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Marshall University Board of Governors
December 7, 2016
Shawkey Dining Room

Present: Wyatt Scaggs, Chairman; Phyllis Arnold (by phone); James Bailes; Phil Cline; Tim Dagostine; David E. Haden; Edward Howard; Christie Kinsey; Dale C. Lowther; Joseph McDonie; Michael G. Sellards; Gary G. White; Miriah Young; Dr. Cam Brammer; Matt Jarvis;

I. **Call to Order**

Upon determining a quorum was present, Mr. Scaggs called the meeting to order. He recognized newly appointed Board Member, Gary White.

II. **Minutes Approval**

The minutes of the August 24, 2016 and November 2, 2016 were approved upon a motion by Mr. Lowther, seconded by Mr. McDonie.

III. **Committee Reports**

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

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

The action items recommended for approval by the Committee were:

A.) Addition of Degree Program: Master of Pharmaceutical Sciences

The School of Pharmacy proposes two new degree programs in Pharmaceutical Sciences in order to provide students with necessary training for careers in academia, the pharmaceutical industry or research institutions. Of note, as a pro forma program, no additional centrally funded resources or faculty are required at this time. Expenses in the first four years will be funded through a combination of School of Pharmacy start-up funds and tuition revenue. Starting with the fifth year, the program will be fully supported by tuition revenue. Net revenue by the eighth year will be utilized to buy a Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectrometer, crucial for research and training. The instructor position will be shared between two programs, the proposed Master of Pharmaceutical Science and the existing Phar.D.

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

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the addition of a degree program for the Master of Science and Master of Arts in Pharmaceutical Sciences.

B.) Approval of 2016 Marshall University HEPC Compact Update

Upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Mr. Haden, the following resolution was read and unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the 2016 Marshall University HEPC Compact Update.

Provost Ormiston gave an update on some discussions with Bridge Valley and that he is coordinating a transition team for the Governor-Elect along with Dr. Yingling and Mr. Sellards regarding higher education.

Other updates were given by:

Mr. Matt James for Student Affairs

Dr. Beth Wolfe on recruitment.

Dr. Joseph Shapiro gave highlights from the School of Medicine.

Mr. Jeff O'Malley gave highlights from Athletics.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Haden, Chair of the Committee, gave the report for the Finance Committee. There was one action item on their agenda.

- A) Investment Earnings Update. Upon a motion by Mrs. Young, seconded by Mr. Cline, motion carried.

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report for the period ending October 31, 2016.

- B) Three months ending September 30, 2016 Finance/Budget Report. Upon a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Howard, motion carried.

Resolved, that the Board of Governors receives the Financial/Budget Report for the three months ending September 30, 2016.

C) Renovations to Jenkins Hall

Jenkins Hall is a 52,000 square foot, three story building with exterior masonry façade, occupied by the College of Education and Professional Development. The building houses administration, offices, and classrooms of the COEPD, the Learning Resource Center, a mathematics education laboratory, a science education laboratory, an electronic classroom, and the June Harless Center for Rural Educational Research and Development. In February 2014, Edward Tucker Architects conducted a feasibility study and reported that the building was a good candidate for renovation. The proposed renovation is part of the Capital Improvement approved at the June 29, 2016 MUBOG Meeting.

Upon approval of this renovation request, an expression of interest for designs services will be undertaken and construction documents prepared. Jenkins Hall will be partially occupied during construction and will be phased per floor with construction tentatively scheduled for completion by December 31, 2018.

Upon a motion by Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. Howard, the following resolution was read and unanimously approved.

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors authorizes the design and renovation of Jenkins Hall.

D) Renovations to Smith Music Hall

Smith Music Hall is an 82,000 square feet, four0story steel framed building with an exterior masonry façade constructed in 1966. It comprises 24 practice rooms, 30 studios, one administrative suite, five classrooms, two rehearsal halls, several utility spaces for graduate assistants, a green room and a recital hall seating 450. The facility is also home to the College of Arts and Media's School of Music. In a December 17, 2012, National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) Commission Action Report, the accrediting body noted concerns related to extreme acoustical interference in all spaces within Smith Music Hall. In addition, regulation of the heating and cooling systems have proven problematic. The fluctuations of temperature and lack of humidity control have had a detrimental impact on both University and faculty owned instruments. This proposed renovation was successfully passed as a portion of the annual prioritized capital improvement projects during the June 29, 2016, Marshall University Board of Governors meeting.

Upon a motion by Mr. Cline, seconded by Mr. Howard, the following resolution was read and unanimously approved.

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors authorizes the design and renovation of Smith Music Hall to address matters related to acoustical interference and temperature control.

It was noted that the audit was still outstanding.

Updates were given regarding Operations by Brandi Jacobs-Jones and Mr. Haden gave an update on Athletics.

IV. **President's Report**

Dr. Gilbert began his report by remembering Pearl Harbor. Today is the 75th Anniversary of the Attack on Pearl Harbor. It is important to remember our past and those things that have brought us to where we are today.

- Dr. Gilbert informed the Board that ten out of 150 eligible employees have signed up for the Severance Plan. Hopeful to gain \$1M in savings.
- On November 15, we were surprised to find out we would be cut 2% mid-year. This is about \$2.14 M in additional cuts. After administratively discussing, it was decided that we would handle it by increasing the position freeze that is currently in place by being more restrictive of what positions are filled. Also, the severance plan will help. We have eliminated 136 positions for about \$4M in savings. Since FY13, that makes a total of \$11.5M in cuts.
- GATE Committee Report – Dr. Gilbert appeared before the Government Accountability, Transparency, and Efficiencies (GATE) on December 5, 2016. Committee, during his presentation, Dr. Gilbert distributed a one-page handout that summarized the University's action to address reductions in state funding.

- Marketing Report – Updated provided on the new "Sons and Daughter's Marketing Campaign."
- College of Business – three candidates will be brought to campus in January and February. We are confident that we will be able to hire an outstanding leader for the College of Business.
- Fundraising – Update provided on donor solicitation by Dr. Ron Area and Dr. Gilbert Dr. Gilbert spoke to the importance of private while the state allocation continues to decline.

Chairman's Report

Chairman Scaggs gave a report about the AGB Conference in Boston, MA.

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

Secretary

There was no Executive Session.

VI. Adjournment

There being no other business to be brought before the Board of Governors, upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Ms. Young, the meeting was adjourned.

Secretary