Points of Pride

These are some of Concord University’s achievements since the Board of Governors was established.

• University status granted
• Graduate program in education established
• Rahall Technology Center completed
• University Point nearing completion
• Highest enrollment achieved
• Tuition kept low (among the lowest tuition increases in comparison to other four-year West Virginia colleges and universities over the last 10-year period)
• Directed and participated in a successful presidential search

Origin and Mission

The Board of Governors was established in response to legislation by the State of West Virginia.

In 2000 an interim Board of Governors was in place. Effective July 1, 2001, an institutional Board of Governors was established at Concord University as required by SB 653 and SB 703.

In general, the intent of SB 653 and SB 703 is to diversify and expand the economy of the state, increase the competitiveness of the state’s workforce and the availability of professional expertise by increasing the number of college degrees produced to the level of the national average and significantly improve the level of adult functional literacy.

The Board of Governors’ powers and duties generally include: determining, controlling, supervising and managing the financial, business and education policies and affairs of Concord; developing a master plan; demonstrating how the master plan will be used; developing goals and missions; and other items as directed by the legislation.

According to West Virginia State Code, the Board of Governors is comprised of 12 people including nine members appointed by the governor, a full-time member of the faculty, a member of the student body and a member of Concord’s classified employees.
Margaret J. Sayre
Margaret is a veteran Board member having been appointed in June 2000. She has served several terms as Secretary and as Chair from 2003-2005. Margaret, a cum laude graduate of Concord, is an active community leader in Beckley, W.Va. She is a past and current member of countless clubs, boards and foundations. She is perhaps best known for her involvement in city beautification. All her service and dedication to the community earned her the honor of being the fifth recipient of The Spirit of Beckley Community Service Award. With the spirit of Concord University, we thank you, Margaret, for your service to this institution.

R.T. “Ted” Rogers
Ted is a long-time friend of Concord University. He has served as a Board member since June 2000, and was at the helm as chair from 2005-2007. Ted is President of R.T. Rogers Oil Company in Hinton, W.Va. He serves on other boards and civic organizations in Hinton. One of Ted’s most important roles, however, was serving as chair of the Presidential Search Committee. Thank you, Ted, for a great search, and thank you for your dedication and service to the University in so many ways.

J. Franklin Long
Joe has served on the Board since June 2000 and is our retiring Board Chair. Joe is a private practice attorney in Bluefield, W.Va. His civic involvement includes current and past service on numerous boards and committees, many of which he has served as president or chair. He was voted the Most Outstanding Black Attorney in West Virginia in 1997. Today, we vote Joe as one of our most outstanding Board members. Thank you, Joe, for all you’ve done for Concord University.

Wayne Meisel
Wayne joined the Board of Governors in June 2000. A staunch advocate for community service, Wayne has served on national boards of directors of service-oriented programs. He was a founding board member of the President’s commission on National and Community Service and Teach for America. He is president of the Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation. In 2006, he was honored by Concord with a Doctor of Humanitarian Service, Honoris Causa award. Wayne, we thank you for your support of students and all humankind, and your devoted service to Concord University.

Akeya Carter-Bozman
Akeya is a senior Social Work major from Beckley, W.Va. with aspirations of becoming an attorney. A very active CU student, Akeya, in addition to serving on the Board of Governors, has been a resident assistant; a member of the Social Work Club; and a member of Gamma Beta Phi honor society. She is currently serving as Vice President of the Student Government Association. Sometimes it seems she’s positioning herself just one step closer to the University presidency. Thank you, Akeya, for representing your fellow students so well on the Board of Governors.