



1. Call to Order – *The meeting was called to order at 1:23pm. Present were Dr. Terrell, R. Tissue, G. Greenwalt, M. Chambers, S. Staley, D. Bean, Jr Helmick, C. Hakala, A. Degnan, and T. May. Absent were F. Shanholtz and G. Sponaule. Guests present were M. Wilson, K. Williams, M. Blizzard, and M. Orth.*

2. *Action Items:

- a. Approval of the Minutes – Meeting of March 28, 2018

On a Greenwalt/Chambers motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.

- b. Approval of the FY19 Budget – Kristi Williams

Dr. Terrell reported that all faculty grant-supported salaries have been moved to the operational FY19 budget. K. Williams reviewed two proposed FY19 budgets, one reflecting 175 FTE's and one reflecting 200 FTE's. Her recommendation is to approve the 175 FTE proposal, which is due to OASIS by May 1. This is the first time in five years that there has not been a state budget cut. Included in the proposed budget is a salary increase for all full-time employees which will amount to a 3.5% salary increase. Reserves will need to be used in FY19. On a Chambers/Greenwalt motion, the proposed FY19 budget reflecting 175 FTE's was approved with all in favor.

Dr. Terrell reported that he and R. Tissue attended the Council meeting last week in Charleston. While there, they also met with Chancellor Tucker, Council Chair R. Brown, Council Vice-Chair M. Turner, and B. Walker, Legal Counsel. The group is working to secure a \$500,000 mid-year appropriation for Eastern. Additional grant funding may be used to cover the deficit balance.

R. Tissue reported that R. Brown has asked him to devise two plans within the next three months, one that would reflect a long-term plan for fiscal stability, and one that would cover what would happen if long-term fiscal stability does not occur. Dr. Terrell reported that he told the Chancellor yesterday that Eastern would only develop a plan for fiscal stability assuming a \$3 million base appropriation, and that it would be up to legislators to decide an outcome if

fiscal stability does not come to fruition. R. Tissue agreed with the plan and indicated he would need to get notification to R. Brown that only one plan would be devised. Other Board members, including M. Chambers, D. Bean, G. Greenwalt, C. Hakala, and T. May, also voiced support. R. Tissue asked for a motion to support only a fiscal-stability plan. On a Chambers/Greenwalt motion, the one-plan only approach was approved with all in favor.

c. Approval of Governance Manual Addendum

On a Bean/Greenwalt motion, the Governance Manual Addendum, reflecting student GPA and credit hour requirements for participation in Governance Teams, was approved with all in favor.

d. Reorganization –

- i. BP 6.1 Change in the Organization of Administrative Units
 - Student Access and Success- LSS and Program Manager positions

With the support of M. Wilson, and on a Greenwalt/Bean motion, the reorganization was approved with all in favor.

3. Presentations:

a. Financial Aid – Mary Blizzard and Monica Wilson

M. Blizzard reported that approximately 30% of our students now receive loans, down from 45%. The average loan amount is now \$2,900, down from \$4,200. Students at Eastern now receive financial aid literacy counseling.

b. EdFinancial – Matthew Orth and associate

M. Orth provided a PowerPoint presentation to the Board of Governors. He outlined the declining college enrollment situation in the state. EdFinancial is trying to help the enrollment situation by providing recruitment and retention assistance. EdFinancial provides default management services to Eastern, manages default cohorts, and provides a monthly report card with key Eastern metrics to M. Blizzard and M. Wilson. EdFinancial began working with Eastern in FY14 and the college's default rate has been falling ever since. Compared to other state community colleges, M. Orth reported that Eastern is doing well. Cohort default rate goals have been established, and Eastern has been beating those goals. M. Orth provided his contact information to members of the Board of Governors, and R. Tissue thanked him for his presentation and the work EdFinancial does on behalf of the college.

4. Board Chair and Committee Reports

- a. Board of Governors – Rob Tissue – *No report.*
- b. Classified Staff update – Ann Degnan – *No report.*
- c. Faculty update – Curtis Hakala – *No report.*
- d. Student update – Theda May – *T. May thanked the Board of Governors for the opportunity to serve on the Board. Samantha Scamehorn, the next SGA president, will be the new Student Representative on the Board of Governors. Preparing for Blood Drive and Commencement.*

5. Strategic Plan 2015 – 2020 Reports – Dr. Charles Terrell

a. Strategic Plan Supplement 2018

Dr. Terrell distributed copies of the Strategic Plan Supplement 2018 to Board members, and indicated that it has also been posted to the HLC Assurance site and Eastern's website.

b. Student Access and Success

c. Teaching and Learning

d. Community Engagement and Partnerships

e. Culture of Innovation

- i. National Rural Entrepreneurship Ecosystem Builder Summit, May 14-16

f. Resources

- Finances
- Facilities

g. Human Resources

h. Technology

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i. Communications and Marketing

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j. AP 220 Grant

k. Grants

6. Campus Safety and Security

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7. Important Calendar Dates

- HLC Comprehensive Visit, April 22-24
- Nursing Pinning, May 11
- Commencement, May 12 (Biden Foundation February 15)
- Entrepreneurship Rural Rise Conference, May 14-16

December, 2017 – April 2018	Preparations for HLC Visiting Team on-site visit
April 22 - 24, 2018	The Higher Learning Commission Evaluation Team arrives on campus and conducts on-site visit.

8. New Business/Miscellaneous

Dr. Terrell reported that he has asked the WV Development Office to create a community investment fund from the loan payment Eastern makes to the state from the \$10 million new wing loan. Secretary Thrasher seems to support the idea, and it will need the Governor’s approval. If approved, the entire loan would be removed from Eastern’s debt obligations.

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 23, 2018

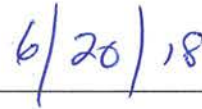
Adjournment – *The meeting adjourned at 2:45pm.*

Respectfully submitted my M. O’Leary, recorder.

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Robert Tissue, Chair



Date