

Minutes

Concord College Board of Governors

April 20, 2004

1:00 p.m.

The Concord Room

1. Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order. In attendance were: Mrs. Margaret Sayre, Chairperson; Mr. Dan Dunmyer, Vice Chairperson; Mr. James Miller, Secretary; Dr. Debbie Akers; Dr. Charles Brichford, Faculty Representative; Mr. James Brown; Mr. Peter Fichthorn, Student Representative; Mrs. Linda Martin, Classified Representative; Mr. Wayne Meisel; and, Mr. Ted Rogers. Cabinet officers: Mr. James Cannon; Mr. Michael Curry; Mr. Rick Dillon; Ms. Anita Lewis; Dr. Bill O'Brien; Dr. Dean Turner; and, Ms. Loretta Young. Others participating: D. J. Boland, President-elect of the Student Government Association; Mr. Tom Bone; Mr. Bill Hardee; Dr. Steve Rowe; Dr. Jerry Beasley. Unable to attend: Mr. Eugene Fife and Mr. J. Franklin Long.

2. Approval of Minutes, February 12, 2004 and March 31, 2004

Upon a motion by Mr. Rogers and seconded by Mr. Brown, the minutes of the February 12, 2004 and March 31, 2004 meetings were approved as mailed. Motion passed unanimously.

3. President's Report

Dr. Beasley introduced and thanked Dr. Steve Rowe, Director of the Concord College Library and manager of the College's technology center project who updated the Board on the progress of this endeavor.

Dr. Rowe told the Board that the funding for this project has come from a variety of sources, including \$3.1 million from Congressman Rahall (from a HUD Economic Development grant), and \$2 million from the West Virginia Economic Development Committee, for a total of \$5.1 million. Dr. Rowe continued that some money from these grants have a "five-year use or lose" stipulation.

Everyone has been moved from White Hall and relocated to other areas on campus, with the exception of Mike Wimmer's Print Shop operation, which is planned for relocation within the next couple of weeks.

The plan, Dr. Rowe said, is to demolish only the residence hall wing of White Hall, and renovate the remainder of the building using a unique architecture style. There will be three stories, and the center will be 54 feet wide, 150 feet long. The initial stage of the project will be underway

by mid-summer, and the building will be ready for occupancy by January or February 2006. The new technology center, equipped with central air/central heat, will house the Office of Public Safety, graphics design, the Entrepreneurial Studies Program, the Small Business Incubator, the Business Division, and the Center for Academic Technology. Dr. Rowe told Board members that the College is excited about the Technology Center, and is certain that the facility will serve (Concord University) and southern West Virginia well by attracting small businesses and new students.

Dr. Beasley introduced Mr. Tom Bone, former Concord College Director of Public Information, and current president of the Concord College Interfaith Chapel Foundation who updated the Board on progress toward establishing an interfaith chapel on campus. Mr. Bone, on behalf of the Chapel Foundation, thanked Board members for their endorsement of this effort. He explained that it is the goal that the interfaith chapel not be denominational-specific with no religious icons of specific religions but yet retain a sacred feeling. The Foundation is looking at two sites: 1) just beyond the Science Building (in the direction of the “big curve”); and, 2) across the road from the College Center (between the College Center and the French Memorial). Boggess architects are helping with the planning process, and the cost of construction will be \$1.5 to \$2 million, with an established endowment to handle maintenance and upkeep (no state money will be used to maintain the Chapel).

Mr. Bone stated that there is approximately \$206,000 available for this project, and the Interfaith Chapel Foundation is working with Dr. Beasley and Loretta Young to identify prospects interested in assisting with this project. The Interfaith Chapel will be the property of the Concord College Foundation and will house the alumni office, public relations and marketing, and could also house a museum. The Erickson Foundation has expressed an interest in helping the College with this project, and it is hoped that the Chapel Foundation could receive as much as \$250,000 from this source.

Dr. Beasley concluded his report by updating the Board on the shared facility proposed in Beckley, which originally included five institutions (Concord, Bluefield State, Marshall University, WVU – Tech, and Southern WV Community and Technical College). The facility is scheduled to open in the fall 2006. Of all the institutions delivering classes to Raleigh County, Concord has the greatest number, followed by Marshall University and Bluefield State College respectively. It has been announced that this facility will now house the recently formed New River Community and Technical College, part of Bluefield State College and part of the split caused by SB448. Dr. Beasley continued that it is important for Concord College to have a good, solid relationship with the community colleges, including 2 + 2 relationships. Additionally, Dr. Beasley announced that the Mining Academy will still be available for use by Concord College. Dr. Beasley told the Board that he will keep them updated as plans for this facility evolve.

Dr. Beasley introduced Mr. D. J. Boland, president-elect of the Student Government Association, and Mr. Bill Hardee, president of the Classified Association.

Mrs. Sayre told Board members that Mr. Hardee, from the Classified Personnel Association, has requested on behalf of that Association a meeting with the Board of Governors, and Mrs. Sayre

announced that that meeting will take place at the next regular meeting on June 2, 2004, at 11:00 p.m.

4. Committee Reports

a. Committee on Academic Affairs

Dr. Brichford moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the College initiate a process for appropriate consideration of a “Payroll Process to Address Insufficient Leave” as recommended by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

Mr. Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Committee on Student Affairs

Mr. Meisel moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Governors recognizes and greatly appreciates the volunteer efforts of Athletic Director, Steve Lee, and the coaching staff for undertaking the bleacher project, the creation of a women’s locker room for women’s teams, and the creation of a conference room, including carpeting and furniture, and countless other projects that they have worked so tirelessly to complete in the Carter Center and grounds.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Committee on Finance and Facilities

Mr. Dunmyer moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, The Board of Governors approves a 1.5 percent tuition and fee increase beyond that authorized by the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boland expressed concern for adding another 11 percent increase/burden on Concord students. He cautioned that continuing to ask for such high increases will result in loss of student population. Further, Mr. Boland said that the Student Government Association has been providing financial maintenance for: the film society, Fine Arts Theatre, on-line registration, printing of *The Concordian*, funding efforts of the cheerleaders, and Student Support Services tutoring project. In so doing, the SGA has tried to shelter the College’s operating fund.

Mr. Dunmyer replied that the Committee on Finance and Facilities did not lightly approve the additional increase in tuition and fees, and said that the Committee echoes Mr. Boland’s concern that continued increases to the students may result in loss of students.

Dr. Brichford added that the Committee and the Board passed the increases only after a great deal of discussion, and a tremendous amount of concern for the financial well being of students.

d. Committee on External Affairs

Mr. Meisel indicated that this Committee expressed cautious optimism in terms of applications and acceptances. Additionally, challenges in recruiting were discussed as well as competition from WVU, Marshall and Fairmont. Mr. Meisel requested that a list of challenges, ways to approach the challenges, and available opportunities be formulated for discussion at the next meeting of the Board. After discussion in Committee, this list will be discussed with the full Board.

A positive report was presented to the Committee on the fund-raising efforts of the College. It was stressed that 100 percent commitment from members of the Board of Governors is needed to be successful in the capital campaign. It was noted that four members of the Board have not yet made a commitment of support.

7. Presidential Evaluation

Mr. Rogers told the Board that he, Dr. Akers, and Mr. Miller have begun the four-year evaluation process for President Beasley. Survey questionnaires have been distributed to members of the Board, faculty, classified and non-classified staff. The students will also provide an evaluative survey before the end of the semester.

Mr. Rogers also said that a list of potential college presidents who could come to Concord for the evaluation had been provided by Dr. Deno Curris, president of AASCU. The problem with bringing outside people to campus is the requirement that the evaluation be completed by July 1. Mr. Rogers asked the Board be allowed to delay the process until September, and that will give more time to adequately prepare for the evaluation. It was decided that the evaluation process would be scheduled in September 2004. President Beasley indicated that he has no problem with the delay, and it would not affect his employment contract as he currently has a three-year contract.

8. University Status – Name Change

Mr. Dunmyer moved the adoption of the following resolution (attached):

RESOLVED, by the authority vested in the Board of Governors by West Virginia Legislature Senate Bill 448, the Concord College Board of Governors hereby changes the name of the College from Concord College to Concord University, effective July 1, 2004.

Mr. Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

9. Information Item(s)

Dr. Beasley encouraged members of the Board of Governors to attend The National Collaborative for Postsecondary Education Policy, which will be held on May 24, 2004 at the Mine and Safety Academy in Beckley, WV.

The next meeting of the Board of Governors was changed FROM June 3, 2004 TO June 2, 2004. The committees on Finance and Facilities and External Affairs will meet at 9:00 a.m. (the other committees of the Board are not scheduled to meet on June 2). The full Board will meet at 11:00 a.m. with the Classified Association. Lunch will be served in the State Room at 12:30 p.m., and the full Board will meet in The Concord Room at 1:30 p.m.

Mrs. Sayre announced that the HEPC training for Boards of Governors is scheduled on September 24, 2004.

Mrs. Sayre announced that the Endowment Management Committee has been appointed: Dr. Islam and Ted Rogers will assist Mr. Cannon and Dr. Beasley.

10. Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Margaret J. Sayre, Chairperson

James L. Miller, Secretary

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