

MINUTES

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

July 17, 2012

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Hendrickson convened a meeting of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Revitalization Committee at 1:30 PM on the campus of West Virginia University Institute of Technology in the Vining Library Reserve Room, 405 Fayette Pike, Montgomery, West Virginia and by conference call. The following Committee members were present: George "Matt" Edwards, John Estep, Robert Griffith, David Hendrickson, Paul Hill, Carolyn Long, Dorothy Phillips, Ed Robinson, Garth Thomas, and Bruce Walker. Absent: Bill Hutchens.

2. Approval of May 15, 2012 Minutes

Mr. Edwards moved approval of the minutes from the May 15, 2012 meeting as amended. Ms. Phillips seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Welcome by Chairman David Hendrickson

Chairman Hendrickson provided a welcome to the Committee and those in attendance. He noted that the Committee will continue to focus on examining challenges and opportunities in order to develop a report containing a series of recommendations regarding the future of the institution.

4. Update from Campus Executive Officer Carolyn Long

Campus Executive Officer Carolyn Long presented a progress report based on activity since the May 15, 2012 Committee meeting. The progress report included information shared in the morning meeting of the Academics Subcommittee including: Quality Matters training for faculty to provide online instruction, Spring 2012 enrollment and graduation data, and a substantial increase in the passage rates of recent nursing graduates.

5. Overview of Additional Survey Responses by Chancellor Paul Hill

Chancellor Paul Hill reported that, at the request of community members, an advertisement was placed in the local newspaper for four consecutive weeks in an effort to increase awareness regarding the survey and the opportunity to provide feedback. Chancellor Hill reported that a total of 99 individuals have participated in the survey, an increase of 13 individuals since the newspaper advertisements and the presentation at the May 15, 2012 meeting.

Chancellor Hill indicated that, due to the lack of increased participation, the survey will be closed and a final presentation regarding the results will be provided at the next Committee meeting. The final presentation will include a summary of the key recommendations or findings based on the responses.

6. Subcommittee Activity

a. Report by Academics Subcommittee Chair Robert Griffith

Dr. Griffith provided an overview of recent activity of the Academics Subcommittee. He reported that the group met earlier the same day to discuss a draft Admissions and Retention Report as well as academic programming and majors.

Ms. Phillips inquired regarding the October 2011 recommendation from the Revitalization Project Team about creating an institutional niche through providing internship opportunities for all students. Campus Executive Officer Long responded that, although it has not been implemented campus-wide, internship opportunities are available in some programs. Dr. Stephen Brown, Dean of the College of Business, Humanities, and Social Sciences, stated that approximately half of the programs in his area have internship options. He noted that expanding the program campus-wide will be difficult due to finding quality internship opportunities in the region for all students and ensuring students have reliable and safe transportation to and from the internship locations.

Dr. Griffith reported that as part of the July 17, 2012 Subcommittee meeting, a resolution was approved for review and consideration by the full Committee. The action is as follows:

Mr. Estep moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Academics Subcommittee of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Revitalization Committee approves a full review of a total of five programs including: History, Accounting, Industrial Relations/Human Resources, Business Management, and Public Service Administration.

Dr. Bastian seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

b. Report by Facilities Subcommittee Chair Ed Robinson

Mr. Robinson indicated that the Facilities Subcommittee has not met since the last full Committee meeting on May 15, 2012. He reported that the work of the Subcommittee includes the development and approval of a deferred maintenance priority project listing and a campus beautification project listing. Mr. Robinson indicated that the campus community looks forward to working with members of the Commission and Chancellor Hill

to pursue funding opportunities for these approved projects.

7. Approval of Subcommittee Recommendations

Mr. Edwards moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Revitalization Committee approves the Academics Subcommittee recommendation as presented by Dr. Griffith.

Mr. Estep seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Discussion of Next Steps

Chairman Hendrickson announced the formation of the Efficiencies Subcommittee. He asked Mr. Edwards to serve as the Subcommittee's Chair. Mr. Edwards agreed. Chairman Hendrickson encouraged participation from Committee members in the newly formed Subcommittee.

Chairman Hendrickson also announced that the next full Committee meeting will be held on-campus during the afternoon of September 20, 2012. He noted that additional meeting details would be provided to the Committee, the campus community, the media, and the general public.

Community representatives requested that information regarding the work of the Committee be shared publically. Chairman Hendrickson indicated that all meetings are open to the public and Commission and institutional staff will continue to distribute information regarding the meeting dates, times, locations and outcomes. He also noted that the Commission's website has a section specifically for sharing information regarding the Committee's work.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David K. Hendrickson

Chairman

Robert Griffith

Academics Subcommittee Chair

Ed Robinson

Facilities Subcommittee Chair