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Marshall University Board of Governors
April 25, 2018
Shawkey Dining Room

Present: Wyatt Scaggs, Chairman; Phyllis Arnold; James Bailes; Shawn Ball; Cam Brammer; Oshel Craigo; Tim Dagostine; James Farley; Patrick Farrell; David Haden; Carol Hurula; Matt Jarvis; Christie Kinsey; Joseph McDonie; Gary White

I. Call to Order

Chairman Scaggs called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Presentation by Maurice Cooley, Intercultural Affairs: An Overview

Maurice Cooley, Assoc. V.P. Office of Intercultural Affairs, gave a short power-point presentation as an overview of the programs and initiatives offered through the division.

The presentation highlighted the Office of Intercultural Affairs; Center for African American Students, LGBTQ+ Office, Society of Black Scholars, Chancellor (doctoral) Scholars initiative, World Council organization, Black United Students organization and the National Science Foundation funded Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) for undergraduate minority STEM majors. Cooley highlighted several of the major annual events: Women of Color Day, Donning of Kente Ceremonies, Annual Intercultural Student Weekend and more.

II. Committee Meeting Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Mrs. Kinsey noted that Dr. Monica Brooks gave an informative presentation regarding Libraries and Online Learning.

Dean Don Van Horn is retiring June 2018, Dr. Wendell Dobbs will be the Interim Dean for the College of Arts and Media. Brian Gallagher was recognized and thanked for this role as Interim Dean for School of Pharmacy. Dr. Gayle Brazeau will be the new Dean of Pharmacy and will assume her duties in May. The action items are:

A.) Academic Program Review

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

Resolved that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the results and recommendations of the 2017-2018 Academic Program Reviews.

B.) Approval of the Intent to Plan for the Master of Medical Science, Physician Assistant Degree.
Dr. Wilson presented information about the program. It was noted that it would be a 24-month graduate program.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sellards, seconded by Mr. McDonie, motion carries, and the following resolution was read:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby approve the Intent to Plan for the Master of Medical Science, Physician Assistant degree program.*

Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Haden gave a synopsis of the Committee Meeting held earlier. He noted that the LCOB had a nice event at the Clay Center, which was well attended. There were 22 student exhibits giving a review of our superstar students. Bob Simpson and Dean Avi Mukherjee did a wonderful job. Other updates were given by Athletics, Operations and Internal Audit.

Action items were as follows:

A.) Investment Earnings Update

Upon a motion by Mrs. Arnold, seconded by Mr. McDonie, the following resolution was read. Motion carried.

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report ending February 28, 2018.*

B.) Proposed Marshall University Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019

A handout to the Committee members regarding the budget was given. Upon a motion by Mr. McDonie, seconded by Mr. Sellards, the following resolution was read and motion carried:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approves the proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.*

C.) Approval for general salary increases for certain University Employees

A handout to the board was given regarding this item. Upon a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Craigo, the following resolution was read and motion carried.

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approves the distribution of an across-the-board salary increase.*

An Information Item was presented by Mrs. Jacobs-Jones regarding the EAST Bonds Allocation.

Mr. Haden noted the Committee Reports written and given at the meeting giving updates as information.

III. President’s Report
President Gilbert discussed his schedule saying he has been in Chicago for an HLC annual meeting; Minnesota on an HLC site visit to another University. While in Minnesota, he received the news from Mrs. Painter that Mr. Hal Greer had passed away.

Upon his return, a discussion regarding a statue memorializing Mr. Hal Greer came to my attention, both from seeing different social media outlets and in a meeting with Prof. Phil Carter. Mr. Hal Greer came to Marshall in 1954, as Marshall’s first black athlete.

Dr. Gilbert is planning to work with Prof. Carter, and Mr. Hamrick among others. John Sutherland is traveling next week to Orlando, FL, for the funeral.

President Gilbert discussed the P3 project approved on March 22, noting it is a $55M project and includes a 280 bed residential complex nearby.

President Gilbert discussed his high school tour during Spring 2017, noting that he visited 44 high schools since November 2017, most recently three in Mercer County.

President Gilbert thanked the Board for approving the raises for faculty and staff. The state legislature provided 1.46% for the raises for faculty and staff. President Gilbert and administrators allocated and additional 1.54% to what the state gave, making it 3%. The 3% across-the-board raise for faculty and staff goes into effect July 1, it will add to the already given 2% to bring the total for the year to 5%.

IV. Chairman Report

Chairman Scaggs asked Mr. Gary White to give an update on the hospital merger of Cabell Huntington Hospital and St. Mary’s Medical Center. He announced that it would be effective April 30th at midnight. A public event will be on May 3rd at 3:00 p.m.

Dr. Brammer gave an update regarding an ARC Grant signed by Chairman Scaggs. The Board voted, upon a motion by Mrs. Kinsey, seconded by Mr. Haden and motion carries.

Chairman Scaggs announced the Board Retreat will be June 26, 2018 and the next day, June 27, 2018, is the Board Meeting. Both meetings will be at Glade Springs Resort. There are four members whose terms expire on June 30th: Mr. McDonie, Mr. Jarvis, Mr. Craigo and Mr. Sellards. We, of course, do not know when the Governor will appoint new members and while the terms have expired, the members stay in place until new members are appointed.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Craigo, motion carries, and the Board entered Executive Session to discuss potential naming opportunities. After a brief time, the Board entered open session upon a motion by Mr. Haden, seconded by Mr. McDonie, motion carries.

VI. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Craigo, motion carried, the Board adjourned at 12:20 p.m.
Joseph McDonie, Secretary