

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Present were S. Arbaugh, Dr. Striplin, A. Blackwood, M. Chambers, J. Kubeika, S. VanMeter, J. Brill, S. Michael, and A. Degnan. Guest present was T. Branson.

Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development

***Action Items:**

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of December 18, 2024 – *On a Degnan/Chambers motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of the Financial Status Update – *On a VanMeter/Blackwood motion, the Financial Status Update was approved with all in favor.*
- Creation of the 2025 Harold K. Michael Award Committee – *S. Arbaugh, A. Blackwood, and A. Degnan volunteered to serve on the committee. On a Brill/Kubeika motion, the committee was approved with all in favor.*

Committee Reports

Board Chair-Sheldon Arbaugh – *Holiday and awards banquet last month went very well.*

Committees-

Finance – Trina Branson – *Reviewed the Financial Status Update with the Board of Governors. See action item above.*

College Representatives Reports

Staff-Ann Degnan –

- *94% of the course sections are producing a Mastery data sample and are aligned with Eastern's seven general education outcomes for the Spring 2025 semester.*

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- *The first VITA training session was held on January 4th and conducted by Karen and Kimberly Malcolm; it was well received. A potential cooperative opportunity with Sara Ludwig from the Hardy County ESOL. Sarah would like us to scan and email her a VITA Intake application for her Creole speaking students. She will assist them with completing the application since many are transitioning to English as a second language and have significant language barriers. Once the Intake applications are completed the team can possibly meet with students to enter and file their tax information.*

Faculty-Sherry Michael –

- *Faculty Senate met on Friday December 13, 2024.*
- *Encouragement was given to all faculty members on a successful Spring 2025 semester.*
- *The Faculty Senate Meeting dates for Spring 2025 were dispersed to all faculty and adjuncts.*
- *The anticipated discussion on Micro Credentialing presented by Dave Miller and Lauren Arbaugh will be rescheduled for a future date.*

Student- Vacant

Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- *No update yet from Solar Holler.*
- *\$88,000 advance grant received for purchase of wheel alignment machine in Auto Tech program. Purchase is now out for bids.*
- *Waiting to hear on \$150,000 request to Governor's Office for LPN to RN Bridge program. 11 students from WV are starting the program this semester. Could become the largest program at Eastern with the lowest tuition for out-of-state students.*
- *The Medical Assistance programs offered through Workforce are moving in-house as third-party provider agreements are being terminated. Will hire an instructor, provide a better academic experience, and improve revenue.*
- *Cyber program is going well.*
- *Will have to navigate PEIA cost increases again. 14% more will be paid by Eastern, and employees will pay 14% more.*
- *Meeting with CTC Presidents and the Chancellor next week.*
- *Invited WV Senate President Randy Smith to visit campus.*
- *Bumped into four Pilgrim's employees in lobby, none of whom spoke English. Used iPhone to translate and was able to assist one employee with enrollment in the GED program. English language skills need to be addressed.*

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- *Working on the Facilities Master Plan. Using capital funds, the hope is to install a small commercial kitchen and possibly a small workout room. Will circle back to the Board of Governors with costs before any final decisions are made. The Board of Governors will need to approved the Facilities Plan once the final draft is completed.*
- *Overall enrollments look good, although Wind Technology is low. May consider changing the Wind Tech program to an Energy Tech program to include wind, solar, etc.*
- *Good turnout for last month's District Consortium meeting with participants from several counties.*
- *Met with WVU's President Gordon Gee and several provosts last month to discuss possible articulation agreements.*

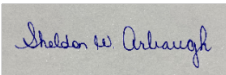
Important Calendar Dates

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: February 19, 2025 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment – 12:59pm

Respectfully submitted by M. O'Leary, recorder.



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Chair, Board of Governors

Date