Western Carolina University Board of Trustees
Special Telephone Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Minutes

VIA Telephone

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University met in a Special Telephone meeting on July 8, 2019. Vice Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

ATTENDANCE

The following Board of Trustees were present: Mr. Bryant Kinney, Mr. Kenny Messer, Mr. Robert Roberts, Ms. Haden Boliek, Mr. Ken Hughes, Mr. Tim Haskett, Ms. Rebecca Schlosser, Ms. Kathy Greeley, Mr. Casey Cooper, Mr. Tom Apodaca, and Mr. David Rhode, SGA President (ex officio).

Others Present: Kelli R. Brown, Chancellor; Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar, Provost; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Mr. Mike Byers, Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance; Mr. Sam Miller, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Mr. Randy Eaton, Athletics Director; Mr. Bill Studenc, Chief Communications Officer; and Ms. Jessica Woods, Acting Assistant to the Chancellor, to record minutes.

Board of Trustees Absent: Mr. John Lupoli and Ms. Joyce Dugan.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Woods called the roll of the Board members in attendance. A quorum of the board was present.

SWEARING-IN OF NEW AND REAPPOINTED TRUSTEES

Mr. Bryant Kinney, Mr. Tim Haskett, and Mrs. Rebecca Schlosser were sworn in as reappointed members of the board of trustees by Ms. Woods. Ms. Kathy Greeley, Mr. Ken Hughes, and Mr. Tom Apodaca were sworn in as new members of the board of trustees by Ms. Woods.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Mr. Kinney read the Ethics Statement as follows: "As Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my responsibility to remind all members of the Board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees' meeting. If any Board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board of Trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time."

Note: Mr. Apodaca recused himself from the discussion of Policy 81 due to a potential conflict of interest.

Policy 81

Mr. Browning and Mr. Eaton presented a revised draft of University Policy 81 Alcoholic Beverages. The draft included revisions to locations where alcohol may be served as well as several clerical modifications. Vice Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the modifications to Policy 81. Ms. Schlosser moved to approve the modifications to Policy 81. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to approve the modifications to Policy 81. There was no additional discussion and a vote was called by Vice-Chair Kinney. The motion passed.

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Roberts made a motion to go into Closed Session to consider the qualifications of an employee or perspective employee pursuant to NCGS §143-318.11 (a)(6). Mr. Kinney seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. Mr. Kinney asked Kelli R. Brown, Chancellor; Dr. Alison Morrison-Shetlar, Provost; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Mr. Mike Byers, Vice Chancellor of Administration and Finance; Mr. Sam Miller, Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs; Mr. Randy Eaton, Athletics Director; and Ms. Jessica Woods, Acting Assistant to the Chancellor, to remain in the room.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

At the conclusion of the discussion, Vice-Chair Kinney called for a motion to return to Open Session. Mr. Roberts made a motion to return to Open Session. Ms. Boliek seconded the motion to return to Open Session

OPEN SESSION

Vice Chair Kinney asked for a motion to recommend approval of the employment contract of the women's head basketball coach. Mr. Messer made a motion to approve the employment contract of the head women's basketball coach. Mr. Cooper seconded the motion to recommend approval of the employment contract of the head women's basketball coach. There was no further discussion. A vote was taken and passed. The Board of Trustees approved the employment contract of the head women's basketball coach.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Kinney asked for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Boliek made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to adjourn. There was no further discussion. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.