

## **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. Van Meter, J. Brill, S. Murphy, and T. Sentman.*

## **Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development**

### **\*Action Items:**

- Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of December 17, 2025 – *On a Van Meter/Kubeika motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*
- Approval of the 2026 Harold K. Michael Award Recipient – *On an e-vote of January 20, 2026, S. Arbaugh, A. Blackwood, and T. Sentman were approved to serve as the HKM Award Recipient Committee with all in favor. At its meeting of February 18, 2026, on an Arbaugh/Kubeika motion, the recipient was selected with all in favor. The recipient will be announced at the May 9, 2026 Commencement Ceremony.*
- Approval of AI 110 Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of AI 120 Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of AI 130 Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of AI 150 Curriculum Proposal
- Approval of AI 160 Curriculum Proposal

*The above AI Curriculum Proposals, on a Brill/Blackwood motion, were approved with all in favor.*

## **Committee Reports**

**Board Chair**-Sheldon Arbaugh – *Kudos to all Eastern staff on enrollment numbers.*

### **Committees-**

**Finance** – Trina Branson

## College Representatives Reports

**Staff** – Tiffany Sentman – *Spent the last week in Charleston at the Common Course Numbering conference.*

**Faculty** – Shirley Murphy-

- 1. The next Faculty Senate meeting is scheduled for Friday February 27, 2026.*
- 2. The Faculty Senate selected Allison Riggelman (Fall 2025) and Sara Purol (Spring 2026) as the winners of the Adjunct Faculty award to be presented at commencement in May 2026.*
- 3. The January 2026 Faculty Senate was tabled to permit extra time for Faculty to better prepare for the new Spring 2026 semester.*
- 4. Dominic Phillips is actively leading Faculty in training for the preparation of Fall 2025 course reviews. He will attend selected Faculty Senate meetings to provide Faculty Development training pertaining to assessment processes. Faculty are working with Dominic Phillips to improve assessment processes for various courses.*
- 5. Faculty will be encouraged by the Faculty Senate Chair to offer bonus points to students for attendance in the variety of 1-hour learning opportunities offered by Dixie Heavener. Posting this information to the Brightspace Announcement Board is a wonderful way for Faculty to make students aware of the opportunity. So far this approach has been successful in various business and accounting courses offered this Spring 2026 semester for the Business Department. Multiple students have attended these training sessions made possible by Dixie Heavener.*
- 6. Nikki Chandlar is leading Faculty in the Faculty Circle for Spring 2026.*

**Student-** Vacant

### Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- Governor is requesting a 2% cut to all state agencies. Legislature is considering raises for state employees. May need to consider a tuition increase.*
- Now own 25 acres of land adjacent to the main campus. \$1.2M received for Heavy Equipment Program. Will purchase three pieces of equipment for HE program by June.*
- Will apply for Congressionally Directed Spending for the HE program.*
- May consider CTC partnerships for HE program.*

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- *Possible new program for fall 2027 – Wind Energy program morphing into Industrial Maintenance program with internships.*
- *First Institutional Planning meeting today at 1:00pm.*

Important Calendar Dates

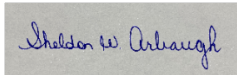
- Wednesday, March 11, 2026 at 12:00 noon – Lunch and Learn
- Wednesday, April 15, 2026 at 12:00 noon – Lunch and Learn (Updates from Chancellor Tucker)
- October 13 – 14, 2026 – ACCT Governance Leadership Summit at Stonewall Resort
- September 29 – 30, 2027 – BOG Summit in Charleston, WV

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: March 18, 2026 at 12:00 noon

Adjournment – *12:37pm*

*Respectfully submitted my M. O'Leary, recorder.*



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S. Arbaugh, Board Chair

03/31/2026

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Date