

BLUEFIELD STATE COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S MEETING
Othello Harris – Jefferson Student Center
4:00 PM., November 3, 2022

Members Present: Mr. Charlie Cole (chair), President Robin Capehart, Mrs. Cathy Deeb, Dr. Deirdre Guyton, Mr. Mike Hasting, Mr. Mike Lilly, Mr. Randall Price, Mr. Shannon Remines, Mr. Darrin Martin, Mr. Anthony Tolley, Mrs. Rebecca Peterson, Mr. Bill Cole, Mr. Gabriel Nesmith

Guests: Brent Benjamin, EVP/General Counsel; Dr. Ted Lewis, Provost; Ronnie Hypes, CFO

Welcome, Chair's Remarks, and Call to Order: Mr. Charlie Cole:

Chair Cole determined that a quorum was established, then he called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM in the Othello Harris-Jefferson Student Center – Hebert Gallery. He welcomed attendees at the meeting and made a statement in regards to his joining the Bluefield State Board of Governors, the state of the university when he first began and the state of the university today and the Vote of No Confidence.

Oath of Office:

Chair C. Cole swore in two new board members. Gabriel Nesmith, Student Representative and Darrin Martin

Acceptance of Meeting Minutes: Chair Cole received confirmation that Board members had reviewed minutes of the Board's meeting held on Regular Meeting held on September 1, 2022 and Special Meeting held on October 3, 2022. Hearing no requests to correct or revise the minutes, the minutes of the September and October's Special meeting were accepted by assent of the Board.

Board Committee Reports: Chair Cole confirmed that Board members had reviewed reports of the most recent Board Committee reports. Hearing no requests to correct or revise the minutes, the minutes of the October reports were accepted by assent of the Board

President's Report:

President Capehart spoke to the audience in regards of the university's accomplishments and the Vote of No Confidence.

Chancellor Garry Moore spoke briefly about change and that change is uncomfortable but the university can not afford to stay where it is, it has got to be on the cutting edge of everything.... We are not a college, we are a university. We need to start acting like a new university.

Financial & Administrative Affair: Ronnie Hypes, CFO

- Budget information was provided and reviewed with the Board of Governors.
 - YTD 70% - on track
 - General Administration – State funding is reported here and is only 18% of the budget
- The audit report was prepared and shared with the Board of Governors – this report will be reviewed during the January meeting.

Enrollment: Dr. Ted Lewis

Enrollment:

- Down 3% overall
- UP over 7% since 2020
- Provisional is the strongest growth area.
- Beckley Campus down and is the greatest challenge
 - Added full time coordinator & Math Professor
 - 2023 – English Professor to begin full time
- Bluefield Campus – Up 4% as of 10/24
 - 38 new students
 - Dr. Lewis working with Admission on recruiting and attracting new students
 - Still looking for an Admissions Director

Post Tenure Review:

- Review of criteria
- Review of process
 - 11 of the most senior tenured faculty (along with all tenured faculty in the Cole School of Business per BOG decision) are scheduled for post-tenure review in 2023
 - November 1, faculty are notified that they will be considered for post-tenure that year
 - March 15, faculty submit their post-tenure portfolio to their dean
 - March 31, deans submit their recommendations to the provost
 - April 15, the provost submits his recommendation to the president

Special Orders:

- Mr. Brent Benjamin presented his summary of all the comments that were received by the Faculty in regards to the Faculty Senate Resolution. All were invited to attend the meeting and express their concerns to the board.
- Carol Cofer, Amanda Matoushek, Sara Roberson and Roy Pruitt were in attendance and presented their opinion on why the Faculty Senate needed to stay in place. Comments that were received are attached to these meeting minutes.
 - Faculty General Comments:
 - Faculty is intimidated to speak directly to the board
 - Faculty meetings are not well attended
 - Afraid of retaliation from peers and administration
 - Faculty Constitution supersedes Board
 - Misstep have happened in Faculty Senate – in the process of trying to correct
 - Why hasn't board members attended the Faculty Senate meetings
 - Meetings are not posted
 - Give the Senate Faculty a chance to repair past mistakes and start functioning correctly
- James Quesenberry spoke briefly on his feelings and how he was not offered the same respect when he went forth as a candidate to run for the Faculty Senate in April.
- Mike Lilly – Board of Governors Faculty Representative
 - Comments from 10/3 meeting not included
 - Who is going to run the assembly?
 - Why is this being dedicated to us?
 - Will some committee run the faculty assembly?

- This may be a suicide vote for myself – if this resolution passes, the vote of no confidence will process with 75% of the faculty agreeing and it will be released to the press.
- Dr. Deidre Guyton – Board of Governors Staff Representative
 - Dr. Guyton’s remarks: “Mr. Chair, yesterday afternoon, I met with a few concerned faculty who are worried about their space at the table at the institution. Let me just say that on July 1, 2022, we shifted to a new standard educationally. We all need to step back and understand that in the long run it effects the one constituent that we are here to serve and that is the student. We are a family and we all go through growing pains – that is just what a family does – WE GROW but we have to ensure that we will work with all parties.

So, I am conveying to you the Board that not all faculty members agree with this vote of no confidence and they do not wish to be categorized into the negativity that is happening. They want to continue moving the university forward and working for a better BSU.

With that being said, I yield the floor back.”

Chair C. Cole brought forth the motion to request the Board approve the resolution - The Bluefield State University Board of Governors, as provided by West Virginia Code 18B-6-3, hereby dissolves the University’s current Faculty Senate and establishes the Bluefield State University Faculty Assembly comprised of all active University faculty members to better ensure that the Board of Governors and the University Administration can directly communicate with the faculty, and can more fully benefit from the advice and assistance of the faculty; thereby better ensuring that the Board can receive a full input of information from and can better utilize the resources of the University’s diverse faculty. The President is directed to prepare appropriate Bylaws for the Bluefield State University Faculty Assembly with input from the faculty and such others as he deems necessary.

Dr. Deirdre Guyton motioned that the resolution be received and approved. Mr. Randall Price 2nd the motion. All in favor – All – Nay – Mike Lilly The motion carried.

Unfinished Business: (None)

New Business:

Approval of Program Reviews

Chair C. Cole brought forth the motion to accept Dr. Lewis’ recommendations on each of the following programs:

- The Master of Science in Engineering Technology
- Bachelor Science in Respiratory Therapy
- Associate of Science in Surgical Technology
- Bachelor of Science (+2 Option) for Allied Health Education
- Associate of Science in Applied Cybersecurity
- Certificate in Cardiovascular Sonography Imaging
- Certificate in Patient Advocacy

The motion was moved by Mrs. Rebecca Peterson and seconded by Dr. Deirdre Guyton All in favor =12 Nays=0 The motion carried.

Announcements:

President Capehart announced that the University was conducting a Winter Coad Drive. Donations could be delivered to the Executive Office located in the Conley Building. Also, there is a Glove Drive being held.

Comments:**Board Members:****Public Comments:****Executive Session:**

Chair C. Cole made a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter. Dr. Deirdre Guyton moved, Shannon Remines second. Meeting moved into executive session at 5:56 PM. Motion made to exit executive session at 6:03 PM.

Chair C. Cole made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anthony Tolley and second by Dr. Deirdre Guyton. The motion carried.

The next regularly scheduled BSC Board of Governors meeting will take place on Thursday, January 5, 2023, at 4 PM.