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MINUTES
Marshall University Board of Governors
Memorial Student Center/Shawkey Room
September 12, 2019

Present: Chairman James Bailes, Tim Dagostine, James Farley, Patrick Farrell (ph till his arrival in person), Carol Hurula, Dan Holbrook, Bill Noe, Stephanie Rogner, Geoff Sheils, William Smith, Toney Stroud, Sandra Thomas, Gary White(ph)

I. Call to Order

After determining a quorum was present, Chairman Bailes called the meeting to order.

II. Minutes Approval

The minutes should reflect a change that Mr. Smith attended the meeting on June 28, 2019. With that change, upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stroud, the minutes were approved.

III. Swearing in of New Members and Acknowledgement of Retiring Members

The Honorable Chris Chiles led the swearing in of new members Stephanie Rogner as the Student Representative, Dr. Dan Holbrook as the Faculty Representative, Mrs. Sandra Thomas, and William Noe. Mr. Bailes publicly thanked former members Phyllis Arnold, Dave Haden, Wyatt Scaggs and Cam Brammer for their service to the Board of Governors

IV. Committee Meeting Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

There were no action items. Dr. Taylor gave a summary of the items reported to the Committee by the Deans and others.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Sheils, Chair of the Committee, gave the report for the Finance Committee. The following items were discussed during the committee meeting and approved to take to the board:

A.) Investment Earnings Update

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report ending July 31, 2019.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sheils gave the report from Athletics. A report was given by Ms. Jacobs-Jones regarding Operations.

Athletic Committee

Mr. Farrell, Chair of the Committee, gave a review of the GA-7 policy. Upon a motion by Mr. Sheils, seconded by Mr. Farley, the motion carried and the following resolution was read:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby approve this policy as presented and requested by the Athletics Committee. Further resolved, that the policy changes for any individual policy are approved as final at the conclusion of the comment period if no substantive comments are received for said policy.

It was noted that this policy will be open for Public Comment until October 15, 2019.

Mr. Bailes thanked the hard work of this Committee, especially Mr. Farrell and Mr. Dagostine.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Dr. Holbrook, the Board entered Executive Session under the authority of WV Code 6-9-A-4.

VI. Open Session

After a brief time, the Board returned to regular session upon a motion by Mr. Stroud and seconded by Dr. Holbrook and motion carried.

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Sheils, seconded by Mr. Stroud, and motion carried, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, that the Board of Governors hereby gives the President authority to proceed on behalf of the Board regarding a real estate transaction.

Upon a motion by Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. Stroud, and motion carried, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, that the Board of Governors approves a salary increase for Dr. Gilbert in the amount of \$40,000 annually.

It was noted that Dr. Gilbert had previously declined raises when they were granted to faculty and staff the past two years.

VII. Committee of the Whole

Mary Beth Reynolds presented the Academic Affairs Policies for review and approval:

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Hurula, and motion carried, the **MUBOG AA-6 – Awarding of Undergraduate, Graduate and Professional Fee Waivers** was approved with changes. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Hurula, and motion carried, **MUBOG AA-9 – Credit for Service in Public Schools** was approved after a change to remove references to the Community and Technical College. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Thomas and motion carried, **MUBOG AA – 11 Appropriate Use of ID Numbers** was approved as submitted. **MUBOG AA-12 Academic Dishonesty** was deferred to a future meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. Sheils and motion carried, **MUBOG AA-13 Class Attendance** was approved with changes. **MUBOG AA-15 Course Withdrawal** is being updated and deferred to a future meeting. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Hurula, motion carried and **MUBOG AA-17 University Textbooks** was approved as submitted. Upon a motion by Mr. Dagostine, seconded by Dr. Holbrook, motion carried and **MUBOG AA-32 Termination of Faculty Due to Program Reduction or Discontinuance** was approved as submitted. Upon a motion by Mr. Dagostine, seconded by Dr. Holbrook, motion carried and **MUBOG AA-33 Plan for Meeting Financial Exigency** was approved with Changes. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stroud, motion carried and **MUBOG AA-34 Commencement** was approved as submitted.

Miriah Young presented the Finance Policies for review and approval:

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. Dagostine, and motion carried, the **MUBOG FA-5 Disposition of Surplus Property** was approved as submitted.

The General Administration Policies were presented by Layton Cottrill, Jendonnae Houdyschell and Brandi Jacobs-Jones.

Board Member Gary White asked that **MUBOG GA-10 Naming Policy for Units and Facilities** be returned to Administration for further discussion with Board Members. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Hurula and motion carried, **MUBOG GA-11 Policy on Rulemaking** was approved with changes. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Stroud, and motion carried **MUBOG GA-12 General Conflict of Interest** was approved as presented. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Hurula, motion carried and **GA-15 Animals on Campus** was approved as presented. Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Thomas, and motion carried and **GA-17 Public Art Policy** was approved as presented.

All policy comment period dates are open until October 15, 2019.

VIII. President's Report

Dr. Gilbert gave a report on the happenings on campus since the last meeting. He told the Board that Paige Muellerleile passed away on July 11th, and Jean Edward Smith passed away on September 1st. He knew that most all of the Board remembered and loved Paige, however, he told a little about Professor Smith adding that his latest book, "Liberation of Paris" just was released. He added that he was an amazing historian. Tremendous contributions by both Paige and Jean Edward.

- MU rose in the ranking of US News & World Report. We now have R2 Doctoral status.
- Ombudsman hiring. 3 individuals were interviewed. The person will split his/her time 50:50 being Ombudsman and Community Outreach. This person is a much needed resource person in resolution work. The person will be announced in the next week.
- Strategic Plan – Dr. Hatfield is working on the documentation of this report. A meeting will transpire before the next board meeting with a subgroup of BOG members.
- Affordable Textbook – Hunter Barclay and Hannah Petracca worked on this during their term as President and Vice President of Student Government. Happy to say that the open text network is now in place.
- Programs – Friends at Marshall. This is a connection program that is like one at Mississippi State University that Dr. Gilbert put together. It helps students have a sense of belonging. There are 19 upperclassmen participating and all freshmen will be assigned to one of the 19 upperclassmen.
- Dr. Gilbert thanked Dr. Sherri Smith for her work on student success. He also recognized Dr. Kateryna Schray and her passion for students. Allison Grassie has recently been hired to help with Student Success.
- Aviation – final paperwork this semester for the program. Dr. Gilbert recognized our new board member, Bill Noe, and that he is a pilot. There will be grant proposals, etc. with this exciting program.
- Announcement of going to Japan and Korea and plans during the trip.
- Homecoming is October 27th against WKU. At 10:30 a.m. the Baseball Field groundbreaking will take place. And the announcement of the Comprehensive Campaign.

IX. Chairman Report

Chairman Bailes welcomed new members and said how much he appreciated the current members. He is expecting an exciting year.

X. Adjournment

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Dagostine and motion carried, the meeting was adjourned.