



Board of Governors

Minutes, Regular Board Meeting

Location: Bluefield Campus		Date/Time: September 6, 2007; 6:45 p.m.	
Members Present	Capacity	Guests/Presenters	Affiliation
1. Robert Farley 2. Leslie Baker 3. Kay Carpenter 4. Christopher Mendoza 5. Jeremy Ball 6. David Nalker 7. Gerald Hough 8. Marilyn Leftwich	Chair Vice Chair Secretary Member-Student Member-Staff Member Member-Faculty Member	Lori Midkiff Elizabeth Belcher Sheila Johnson Libby Rogers Ted Spring Michael Palm Roger Griffith Carolyn Sizemore Harry Faulk Rena McGinnis Mike Williams Timothy Word Bill Loope John Mullens Greg Shrewsberry Bruce Sneiderman Sharon Evans Al Walker Deirdre Guyton	New River New River New River/BSC New River New River, President New River New River Bluefield State College, President New River/BSC
		Members Absent	
		Edward Knight Vickie Nutter William Sherwood	Board Member Board Member Board Member

The meeting was called to order at 6:46 p.m. by Mr. Robert Farley, Chairman.

Chairman Farley called for approval of the minutes for August 2, 2007. Ms. Kay Carpenter made the motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Jeremy Ball seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Chairman's Report: No report.

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Board of Governors Committee Reports: No report.

Executive Session: Mr. Gerald Hough made the motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. Executive Session started at 6:47 p.m.

Mr. Hough made the motion to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously. At 7:42 p.m. the regular meeting continued.

Mr. Hough made a motion to confirm the president's contract as is. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Financial Report: Ms. Shelia Johnson stated that due to BANNER issues, she was not able to provide the Board members with the June 30, 2007 report. She hopes to have it completed by the October meeting.

Ms. Johnson reviewed the financial report for July and entertained questions. Mr. Hough moved to approve the financial report as presented. Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Johnson announced that New River would be receiving \$62,013 in appropriated funds. The college received these funds because there were no fee increases for this year. This is to help offset expenditures.

Ms. Johnson also reviewed the capital projects request in detail. She stated that New River is currently ranked 12th on the projects list for \$12 million. This ranking may change going forward.

Mr. Hough moved to approve the capital projects request. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

Unfinished Business

Academic Programs: Dr. Faulk presented a list of technical programs the college will be implementing. He reported that Chancellor Skidmore wants to have more technical programs throughout the state. Mr. Sid Valentine has been hired to help with this project. New River was the first school selected to discuss these programs with Mr. Valentine.

Dr. Faulk discussed realignment of some degree programs. The Technical Studies Certificate has several programs. His goal is to have individual, stand-alone certificate programs.

Approval of the Self-Study Report: Ms. Lizabeth Rogers presented the final Self-Study report and entertained questions from Board members

Mr. Hough moved to approve the Self-Study report as presented. Mr. Ball seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Academic Program Reviews: Dr. Faulk presented the Academic Program Reviews and reminded the Board that all programs are to be reviewed on a five-year cycle. All of New River's programs have been reviewed, and the results with recommendations for each program, are with this report.

Mr. Hough moved to approve the Academic Program Reviews. Ms. Carpenter seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Dr. Spring distributed his report to the Board members.

As of September 6, applications are up 21.7%. The college had 362 more students registered, up 25%. FTE is up by 230, or 20.7%. The college current headcount is 1805. These figures do not include the prison programs, Weekend College and high school programs.

Ms. Carpenter asked if graduates' employment is tracked by the college. Dean Michael Palm responded that it is not being tracked and explained the partnership with WorkforceWV would be helping to start a tracking process.

Mr. Christopher Mendoza asked if internships could be started to enable students to gain work experience. Dr. Spring stated that we do have a few internships, but we need to work on beginning others. Ms. Carpenter asked for a list of programs that currently provide internships.

Foundation: Mr. Loope reported on continuing efforts of creating the new Foundation. He also requested that the Board members become active advocates of the college capital projects and speak to the community to education them on the capital project needs of the college. Chairman Farley asked the administration to provide talking points for the Board members.

Mr. Loope also extended an invitation to the Board members for the next Foundation chapter meeting in Summersville on September 27 at the Good Evening Ranch. Invitations will be sent out September 12.

Mr. Loope reported that he and Dr. Spring have been in discussions with the Superintendent of Greenbrier County schools regarding a possible land exchange for 18 acres of land positioned behind the Salisbury Farm. He is also working on a project to procure space in Lewisburg for a museum. Lastly, the Greenbrier Valley Campus Student Government Association is to work with the City and others cooperatively to do maintenance in the Dick Pointer Cemetery. It is currently overgrown, and the college is seeking assistance on how to best maintain the cemetery and restore damaged and neglected headstones. The City of Lewisburg will be installing a new side walk next week in front of the cemetery.

College-wide Reports

Accreditation: Ms. Rogers reported she has received a tentative schedule from the Accreditation Visiting Team Chair. A final schedule should be available next week. She asked the Board members to be present at a meeting with the Accreditation team on

Monday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m at the Greenbrier Valley Campus. A buffet dinner at the new Lewisburg Public Library. The Team will meet with community members from all four locations and hear testimonials about the college. She asked anyone who had ideas for the testimonials to contact Elizabeth Belcher with the information.

Ms. Rogers reported that the Hospitality Committee has been working hard to prepare for the visit. They are planning to provide small gifts to each of the team members from their communities, as well as putting together information packets about our four communities.

Ms. Rogers has been conducting Self-Study Overview meetings with all constituents. They will be completed next week. She also reported that the Resource Room Committee has been working every Friday to prepare for the visit.

Vice President and Chief Academic Officer: No additional report.

Deans/Directors: Ms Carolyn Sizemore stated that she will not be able to provide bus services between the Beckley campus and the Public Higher Education Center. Dr. Faulk added the first day of classes at the Higher Education Center was successful.

Mr. Griffith stated the Lewisburg Quota Club made a monetary donation to the Foundation to provide books for students in need. He also distributed results from a survey he conducted at the Greenbrier Valley Campus during registration to the Board. Mr. Griffith explained data and the results.

Dr. Spring stated that Dr. Ayersman's report would be delayed until the next meeting.

The next Board of Governors meeting may be scheduled for the Public Higher Education Center of New River Community and Technical College on Thursday, October 4, 2007, 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Farley asked about affirming the December 7, 2007 meeting. Dr. Spring explained that he wanted to confirm this date so that we may start planning for the meeting which includes the Classified Staff and Faculty. It was agreed to keep this date.

Mr. Hough made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. David Nalker seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Midkiff