

**MINUTES**  
**Marshall University Board of Governors**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting at the**  
**Shawkey Room in the Memorial Student Center,**  
**Livestream and In-Person**  
**February 10, 2022**

Present: Patrick Farrell, Shawn Ball, Kathy D'Antoni, Carol Hurula, Chris Miller, Sam Moore, Bill Noe, Aylssa Parks, Robin Riner, Geoff Sheils, Bill Smith, Toney Stroud  
PH: Donnie Holcomb, Angel Moore, Chad Pennington, Sandra Thomas

**I. Call to Order & Swearing in of New Members**

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

**II. Minutes Approval**

The minutes of the meeting on December 9, 2021, were approved without objection.

**III. Committee of the Whole**

A) Transfer of Property from Marshall University to the Marshall University Real Estate Foundation.

Layton Cottrill explained that under the last will and testament of Maxine S. Hurst, bequeathed to MU, among other things, certain real estate located in Milton, WV for the purpose of establishing the Wilburn and Maxine Hurst Academic Scholarship Fund at Marshall University. The Marshall University Real Estate Foundation, an independent non-profit organization was created to hold real estate for the purpose of receiving, selling, investing, administering, and disbursing private resources for the benefit of Marshall University. Therefore, to facilitate the creation of the Wilburn and Maxine Hurst Academic Scholarship Fund at Marshall University, the said real estate will be transferred to The Marshall University Real Estate Foundation, Inc. in order to fund the Scholarship and thereby effectuating the decedent's wishes.

Upon a motion by Bishop Moore, seconded by Ms. Parks, without opposition, the motion carried.

B) Review and Approval of the following General Administration Policies.

Several HR policies have been reviewed and for consistency, the Board of Governors would like the date to be changed to March 22, 2022. Also, the Board asked that the policies be changed for minor clerical errors. The Board of Governors also asked that the following HR Policies be combined into one resolution for voting purposes. Upon a motion by Mrs. Hurula, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was read:

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby take the following action as it relates to these policies:

MUBOG HR-1 Staff Development

MUBOG HR-3 Employee Catastrophic Leave

Dr. Riner noted that 9-month faculty do not earn leave. She was told the University will take this under advisement.

MUBOG HR 5 Four-Part progressive Counseling

MUBOG HR-6 Telecommuting

MUBOG HR-7 Payroll Reassignment – Leave Deficits

MUBOG HR-12 Performance Assessment, Classified and Non-Classified Employees

MUBOG HR-13 Classified Recruiting

Without opposition, the motion carried for the above policies.

MUBOG HR-4 Work Schedules and Employment Innovations was pulled from the agenda to be amended and brought back at a later date.

**IV. Committee Meeting Reports**

**Academic and Student Affairs Committee** action items were as follows:

- A) Approval of re-naming the “MS Environmental Science” degree to the “MS Environmental, Safety and Health”
- B) Change of Degree, Master of Science in Health Informatics
- C) Approval of re-naming the “BS in Digital Forensics and Information Assurances” to the “BS in Cyber Forensics and Security”
- D) Degree Deletion: MA in Latin

As explanation to the Board, it was noted that items A and C above were name changes to programs, Item B was a streamlined change in coursework and Item D was to be taken off the

books as there are no students enrolled in the program.

General Counsel, Layton Cottrill, revised the resolution and upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Noe, a new resolution combining all the items was read, signified by unanimous affirmative vote, and the motion carried.

Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approved the name changes of “MS Environmental Science” to “MS Environmental, Safety and Health” and “BS in Digital Forensics and INFORMATION Assurances” to “BS in Cyber Forensics and Security”, the change in coursework streamlined hours for the Degree “MS in Health Informatics” and the Degree Deletion “MA in Latin”.

Information Reports were given by Provost Mukherjee, Dr. Miller and SGA President Alyssa Parks.

Ms. Parks said MU at the MU Day at the Capitol was successful and student affairs and organizations were well represented. The LEAD Conference is on 2/11 and expecting good attendance from SGA and Greek Life with engaging speakers including President Smith. The MLK Day of Service is on 2/12, it was rescheduled due to weather. Planning to volunteer at several different places including AD Lewis Center and City Mission. Also having a donation drive for the food pantry and Lilly’s place. TEDx is 2/26. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> annual with the theme of “Stories that Change Us” with a great speaker line up. Last year was “Rising Ashes” and our very own Dr. D’Antoni was one of the speakers. Elections are coming up, and will be finalized by the end of March, with announcements made one hour after voting commences. In my role as part of the State Advisory Council of Students: updates were given to HEPC, served on a committee to give feedback for HEPC review/audit along with Michelle Biggs and others from other Institutions. A Statewide mental health proposal to request CARES funding from state for institutions in WV for mental health resources, and Green Bandana Initiative will take place February 28 through March 4.

### ***Athletic Committee***

There were no action items. Information Reports were given by Mr. Steele, and Mr. O’Malley.

### **Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee**

The following are action items from the Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee:

- A) Investment Earnings Update

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Dr. D’Antoni, the following resolution was read and unanimously approved:

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

Motion Carried.

B) Six months ending December 31, 2021 Financial/Budget Report

Upon a motion by Mrs. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was read and unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Board of Governors receives the Financial/Budget Report for the six months ending December 31, 2021.

Motion carried.

C) Approval of Updated Policy No. FA-1 – Waiver of Regular Fees for Third Party Sponsored Courses

This policy is being changed to align terminology with the statute more closely. Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was read and unanimously approved:

Resolved, that the Board of Governors does hereby approve Policy No. FA-1, Waiver of Regular Fees for Third-Party Sponsored Courses. Further Resolved, that the policy changes are approved as final at the conclusion of the comment period if no substantive comments are received.

\*There is no anticipated additional cost to the institution for implementing this policy.

Informational Reports were given by Ms. Jacobs-Jones, and Mr. Chaffin.

**V. President's Report**

President Smith thanked everyone for the warm WV welcome and thanked Dr. Gilbert for his six years here and his wisdom and guidance during this time.

The Pandemic continues as well as several weather incidents. The Health and Safety Committee has been monitoring our situations and the numbers are beginning to drop. We have been navigating well.

Interim Provost Mukherjee is doing tremendously well. He is tracking enrollment, working on Distant Learning and that number is up in double digits. There is a Strategic Enrollment Management initiative that has been launched and is now underway.

Off campus interviews took place on 2/17/22 for the Provost position and there is a very talented pool of applicants. The AD search is ongoing and 4 final applicants were on campus. A name should be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

President Smith gave a legislative and economic update. He gave kudos to Chancellor Tucker for her hard work during session. The ACT Now Coalition has worked diligently to compete for a grant that will strengthen West Virginia, and includes our two largest municipalities, the state's 2 major universities, and more than 20 private and non-profit organizations.

Listening Tours continue. Greatest opportunities – Greatest concerns. Several major themes are showing. When completed, all will be posted and made public.

President Smith thanked Chairman Farrell for the training session this morning.

#### **VI. Executive Session under the authority of WV Code § 6-9A-4**

Upon a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Hurula, the Board entered Executive Session. After a brief period of time, upon a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Parks, the Board entered into Open Session.

Certain Personnel Matters were discussed and upon a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Moore, the Board has two contracts for coaches to approve which will be effectuated by President Smith.

#### **VII. Chairman Farrell's Report**

Chairman Farrell reiterated his confidence in President Smith. He used the "We Are" mantra by saying we will bring together and bring down the silos. He said there are 16 listening sessions to go.

There is an Ad Hoc Committee researching Shared Governance led by Dr. Robin Riner and will be reported on at the next meeting.

He encouraged students to go and vote for their new SGA President. The "We Are" is in all of us. Again, appreciates President Smith being on board.

**VIII. Announcements**

The next meeting will be on April 21, 2022.

There were no further announcements.

**IX. Adjournment**

Without objection, the Board Meeting was adjourned.