

Minutes
Concord University Board of Governors
October 21, 2004
2:00 p.m.
Teleconference Meeting

1. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. Those participating were: Mr. Dan Dunmyer, Vice Chairperson; Ms. Lydia Bennett, Student Representative; Dr. Charles Brichford, Faculty Representative; Mr. James Brown; Mrs. Linda Martin, Classified Representative; Mr. James Miller; and, Mr. Ted Rogers. Others participating: Dr. Jerry Beasley; Mr. D. J. Boland; Dr. Hugh Campbell; Mr. James Cannon; Mr. Michael Curry; Mr. Rick Dillon; Mr. Bill Hardee; Ms. Anita Lewis; Dr. Kathryn Liptak; Mr. Ryan Lucas; Dr. William O'Brien; Ms. Amy Pitzer; Mr. Chris Slater (*The Concordian*); and, Mr. Robert Whittinghill. Unable to participate: Mrs. Margaret Sayre, Chairperson; Dr. Debbie Akers; Mr. Eugene Fife; Mr. J. Franklin Long; and, Mr. Wayne Meisel.

2. Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Dr. Brichford, seconded by Mr. Rogers, the minutes of the September 16, 2004 meeting were approved as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Report of the President

Dr. Bill O'Brien reported to the Board on the most recent consortium meeting (Beckley Shared Facility), which took place on September 28, 2004:

- • The facility is on track for opening in the fall of 2006
- • Currently have \$10,000,000 in hand; \$7 million request expected
- • The committee has recommended that an MLS librarian be hired, which will be paid for by user institutions
- • The anticipated operating budget is \$900,000 to \$1 million
 - ○ Concern is expressed over the increase from \$250,000 anticipated by user institutions
 - ○ Father Acker anticipates \$500,000 from the state for the first few years to offset operations (Budget Digest is a possible source)
- • On whether or not the facility must house New River Community and Technical College, it was reported that the Chancellor and/or WV Higher Education Policy Commission would make that decision

Dr. O'Brien said that there are questions yet to be resolved:

- • Additional classes and programs that Concord might want/should deliver to Beckley: graduate courses, fine arts, natural sciences, literature, foreign language, complete programs in psychology, marketing, pre-law, honors, etc. And, if Concord doesn't, who will?
- • Strategies for utilizing technology to deliver support services.

- • Partnership agreements with Bluefield State, New River, Marshall, et.al. on who will deliver what to Beckley.
- • WVU/Marshall threat in on-line teacher certification. ([see attachment 3](#))

Dr. Beasley told Board members that Father Acker has solicited a letter from participating institutions to Senator Byrd assuring continuing cooperation for the shared facility in Beckley. The Board agreed that Dr. Beasley should write the letter of support, but Father Acker should be reminded of his promise to draft a charter that would protect the interests of Concord (as well as other participating institutions) as the Higher Education Center evolves. Additionally, Dr. Beasley told the Board that Concord needs to very soon have a meeting with Speaker Kiss to get assurances from him that if Concord does indeed commit to the Center, that he (Delegate Kiss) will be willing to memorialize their commitments to Concord University. It is of the utmost importance that the meeting with Speaker Kiss take place as soon as possible.

Mr. Brown made a motion that Dr. Beasley write the letter of support to Senator Byrd. Mr. Rogers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Brichford reiterated the need for Father Acker to draw up a charter for the shared facility as was promised in the September 16, 2004 meeting of the Board of Governors. Dr. Beasley suggested that perhaps Concord University in concert with Bluefield State and Marshall University should assume a leadership role and draft the charter. Mr. Brown moved that President Beasley draft a charter offering leadership and ground rules as outlined by Father Acker and Mr. Baker on September 16, 2004. Mr. Rogers seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Beasley introduced D. J. Boland, and Ryan Lucas president and business manager respectively of the Student Government Association, who reported on recent student voter registration efforts. Mr. Boland and Mr. Lucas reported: 146 new voters recruited (5.1 percent of FTE enrollment); 50 students filled out absentee forms; and, 10 people registered to vote out of the State of West Virginia. Both Mr. Boland and Mr. Lucas felt that the voter registration effort at Concord University was a success.

4. Administrative Reports

a. Academic Affairs

Mr. Whittinghill reported on behalf of Dr. Turner to the Board on the proposed master's specialization in reading ([see attached 4-a](#)). Additionally, Mr. Whittinghill told the Board that the policy on professional development for classified employees would be brought to the next meeting of the Board of Governors by Dr. Turner.

b. Finance and Facilities

Mr. Cannon reported on activities in the area of finance and facilities ([see attachment 4-b](#)).

c. Student Affairs

Mr. Dillon report on the options for replacing College Courts ([see attachment 4-c](#)).

d. Admissions

Mr. Curry reported to the Board on: 1) the profile of the fall 2004 entering class, and a ten-year comparison; 2) recruitment for the spring 2005 semester; and, 3) projected institutional scholarship expenditures for fiscal year 2005 ([see attachments 4-d](#)).

e. Development

The report from the Development Office will be made at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors.

5. Other Matters

Dr. Beasley reminded the Board that they are invited and encouraged to attend the Convocation celebrating the naming of Concord University on October 26, 2004. Dr. Constantine Curris, President of the American Association of Colleges and Universities, is the guest speaker.

Dr. Beasley announced that he met with representatives from the National Park Service regarding the Camp Brookside project, and a feasibility study is underway in which Dr. Beasley hopes to involve Concord University faculty.

6. Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Brown, and passed unanimously, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel J. Dunmyer, Vice Chairperson

James L. Miller, Secretary

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Attachments