

VII. Chairman Report

There was no chairman report given.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further items to bring before the Board, upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Mr. Howard, the meeting was adjourned.