I. Call to Order

Chairman Bruce Berry convened a special meeting of the Higher Education Policy Commission at 4:00 p.m. in the 9th Floor Conference Room at 1018 Kanawha Boulevard, East, Charleston, West Virginia and by conference call. The following Commission members were present: Jenny Allen, Bruce Berry, Kathy Eddy, Michael Farrell, Kay Goodwin, John Leon, Michael Martirano, and Clarence “Butch” Pennington. Also in attendance were Chancellor Paul Hill, university presidents and administrators, staff members, and news media.

II. Review of Institutional Operating Budget and Approval of Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 for West Virginia State University

Dr. Ed Magee, Vice Chancellor for Finance, explained that in accordance with West Virginia Code §18B-1B-4, the Commission is charged with review of institutional operating budgets and review and approval of capital budgets with the exception of Marshall University’s and West Virginia University’s. He gave an overview of the budget for West Virginia State University.

Commissioner Allen moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the capital budget for West Virginia State University for Fiscal Year 2016.

Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

III. Review of Operating and Capital Budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 for West Virginia University

Vice Chancellor Magee gave an overview of the operating and capital budgets for Fiscal Year 2016 for West Virginia University, including Potomac State College of West Virginia University and West Virginia University Institute of Technology. The president and finance administrators from West Virginia University were present to provide explanations and answer questions from the Commissioners.

IV. Approval of Tuition and Fees for 2015-2016 Academic Year

A. West Virginia University

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:
Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the tuition and fees for the 2015-16 academic year for West Virginia University.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Commissioners Goodwin and Allen opposed the motion. Motion passed.

B. Potomac State College of West Virginia University

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the tuition and fees for the 2015-16 academic year for Potomac State College of West Virginia University.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Commissioner Goodwin opposed the motion. Motion passed.

C. West Virginia State University

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the tuition and fees for the 2015-16 academic year for West Virginia State University.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Commissioner Goodwin opposed the motion. Motion passed.

V. Approval of West Virginia University Institute of Technology Institutional Compact

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Institutional Compact.

Commissioner Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VI. Executive Session under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Personnel Issues

Commissioner Farrell moved approval to convene in Executive Session under the authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss personnel issues. Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

After deliberations, the Commission reconvened in open session. Chairman Berry noted that no decisions were made or actions taken during Executive Session.
VII. Additional Board Action and Comment

A. Approval of Interim President for Shepherd University

Commissioner Farrell moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission approves the appointment of an interim President at Shepherd University consistent with the terms and conditions communicated to the Commission, and delegates to its Chancellor the authority to approve any contract as to form.

Commissioner Eddy seconded the motion. Motion passed.

VIII. Adjournment

There being no further business, Commissioner Eddy moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Farrell seconded the motion. Motion passed.

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Bruce L. Berry, Chairman

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Kathy Eddy, Secretary