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Minutes
Concord College Board of Governors
October 31, 2003
Teleconference
10:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum**
Roll call established that a quorum was present. Those participating were: Mrs. Margaret Sayre, Chairperson; Mr. Dan Dunmyer, Vice Chairperson; Mr. James Miller, Secretary; Dr. Charles Brichford, Faculty Representative; Mr. James Brown; Mr. Peter Fichthorn, Student Representative; Mrs. Linda Martin, Classified Representative; Mr. Wayne Meisel; Mr. R. T. "Ted" Rogers. Cabinet officers participating were: Mr. Michael Curry; Mr. Rick Dillon; Dr. Bill O'Brien; Dr. Dean Turner. Others participating: Ms. Amy Pitzer. Unable to participate: Mr. Joe Long; Mr. Eugene Fife.

2. **Discussion of the HEPC Staff Audit of Concord College**
Dr. Beasley provided revised copies of the Higher Education Policy Commission staff audit to members of the Board. The only change in the audit distributed was deletion of names that had inadvertently appeared in the first copy from the Policy Commission. Dr. Beasley told the Board that the College took the audit process very seriously, and approached it in a manner similar to that of an accreditation visit. Strengths and weaknesses were identified, and an "action list," which will be sent to the HEPC, has already been established to deal with identified weaknesses (see attachment).

Members of the Board were appreciative of Dr. Mullen's visit to the October 17 Board meeting to discuss the audit, and felt that the Chancellor's remarks and reactions were positive and constructive.

3. **Should Concord Seek University Status and Name Change**
Dr. Beasley said that Concord College had earned university status based on the criteria established by the Higher Education Policy Commission. Campus constituencies have had the opportunity to discuss the opportunity, and several informal polls have been conducted around the campus with the majority of people indicating that the College should seek university status. The name change, however, is not a clear-cut issue, and requires more research and discussion among College constituencies.

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Mr. Dunmyer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Concord College Board of Governors respectfully requests the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission confer “university status” on the institution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors directs the administration to explore the feasibility of legislation that would add “university” to the name of the institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors affirms the historic significance of “Concord” in the name of the institution and expresses its commitment to retain the name in any changes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors affirms Concord’s traditional commitment to high quality undergraduate education, and affirms its commitment to the legislative intent of Senate Bill 653.

Dr. Brichford seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Sayre, Chairperson

James L. Miller, Secretary

Attachment