

MINUTES
Marshall University Board of Governors
Microsoft Teams Meeting at
Shawkey Dining Room/Memorial Student Center
Livestream and In-Person
February 22, 2023

Present: Chairman Patrick Farrell, Shawn Ball, Kathy D’Antoni, Donnie Holcomb, Isabella Griffiths, Carol Hurula, Angel Moore, Sam Moore, Robin Riner, Geoff Sheils, Bill Smith
Absent: Ginny Lee, Jim Smith
Online: Kipp Bodnar, Chris Miller, Chad Pennington

I. Call to Order

Chairman Farrell, after determining a quorum was present and the livestream was connected, then called the Meeting to Order.

II. Minutes Approval

Upon a motion by Mr. Holcomb, seconded by Mrs. Hurula, with no changes or opposition, the meeting minutes of the regular meeting of December 14, 2022, and the Special Meeting of January 5, 2023, were unanimously approved.

III. Committee Meeting Reports

Academic and Student Affairs Committee, Kathy D’Antoni, Chair

Action Items

There were no action items brought forward from the Committee.

UPDATES:

Provost Avi Mukherjee gave the Provost’s Update.

Provost Mukherjee noted there were approximately 20 sabbaticals – 11 in 2023, 7 in 2024 spring, and 2 for the whole year. There are Dean Searches in the School of Pharmacy, College of Science, College of Business, and Journalism.

He gave some highlights for this semester:

- The School of Music, in the College of Arts and Media, hosted the Middle School Band Festival consisting of 200 public school students on campus along with their band directors, parents, and chaperones.
- The College of Engineering and Computer Science, in partnership with West Virginia State University, received \$1.5 million from the U.S. Department of Education to help establish a Cyber Security Center for Critical infrastructure at each university. The funds will help build capacity at both universities to address needed research into the cyber security issues associated with critical infrastructure in the State.
- The June Harless Center, in the College of Education and Professional Development, continues to manage enrollment and fundraising for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library in WV. The Center has raised \$9,095 for the program with 52% of eligible children enrolling in the program in the past two months.

Isabella Griffiths, Student Body President

Ms. Griffiths talked about her trip experience during Christmas break to Italy, visiting Florence and Rome. She took a 400 level Chemistry class and was accompanied by two MU faculty members and other students. She spoke about the amazing opportunity in Florence.

The SGA Cabinet and Senate met with Marketing Director Dave Traube to talk about Marketing strategies and Communication Operations.

Some ideas they have to improve Campus Life are: Hydration stations, healthier vending machines, MU Day at Capitol, Monthly Mocha with Mayor Williams, Herd Link access.

She mentioned that SB578 passed in Senate Education. This bill is the Hunger-Free Campus Act and would require the state Higher Education Policy Commission to establish a grant program to address food insecurity among students enrolled in public institutions of higher education. Also, the Legislature named January 26th as Hunger Free Day. Ms. Griffiths noted that SGA will sponsor a food drive this month.

She discussed that November 14th has been named for a "special Memorial Day" in remembrance annually of the MU Plane Crash, the worst sports disaster in U.S. history.

She stated that her term is about to end, and she has enjoyed representing SGA on the Board of Governors. Voting days for the new administration will be March 29th and 30th and the next Student Body President will be announced on March 30th.

Buffy Hammers, CEO of Marshall Health,

Ms. Hammers noted that Dr. Bobby Miller was unable to attend, due to an LCME Site Visit out of town. She gave a few highlights from the School of Medicine.

A national search for the next dean of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine was launched in late January in cooperation with the executive search firm Grant Cooper.

A new initiative provides biomedical research experience to WV high school students. This initiative offers WV high school students an opportunity to explore the field of biomedical research while working to facilitate a more diverse research workforce across Appalachia. This is part of a Health Care Pathways Initiative (HCPI), a four-week summer residential experience at Marshall University for minorities underrepresented in STEM careers and three local high school students will be selected for the new program that combines hands-on research experience with mentoring. Applications for this experience are being accepted now through May 12, 2023.

Marshall Health established a new partnership with the WV Division of Corrections and Rehabilitation for medical management of health care services across WV DCR facilities. Ayne Amjad, MD, MPH, has been named director. She is also an assistant professor of medicine at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine.

Paulette Wehner MD, vice dean of graduate medical education at the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine was named to the 2023 WV Executive Magazine's Health Care Hall of Fame. Dr. Wehner, a professor and practicing cardiologist, has led the school of medicine in the tremendous growth of its residency and fellowship programs since her appointment as vice dean in 2016.

In other news, Sheanna Spence, Director of External Affairs in the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine has been named to the Leadership West Virginia Class of 2023; Linda Holmes had a magazine article written about her; Match Day is March 17th and The Annual School of Medicine Golf Classic will be April 25, 2023.

Congratulations Dr. Amjad, Dr. Wehner, Ms. Spence and Ms. Holmes.

Complete reports (above and more) can be found as part of the board packet.

Athletic Committee

Geoff Sheils, Vice Chair of the Athletic Committee, noted there were no action items from the Athletic Committee.

The Information Items were covered in the Athletic Committee meeting and board members in attendance heard the report.

Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee, Geoff Sheils, Chair

There were no action items brought from the Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee:

Information items updates were given by Matt Tidd, CFO. Mr. Tidd talked about a vision strategy, and a new look for Corporate Finance to begin at the next meeting. He noted there would be a pay raise in 2023. He discussed cash on hand. A Meketa update was given, and we have performed well. He gave FY23 projected results. Moving towards April, the items to look forward to seeing are the budget model re-design with a high-level overview.

Brandi Jacobs-Jones, Senior Vice President for Operations, gave an Operations Update noting the highlights. She gave updates to each of the following projects:

Byrd Biotech Cage Washer

Estimated expense: \$589,000

Target date of completion: Spring 2023

Drinko Library and Science Building Cooling Tower Replacement

Estimated expense: \$978,130

Target date of completion: Early Summer 2023

Horizontal Mine Shaft

Estimated Expense: \$1,226,008

Target date of completion: October 2023

MU Health Chiller

Estimated Expense: \$350,000

Target date of completion: Summer 2024

Smith Hall Cooling Towers

Estimated Expense: \$557,600

Target date of completion: February 2023

Smith Hall Elevator Replacement

Estimated Expense: \$800,000

Target date of completion: September 2023 unless delay caused by material lead-time.

Other Updates:

Smith Hall Single Elevator Replacement – 1 elevator that goes to 8th floor, not utilized yet. It is not ADA accessible currently, however, Ms. Jacobs-Jones noted the 8th floor has a beautiful view of the city.

Prichard Hall Passenger Elevator Replacement

Henderson Center South Roof

Ms. Jacobs-Jones gave a quick Master Plan Update noting that the final project presentation to the MUBOG is June 21, 2023. She discussed deferred maintenance and the hope of receiving monies through HEPC. We are in the process of prioritizing our needs, however, all are shovel ready.

A reminder was given that the next Community Cares week is May 23-26th, 2023. Any suggestions are welcome. Of note, Mr. Matt James, Executive Director of Alumni in the MU Foundation and Ms. Linda Holmes, Director of Development and Alumni Affairs at the School of Medicine, along with Alumni groups are partnering with those alumni to do special projects in their respective towns.

Perry Chaffin gave the Internal Audit update. Since the last meeting, Mr. Chaffin has worked with Advisory Services assisting them with the Fringe Benefit Rate Proposal to US DHHS; Assisted with completing and filing the 2022 Quarterly Report of activity in Federal Awards to MU under the COVID relief (CARES/CRRSAA/ARP) Acts; and other miscellaneous tax and accounting research. Before the next meeting, he will officially close out procedures for the Federal Awards to MU under the COVID relief Acts. He will also continue to adhere to the planned activities in the approved Audit Plan and Monitoring of other Institutional Activities.

IV. President's Report – Brad D. Smith

President Smith discussed the meaningful progress being made against the Big Five Priorities and No Regret Decisions resulting from the first 100 Days Listening tour. We are increasingly embracing a One Marshall Mindset. We are at the table and helping drive legislative and economic progress. We are reimagining our academic student, student athlete and fan experience.

We must increase enrollment, strengthen our financial position, improve a culture of transparency and trust, become the gold standard for Title IX and accelerate our ability to move with speed and agility.

We are committed to building on our strengths and course-correcting our deficiencies.

He has now been here one year, and he feels very optimistic about what we can achieve together. In other words, the best is yet to come!

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Sheils, seconded by Bishop Moore, the board entered Executive Session under the authority of WV Code §6-9A-4 to discuss naming opportunities.

After a brief session, the Board entered open session, and Chairman Farrell confirmed that the livestream was up. There was no action taken during Executive Session. In open session, the following resolution was considered by the Board:

Resolved, that pursuant to Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. GA-10, Naming Policy for Units and Facilities, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby approve the naming of the Gullickson Hall Gymnasium as “The Scaggs Family Practice Facility” and the Court as the “Neal and Jo Ann Scaggs Court” in honor of the charitable commitment made by the Scaggs family from Logan, West Virginia. It is further resolved that the President of Marshall University is hereby directed to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the naming.

Upon a motion by Mr. Sheils, seconded by Ms. Hurula, with a vote of aye, no opposition and the motion carried.

Thank you to the Scaggs family!

VI. Chairman Farrell’s Report

There was no Chairman’s Report.

VII. Announcements

The Board was reminded of upcoming board dates. For next year’s dates, they will be sent out soon, however, the Board will continue to meet on Wednesdays.

VIII. Adjournment

Without objection, the Board Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Miller, Secretary