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MINUTES
Marshall University Board of Governors
Microsoft Teams Meeting at the
Shawkey Room in the Memorial Student Center,
Livestream and In Person
October 28, 2021

Present: Patrick Farrell, Chair; Shawn Ball; Kathy D 'Antoni; Donald Holcomb; Chris Miller; Bishop Sam Moore; William Noe; Geoffrey Sheils; William Smith, Toney Stroud; Carol Hurula; Robin Conley-Riner; Alyssa Parks
Phone: Angel Moore; Sandra Thomas
Absent: Chad Pennington

I. Call to Order

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

II. Minutes Approval

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. Miller, the minutes of the meeting on August 6, 2021, were unanimously approved.

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.

A) Approval of Policy No. GA-19, Minor Protection

This new policy was developed to reflect Marshall University's commitment to providing for the protection of minors on the University's campuses or involved in university sponsored programs at its geographical locations by providing guidance on reporting requirements for Child Abuse or Neglect, providing guidelines for appropriate supervision of minors; and ensuring that the University complies with all federal, state laws and regulations regarding the employment of minors.

The following resolution was read and upon a motion by Mr. Holcomb, seconded by Mr. Stroud, Policy GA-19 was considered for review.

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby approve Policy No. GA-19, Minor Protection. It is ***Further Resolved***, that the policy's impermanent date, such as phone numbers, email addresses and titles contained in therein may be modified or changed, as needed, without further approval of the Marshall University Board of Governors. And that this policy is approved as final at the conclusion of the comment period if no substantive comments are received and shall become effective January 1, 2002.

Motion carried.

B) Review and Approval of the following Academic Affairs Policy: MU AA-21 Faculty Workload

This policy was approved by the Board of Governors at the April 29, 2021, meeting. During the 30-day comment period following this approval, feedback was received requesting insertion of language to sections 2.2.1, 2.2.4, 2.2.5, 3.1.1, and 4.1 recognizing librarianship as an area of faculty work. It was noted there are no anticipated costs associated with these changes.

The following resolution was read and upon a motion by Bishop Moore, seconded by Dr. Riner, Policy MU AA-21 was considered for review:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby take the following action as it related to this policy. Policy MUBOG, AA-21 to be amended upon recommendation of the Faculty Senate. The Faculty Senate endorsed adding comments received during the 30-day comment period following the policy's approval at the April 29, 2021 meeting of the Board of Governors.

Motion carried.

C) Degree Change: Bachelor of Science in Integrated Science & Technology

In 2016, the Integrated Science & Technology department was reorganized into multiple units. Only one remaining major in the program exists and it is the Computer and Information Technology major. By changing the name of this program to "BS in Computer and Information Technology, it will make the program name match the major creating a more universal branding for the programs and majors. It was noted that no

changes to the administrative structure are projected to be associated with this program.

The following resolution was read and upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Hurula and the change to the name of the Program was considered for review:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Degree Change to BS in Computer and Information Technology.

Motion carried.

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 the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan.

Dr. Joe Shapiro reported at the School of Medicine Committee Meeting

Alyssa Parks, President of Student Government Association

Alyssa Parks, Student Body President and Board Member, discussed Student Affairs noting the SGA crisis relief from the CARES money, due to COVID and the recent flooding around campus. She also discussed successful homecoming events, and that she is Chair of the State Advisory Council for Students which just gave a report at the HEPC Meeting. She finished her report by talking about the November 14th Plane Crash Ceremony noting that planning was going well. Chairman Farrell thanked her for everything she does.

Athletic Committee Report

There were no action items to report from the Athletic Committee. At the Committee, they discussed budget, new person beginning in compliance, team and vaccination of student athlete update, NCAA restructuring, an update would be coming soon regarding the baseball stadium's possible location, the city's financial commitment and lastly, Interim Athletic Director, Jeff O'Malley reiterated there is no decision on alignment with another conference. The next president will help make the decision. It is most important to make the right decision.

Finance, Audit, and Facilities Planning Committee

Mr. Sheils, Chair of the Committee, reported for the Finance 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. Noe, seconded by Dr. D'Antoni, the following resolution was considered for review:

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

Motion carried.

B) Audited Financial Report for Fiscal Year

The accounting firm CliftonLarsonAllen LLP completed the financial audit of Marshall University for Fiscal Year 2020-2021. Representatives from the Firm presented the audit and answered questions.

Upon a motion by Mr. Holcomb, seconded by Mr. Noe, the following resolution was considered for review:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors accept the audited Financial Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Motion carried.

C) Approval to name 2403G located at the Marshall University Medical Center in the Health Science Library the Cindy A. Warren Conference Room.

In accordance with Policy No. GA-10 of the MU Board of Governors Policies, it is requested that Conference Room 2403G located on the second floor of the MU Medical Center's Health Science Library be named in honor of Cindy A. Warren, the Assistant Dean for Admissions for the School of Medicine.

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Dr. Riner, the following resolution was considered for review:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approves the naming of 2403G conference room at the Marshall University Medical Center to the Cindy A. Warren Conference Room.

Motion carried.

Mr. Sheils discussed finance updates and Internal Audit.

Ms. Jacobs-Jones gave an update on the Facilities and Planning Projects. She noted the following Facilities and Planning Projects:

- Hal Greer Memorial Plaza
- RCBI Roof
- Science Building – Lab
- Shewey Building Interior Renovations
- Tri-State Airport (H13) School
- Tri-State Airport (H13) Skin

Upcoming projects:

- Elevators – Memorial Student Center and Smith Hall
- Expression of Interests:
 - Redesign of community restrooms for Twin Towers East and West
 - Design of HVAC for Henderson Center and Gullickson Hall
 - Cooling Towers – Drinko Library, Science Building and Smith Hall

She noted that the HRL and Environmental Health and Safety opened a MU Thrift Store in August 2021. They are a finalist for the Central Atlantic Association of College and University Residence Hall student conference program of the year.

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

Mr. Sheils thanked those involved with the Hal Greer Statue recently unveiled.

IV. President's Report

President Gilbert began by saying that whoever the next president will be, he wishes him/her great success in the job as Marshall's 38th President. He will make himself available to assist in the transition and give advice as needed.

He thanked Marshall University and the Board of Governors for allowing him to serve as MU's 37th President. He said he will miss the students the most and that it has been an honor to serve and is sad to leave.

President Gilbert has laid a strong foundation on which the next president can build. Following are a few items of interest that have been completed or started while he has been President:

- Increased research expenditures and R2 status
- Student success and increased retention and graduation rates
- Construction of a new Pharmacy Building on Hal Greer Blvd.
- Plans for a new College of Business Building
- Aviation programs at Yeager and Tri-State Airports
- Increased University awareness of Diversity and Inclusion
- A new Hal Greer Statue
- New Physician Assistant Program
- New Specialty Ag Program and a state-of-the-art composting facility
- Planning for a new baseball stadium
- Successful Capital Campaign, “Marshall Rises”

V. 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 for Personnel Matters. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. Noe, the motion carried, and the Board entered Executive Session to discuss Personnel Matters – Presidential Search Discussion. Chairman Farrell reminded those that were streaming, they would be placed into a waiting area until Executive Session concluded.

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

No votes were taken during Executive Session.

Upon a motion by Ms. Parks, seconded by Ms. Hurula, and by the unanimous vote by the Board, Mr. Brad Smith was named the 38th President of Marshall University.

VI. Chairman’s Report

Chairman Farrell announced there would be a Press Conference at 2pm in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center honoring President-Elect Smith and Mrs. Alys Smith. He thanked Dr. Gilbert for his service to Marshall University and reminded everyone that he would continue to be our President through the end of the year. He recognized and thanked the Search Committee for their great work and those that took part in the listening sessions.

VII. Announcements

There were no other announcements

VIII. Adjournment

Without objection, the Board Meeting was adjourned.