

MINUTES

HIGHER EDUCATION POLICY COMMISSION

December 28, 2011

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Hendrickson convened a special meeting of the Higher Education Policy Commission at 9:00 AM in the Presidents' Conference Room at 1018 Kanawha Boulevard East, Charleston, West Virginia and by conference call. The following Commission members were present: Bruce Berry, Kathy Eddy, John Estep, David Hendrickson, Kay Goodwin, and David Tyson. Absent: Jenny Allen, Bob Brown, John Leon and Jorea Marple.

2. Approval of Presidential Search Procedure for Fairmont State University

Dr. Brian Noland, the Commission's Chancellor, provided an overview of the presidential search procedure as adopted by the Fairmont State University Board of Governors on December 15, 2011. Chancellor Noland noted that the Commission's Series 5 requires institutional governing boards to adopt a search procedure when it undertakes a search for a new president.

Secretary Goodwin moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Presidential Search Procedure adopted by the Fairmont State University Board of Governors.

Mr. Tyson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Approval of Presidential Search Procedure for West Virginia State University

Chancellor Noland provided an overview of the presidential search procedure as adopted by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors on December 14, 2011.

Chairman Hendrickson inquired if the Commission will have an opportunity to conduct interviews, while the final candidates are on campus. Chancellor Noland responded that Commission members will have the opportunity to meet with the finalists and that Dr. Paul Hill, as Interim Chancellor, will serve as an ex-officio member of the presidential search committee.

Ms. Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Presidential Search Procedure adopted by the West Virginia State University

Board of Governors.

Dr. Berry seconded the motion. Motion passed.

4. Approval of Addition to Health Sciences Building at West Liberty University

Mr. Richard Donovan, Chief Financial Officer, provided background information regarding a proposed addition to the Health Sciences Building at West Liberty University. The funding for the project was provided through \$12.75 million in bond proceeds from the Commission's 2010 Lottery Revenue Bond Issue. Mr. Donovan discussed the University's program and design objectives, which include the consolidation of its health sciences programs, Nursing, Dental Hygiene, the new Physician's Assistant Program, and the sciences that support these programs, in the new building. Mr. Donovan and Mr. Sheldon Goettel of Perfido Weiskopf Wagstaff + Goettel (PWWG) provided an overview of the project including the schematic design, which comprises the initial design phase for the project.

Chancellor Noland noted the importance of bringing this proposal before the Commission with all due speed.

Chairman Hendrickson inquired if a representative from West Liberty University would like to comment on the project. Mr. John Wright, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at West Liberty University, indicated that the initial plans for the project began three years ago and since that time enrollment in the sciences has increased over 100 percent.

Secretary Goodwin inquired regarding the amount of funding the institution will have to raise for the project. Mr. Donovan indicated the institution will provide \$12 million.

Secretary Goodwin moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the schematic design and moving forward with West Liberty University's Health Sciences Building, provided that applicable Internal Revenue Service regulations are followed with respect to spending 85 percent of bond proceeds within three years and for Private Business Use as it pertains to fundraising.

Ms. Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

5. Approval of Presidential Contract Addendum for West Virginia State University

Chancellor Noland provided an overview of the proposed addendum to President Carter's contract as adopted by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors on December 21, 2011. Chancellor Noland indicated the contract addendum changed the scope of responsibilities for the President, and included a title change to "President Emeritus", but would not alter the timeline for President Carter's upcoming retirement.

Ms. Eddy moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the Presidential Contract Addendum as adopted by the West Virginia State University Board of Governors.

Secretary Goodwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

6. Additional Board Action and Comment

There was no additional board action or comment.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David K. Hendrickson

Chairman

Kathy Eddy

Secretary