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The Minutes of the Marshall University Board of Governors Meeting, August 6, 2021

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MINUTES
Marshall University Board of Governors
Microsoft Teams Meeting at Glade Springs
Livestream and In Person
August 6, 2021

Present: Patrick Farrell, Chair; Shawn Ball; Kathy D 'Antoni; Donald Holcomb; Chris Miller, Angel Moore; William Noe; Geoffrey Sheils; Toney Stroud; Carol Hurula; Robin Conley-Riner, Alyssa Parks

Phone: Sam Moore, Chad Pennington, William Smith

Absent: Sandra Thomas

I. Call to Order & Swearing in of New Members

After determining a quorum was present, Chairman Farrell called the meeting to order. Justice Hutchinson read the oath to new members formally swearing in Robin Conley-Riner, Chad Pennington, and Alyssa Parks as members of the Marshall University Board of Governors. Chairman Farrell welcomed Robin, Chad and Alyssa to the Board.

II. Minutes Approval

The minutes of the meeting on June 17, 2021, were adopted without objection.

III. Committee Reports

Dr. D'Antoni, Chairman of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee discussed the Committee Meeting before this meeting. Following are the action items for Academic and Student Affairs Committee.

Dr. D'Antoni summarized her Goals and Plans regarding enrollment. She discussed that Mike Prewitt, Dean of the College of Health Professions, gave an excellent report at the Committee Meeting held earlier.

Other Information Items:

Interim Provost, Dr. Avi Mukherjee gave the update report for Academic Affairs and highlights from the Committee Meeting. Dr. Mukherjee spoke about growth enrollment numbers including Metro and International students.

Dr. Joe Shapiro reported at the School of Medicine Committee Meeting. Dr. D'Antoni gave a brief update, noting that the full report was sent out to members.

Alyssa Parks, President of Student Government Association

Ms. Parks discussed a busy summer with conferences she attended or plans to attend. All student senate seats are filled, and she has many plans for the upcoming year.

Athletic Committee Report

There was no Athletic Committee Report, as the training included Athletics.

Finance, Audit, and Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Sheils, Chair of the Committee, reported for the Finance Committee. He introduced two new Committee Members: Carol Hurula and Bill Smith, and welcomed them to the Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee.

Following are the action items:

A) Investment Earnings Update

A summary of the Investment Report was given by Mr. Robinson. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. Holcomb, the following resolution was considered for review:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report ending May 31, 2021.

Motion carried.

B) Approval of Program Statement for Shewey Building Renovations

Interim Athletic Director, Jeff O'Malley, gave a synopsis of the project. He noted that Board approval was required, pursuant to policy FA-11, as the project is more than \$1,000,000.

Upon a motion by Bishop Moore, seconded by Mr. Stroud, the following resolution was unanimously approved by an "aye" and motion carried.

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby approve the Program Statement for the Shewey Building renovations presented and requested by the Finance Committee.

Information Updates:

Board Member Mr. Stroud gave an update on the Lewis College of Business Building.

Mr. Sheils discussed finance updates and Internal Audit.

Ms. Jacobs-Jones gave an update on the Facilities and Planning Projects. She noted the Hal Greer Memorial Plaza dedication on October 9th, RCBI Roof replacement, and Twin Towers East and West bathroom plan for renovations. She gave an update from Environmental Health and Safety regarding COVID, and Housing and Residence Life. Everyone is preparing for a busy fall with students returning.

School of Medicine – Mr. Sheils gave the update from the School of Medicine.

Mr. Sheils briefly discussed the Capital Project Program Statement regarding the Baseball Facility making it an information item. He said there would be a future meeting when ready to discuss further.

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

Chairman Farrell placed the Board in Executive Session under the authority of WV Code §6-9A-4 for the purpose of discussing Naming Opportunities, Personnel Matters and Litigation Issues. Upon a motion by Mr. Noe, seconded by Dr. Riner, the motion carried, and the Board entered Executive Session to discuss Naming Opportunities and Personnel Matters (Autism Appointments). Chairman Farrell reminded those that were streaming, they would be placed into a waiting area until Executive Session concludes.

After a brief time, upon a motion by Mr. Sheils, seconded by Mr. Miller, the board voted to rise from executive session.

It was requested by Operations that the corner of 3rd Avenue and 18th Street be named Hal Greer Memorial Plaza in recognition of Mr. Greer's extraordinary service to the State of West Virginia and his lasting distinction to Marshall University. Upon a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Dr. D'Antoni, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors, per GA-10, Naming Policy for Units and Facilities, does hereby approve the name of 3rd Avenue and 18th Street as “Hal Greer Memorial Plaza.”

Upon a motion by Mr. Sheils, seconded by Mr. Miller, the Board returned to open session.

Personnel Matters:

In following the Autism Center’s bylaws, when new members are added to their Board, Marshall University must approve the appointments. Thus, the following recommendations were submitted for approval:

Dr. Joey Trader, Ed.D.	Professional
Christy Robinson	Parent and Professional
JoDonna Burdoff	Professional
Hoyt Glazer	Parent

Upon a motion by Mr. Noe, seconded by Mrs. Hurula, the recommendations were unanimously approved, and the motion carried.

V. President’s Report

President Gilbert thanked everyone for a successful retreat! He welcomed Dr. Riner, Ms. Parks and Mr. Pennington to Marshall University as members of the Board of Governors.

He reviewed the Marshall Strategic Vision document, which was approved in December, and noted the items underway that are covered in the Plan.

- Making campus appealing to non-majority students – visual art on display in prominent locations around campus to affirm our commitment to Diversity, Equity and Inclusion.
- Dedication of Hal Greer Plaza at Homecoming this year to commemorate the legacy and pioneering efforts of Hal Greer.
- Intercultural Center at East Hall. This center will house many student group offices and our student support services.
- Appointed Dr. Cicero Fain as a Visiting Diversity Scholar. He will teach a course this fall and provide support for our diversity outreach efforts.
- Student Experience/External engagement working group being led by Sara Payne Scarbro.
- Policy Review by a consulting group called Husch Blackwell LLP this fall.
- Facility Review of the future of Corbly Hall space.

- CarrSports Review of Athletics sparked a time for a routine Title IX review by consultant Helen Grant. Also recommended an Athletic Facilities Master Plan. Of note is that CarrSports found no significant issues in Athletics. They recommended additional funding to remain competitive.

VI. Chairman's Report

Chairman Farrell updated the Board on the Presidential Search, noting it is on schedule. We've had 21 listening sessions. The response has been great due to the organization of Brandi Jacobs Jones.

The Presidential Profile was released and is on the website.

He noted there is a listening session on August 25th. There is a search committee meeting on Labor Day.

Keep engaging.

VII. **Announcements**

Retreat successful, thanked all including Eric Himes and Ryan Vance for their technical support. He reminded Board Members that future meetings are at the end of the agenda.

VIII. **Adjournment**

Without objection, the Board Meeting was adjourned.