

**MINUTES**  
**Marshall University Board of Governors**  
**Shawkey Dining Room**  
**February 20, 2020**

Present: James Bailes, Chairman; Shawn Ball, James Farley, Patrick Farrell, Dan Holbrook, Carol Hurula, Christie Kinsey, Chris Miller, Bill Noe, Stephanie Rogner, Geoff Sheils, William Smith, Toney Stroud, Gary White

**I. Call to Order**

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

**II. Minutes Approval**

Upon a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Farley, the Board approved the minutes for the December 19, 2019 meeting.

**III. Committee of the Whole**

A) Review and Approval of the following Academic Affairs Policies

Following is the resolution for the policies:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors does hereby take the following action as it relates to these policies. Policies MUBOG AA-15; MUBOG IT-6 to be amended, as presented.*

- MUBOG AA-15: Courses Withdrawal  
This policy was returned to the board from the September meeting. There was a sentence added to the policy: "The instructor's Department Chair may sign in lieu of the courses instructor" to section 2.1.1.
- MUBOG IT-6: Electronic Records Management Policy  
Administration recommended that the policy move from IT to the Division of Academic Affairs. As a result, the policy designation changed from MUBOG IT-6 to MUBOG AA-47 and references to IT throughout the policy were changed to Academic Affairs.

There are no anticipated expenses associated with these changes. The comment period will remain open until 10:00 am, Tuesday, March 24, 2020. If substantive comments are received, a final policy will be presented to the Board for approval at a subsequent meeting. The policy changes for any individual policy are approved as final at the conclusion of the comment period if no substantive comments are received for that policy.

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

##### **Academic and Student Affairs Committee**

Mr. Farley, Chair of the Committee, presented on behalf of the Committee. The action items were as follows:

- A) Degree Deletion: BBA Economics, BBA Finance, BBA International Business, BBA Management, BBA Marketing, BBA MIS, and Degree Addition for a Combined Bachelor of Business Administration.

The deletion and addition were combined as one item. Mr. Farley motioned, and Mrs. Kinsey seconded the following resolution:

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Degree Deletion for six BBA degrees, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the Degree Addition for the combined BBA with nine majors.*

It was noted that Accounting would remain a separate degree program to maintain separate accreditation standards. Also noted was the intent to plan for the combined Bachelor of Business Administration which was approved by the Board of Governors at the June 28, 2019, board meeting. No additional resources are needed.

- B) Approval of Re-naming the “College of Information Technology and Engineering” to the “College of Engineering and Computer Sciences”

This change will bring the college in line with our peer institutions and allow for future growth enhancing research capabilities and become a R1 Research University.

Upon a motion by Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. White, the following resolution was read, and motion carried.

*Resolved, that pursuant to Marshall University Board of Governors Policy No. GA-10 Naming Policy for Units and Facilities, the “College of information Technology and Engineering” hereby is renamed the “College of Engineering and Computer Sciences”*

C) Approval of Policy No. GA-19, Minor Protection

This Policy was tabled by the Board of Governors.

D) Combined Bachelor of Science/Doctor of Philosophy (BS/PHD) program in Biomedical Research.

This program is a combined BS/PhD program developed between JCESOM's ORGE and COS and attracts the best and brightest high school students interested in a career in biomedical research and is the only one in the country. High School students finish in 7 years, with a dedicated curriculum.

Fiscal note: During the three years of the undergraduate degree, the students will be expected to pay tuition and fees as any other student. Given the expected excellent background of said students, they should qualify for PROMISE, Yeager, and other national, state, and local scholarships. During the four years of the graduate program, tuition will be waived by JCESOM's ORGE. The students will receive \$25,000/year stipend and PEIA medical insurance (\$5,400 a year). The stipend is partially supported by WV HEPC grant and NIH Grants at JCESOM.

Upon a motion by Mr. Farley, seconded by Mr. White, motion carried, and the following resolution was read:

*Resolved that the proposal for a new joint program developed by the Office of Research and Graduate Education (ORGE) of the Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine (JCESOM) and the College of Science (COS) to promote recruitment and retention of students to the COS and ORGE's Biomedical Research (BMR) graduate program be approved by the Board of Governors.*

Mr. Farley gave the updates for Provost, Medical School and Athletics. He asked Mr. O'Malley to report on stats.

### **Athletic Committee Report**

Mr. Farrell discussed the committee's information items regarding an updated Athletics Department Strategic Plan, budgetary shortfalls, reissuance of the baseball stadium RFP and updates on compliance.

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

Mr. Sheils, Chair of the Committee, gave the report for the Finance Committee. Following are the action items:

A) Six Months Ending December 31, 2019 Financial/Budget Report

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mr. White, the following resolution was read, and motion carried.

*Resolved, that the Board of Governors receives the Financial/Budget Report for the six months ending December 31, 2019.*

B) Investment Earnings Update

Upon a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Stroud, the following resolution was read, and motion carried.

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors receives the Investment Earnings Report for period ending December 31, 2019.*

C) Perella Weinberg Redemption Notice

Upon a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, the following resolution was read, and motion carried.

Marshall University Investment Committee is investigating investment options for the Marshall University Board of Governors and School of Medicine investment pools. In order to move funds from one firm to another, a non-binding three-month notice is required to liquidate. Therefore, to have the funds available for transfer in July 2020, a redemption notice needs to be provided to Perella Weinberg before March 31, 2020. The notice can be withdrawn on or before June 30, 2020 if a viable option is not identified.

*Resolved, that the board of Governors approve the execution of Redemption Notice to Perella Weinberg.*

D) Airplane Procurement for Aviation Program

On June 28, 2019, the Marshall University Board of Governors approved intent to plans for a Bachelor of Science: Aviation Sciences, Fixed-Wing and a Bachelor of Science: Aviation Sciences, Rotor-Wing to be located at the South Charleston Campus, Yeager and Tri-State Airports, beginning Fall 2021.

Upon a motion by Mr. Stroud, seconded by Mrs. Kinsey, the following resolution was read, and motion carried.

*Resolved, that the Marshall University Board of Governors approve the purchasing of Two Cirrus SSR-20 Airplanes and one Single-Engine, Analog Airplane.*

Mr. Sheils, Chairman of the Finance, Audit and Facilities Planning Committee gave informational updates on Finance, Operations noting that the MSC renovations were completed end of January, RFPS for the Baseball Stadium, and College of Business, purchase of land for the School of Medicine parking garage, and Internal Audit report.

## **V. President's Report**

Following are the highlights from Dr. Gilbert's report:

Dr. Gilbert thanked the Board for approving the College of Engineering and Computer Science change and the plane approvals.

He discussed the success and attendance of the College of Business CEO Panel, and an upcoming visit, to Washington DC for events with the National Park Service, Carter G. Woodson home and annual meeting. He provided additional updates on meetings with Brad Smith, state legislators and review of various higher education funding formulas from other states.

## **VI. Chairman Report**

Chairman Bailes talked about the Panel yesterday and that is it was outstanding.

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

Upon a motion by Mr. Farrell, seconded by Mr. Farley, the board went into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate and Personnel Matters and Contractual Updates

After a brief time, the Board resumed Open Session.

Upon a motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Farrell, the Board in compliance with GA-10 for naming policy purposes regarding the Approval of the Naming of the Marshall University Flight School.

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 Marshall University Flight School as "The Bill Noe Flight School at Marshall University" for an initial period of up to 35 years in recognition of his reputation in the aviation field and in consideration of his volunteer service as Executive Aviation Specialist of the flight school. It is further resolved that the President of Marshall University is hereby directed to execute all necessary documents to effectuate the naming.

Motion carried.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Ms. Hurula, motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.