

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Present were G. Greenwalt, Dr. Striplin, S. Arbaugh, M. Chambers, A. Blackwood, S. Van Meter, J. Kubeika, S. Alt, J. Brill, S. Michael, and A. Degnan. Absent was T. Southerly. Guests present included M. Blizzard, M. Wilson, and T. Branson.

Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development

Annual Financial Aid Presentation – Mary Blizzard, Director of Financial Aid and Alicia Frey, Associate Director of Financial Aid, via Zoom.

- *2023 – 2024 was a good year, 2024 – 2025 has been a challenge due to FAFSA changes.*
- *The new FAFSA replaced the Estimated Family Contribution with a Student Aid Index. The old FAFSA had 108 questions, the new FAFSA has 36.*
- *The difficult launch of the new FAFSA resulted in some FAFSA's needing to be reprocessed. This year, FAFSA filings are down 38% nationwide compared to last year, and they are down 41% in the state of West Virginia.*
- *The decline in FAFSA filings could have a negative impact on enrollments for the fall of 2024. Some deadlines have been extended and financial aid offices are offering special assistance to students.*

G. Greenwalt thanked M. Blizzard for her presentation to the Board of Governors.

*Action Items:

- *Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of March 27, April 1, and April 8 2024 – On a Chambers/Michael motion, the minutes of March 27, April 1, and April 8, 2024 were approved with all in favor.*
- *Approval of the Financial Status Update – On an Arbaugh/Kubeika motion, the Financial Status Update was approved with all in favor.*
- *Approval of the FY 25 Budget Summary – On a Degnan/Michael motion, the FY 25 Budget Summary was approved with all in favor.*
- *Approval of Michael/Mirkhani Curriculum Proposals – On a Degnan/Alt motion, the Michael/Mirkhani Curriculum Proposals were approved with all in favor.*
- *Approval of NU 255, NU 142, and NU 132 Curriculum Proposals – On a Van Meter/Alt motion, the NU 255, NU 142, and NU 132 Curriculum Proposals were approved with all in favor.*
- *Empowering Faculty and Advancing Resources in Education (EFARE) Program (Informational) – Reviewed by the Board of Governors.*
- *Possible Executive Session – Presidential Compensation (W. VA. Code §6-9A-4) – On a Degnan/Arbaugh motion, the Board of Governors entered into Executive Session at 12:53pm with all in favor. On an Alt/Kubeika motion, the Board of Governors exited*

Executive Session at 12:59pm with all in favor and with no action taken. Dr. Striplin requested no change to his FY 25 presidential compensation.

- Possible Executive Session – Potential Real Estate Transaction (W. VA. Code §6-9A-4) – *No Executive Session needed.*

Committee Reports

Board Chair-Greg Greenwalt –

- *The RDA purchased property for the construction of EWVCTC and the National Guard Armory. There are still 26 or 30 adjacent acres available from the original farm property. The RDA knows where the four acre discrepancy is, but Hardy County shows that no one owns it. The property would be available to purchase at \$20,000 per acre. The four acre discrepancy issue is now in Charleston for resolution, so the situation to determine who owns what remains ongoing. The purchase could go forward once the ownership of the four acres in question is resolved.*
- *G Greenwalt thanked S. Van Meter for the use of the Moorefield High School Auditorium for the Nursing Pinning Ceremony and for the Commencement Ceremony.*

Committees-

Finance – Trina Branson – *T. Branson reviewed the Financial Status Update and FY 25 Budget Summary with the Board of Governors. See action items above.*

College Representatives Reports

Staff-Ann Degnan –

1. *The Assessment Committee is developing three collaborative teams to align with the Strategic Plan's IEP objectives through the following strategies:*
 - 1.1 – *Improve faculty and staff Pedagogy knowledge through at least two annual professional development sessions.*
 - 1.2 – *Improve overall knowledge and assessment practices through an Annual College Assessment Day, a collaborative forum of peers.*
 - 1.3 – *Collect the institutional assessment results in one document for public communication with the college itself and BOG presentation.*

2. *The WTT Program review was approved by the Assessment Committee through an e-vote after completion of its rubric and channeled to President's Cabinet; program reviews are performed every five years and previewed by the state for recommendations.*

Faculty-Sherry Michael –

- *Faculty stood strong during HLC visit.*
- *Faculty members are onboarded with better assessment practices.*
- *We are waiting for the initial report to come back to see if there are in areas of concerns in which faculty members stand ready to make any and all recommended improvements.*
- *Several full-time faculty members are looking forward to conducting summer courses.*
- *Three faculty members attended the OER training in Stonewall.*
- *Two faculty members attended the Frostburg State University regional conference.*
- *Six members of Eastern attended the Pedagogy and Practices in Teaching Conference in Rhode Island.*
- *All faculty members are working diligently to wrap up the Spring semester and begin work on a successful fall semester.*
- *Three instructors are close to completion of the Quality Matters course evaluation and looking forward to receiving the Quality Matters Seal of approval for the course. This seal is displayed on each course.*

Student- Trevor Southerly – *No report.*

Dr. Thomas Striplin, President

- *WV CTC presidents are dissatisfied that the WV Legislature did not use the funding formula. There was a “hold harmless” clause that was not honored. Four CTC’s, including Eastern, lost funding. Some CTC presidents are considering leaving the state. New River CTC’s appropriation has not yet been approved. Eastern lost approximately \$35,000. A meeting with the Chancellor to discuss the issue is scheduled for next week.*
- *M. Wilson will stay on as Vice President, so her “interim” status will be dropped.*
- *Bridge Valley CTC is piloting a program to remove the 12 credit tuition cap.*
- *Received the HLC report for errors of fact – no errors were found. Two criteria were met with concern, all the others were met. Many good things were said about Eastern, and a monitoring report will be due in two years.*

Important Calendar Dates

- Friday, May 3, 2024 at 7:00pm – Nursing Pinning Ceremony at Moorefield High School
- Saturday, May 4, 2024 at 10:00am – Commencement at Moorefield High School

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 15, 2024

Adjournment – 1:32pm

Respectfully submitted by M. O’Leary, recorder.



Greg Greenwalt, Board Chair

05/16/2024

Date