



Board of Governors

Minutes, Regular Board Meeting

Location: Beckley Campus		Date/Time: April 3, 2008; 6:45 p.m.	
Members Present	Capacity	Guest/Presenters	Affiliation
1. Robert Farley 2. Leslie Baker 3. Kay Carpenter 4. Jeremy Ball 5. David Nalker 6. Vickie Nutter 7. Marilyn Leftwich 8. Edward Knight 9. Gerald Hough 10. Christopher Mendoza	Chair Vice Chair Secretary Member-Staff Member Member Member Member Member-Faculty Member-Student	Ted Spring William Loope Carolyn Sizemore Harry Faulk Shelia Johnson Mike Williams Elizabeth Belcher Susie Atkins John Mullens	President, New River New River New River New River New River/BSC New River New River New River New River
Members Absent			
William Sherwood	Member		

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Mr. Robert Farley, Chairman.

Chairman Farley called for approval of the minutes for the February 8, 2008 meeting. Mr. Gerry Hough made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Vickie Nutter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman’s Report: No report.

Board of Governors Committee Reports: No report.

Executive Session: None.

Financial Report: Ms. Johnson reviewed the financial statements for February 2008 and responded to questions.

Mr. David Nalker made the motion to approve the financial reports for February 2008. Mr. Hough seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Tuition and Fees: Ms. Johnson reviewed the Fee Planning Schedule. In the spirit of keeping costs low for students, the college will not be raising tuition. She entertained questions from several Board members. There was discussion about technology and IVN fees.

Mr. Hough made the motion to approve the Fee Planning Schedule per semester for 2008-09. Ms. Leslie Baker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business: None

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New Business

Impact of the Legislation: Dr. Spring reported on two legislative bills: (1) \$78 million dollar bond issue, which included \$16.5 million for New River. \$13.5 million will be directed to the development of a new Beckley campus and \$3 million for renovations at the Greenbrier campus; and (2) the development of a free-standing community college system. New River was not included in the legislation as New River has its own Board of Governors and those included in the legislation do not. In addition, Dr. Spring said that New River will receive \$1.468 million to develop its allied health programs and that \$809,000 of new money is included in the FY 09 base budget. \$109,000 has been earmarked for salary increases. Finally, Dr. Spring expects the college to receive help to fund a new program in Mechatronics, to be offered in Princeton. Dr. Spring suggested he could draft a letter of thanks for the Board of Governors to send to the Governor, Mrs. Manchin, and members of the House and Senate. The Board thought this would be good idea and that the thanks are well deserved. Dr Spring mentioned the help of Senator Plymale and Green and Senator Jesse Guills, and delegates Tom Campbell, Ray Canterbury, Sam Argento and Linda Sumner.

President's Report: Dr. Spring reminded the Board that his monthly report had been distributed and could be found in their packet of materials.

Dr. Spring mentioned that the case involving Mr. Michael Riser had been settled out of court.

New River/BSC Transition Planning: Dr. Spring updated the Board on the college's planning efforts and his meeting with the Bluefield State President and his staff. The college will use the MOA process to move reduce contractual arrangements with Bluefield; however, we will be most sensitive to the needs of our students. Dr. Spring said that the college will improve efficiency, effectiveness and accountability. He also said that we were responding to the intent of HB 3215 and the direction of the Higher Learning Commission to move toward self sufficiency. Team captains and teams have been formed to work with counterparts at Bluefield State College so decisions can be made quickly and reflected in the FY 09 budget.

Foundation: Mr. Loope stated his monthly report was included in the Board Packet. The Board members were informed of the selected locations of the Beckley campus building to be constructed at the Public Higher Education Center. Mr. Loope reviewed the construction projects planned or underway at the four campus locations.

College-wide Reports

Vice President and Chief Academic Officer: Dr. Harry Faulk reviewed his report included in the Board packets. He reported that work has begun on updating the college catalog. Dr. Faulk announced that members of the college would be meeting with New River Rescue on Friday, April 4. The meeting will discuss the development of a program to be offered through New River Online. Dr. Faulk reported there are ongoing discussions concerning the start of a cosmetology and massage therapy program on the Nicholas County campus.

Deans/Directors:

Ms. Carolyn Sizemore announced there will be an open house at the Public Higher Education Center April 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Dr. John Mullens updated the Board members on the new modular building that will house offices on the Nicholas County campus. The Nicholas County Campus will be hosting an event featuring the First Lady Gayle Manchin as the guest speaker.

The next Board of Governors meeting is scheduled at the Beckley Campus on Thursday, May 1, 2008, 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Hough made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Nalker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes were collected by Ms. Susie Atkins.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Midkiff