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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE

May 15, 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 Tech Center Ballroom, 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, Bill Hutchens, Carolyn Long, Dorothy Phillips, Ed Robinson, Garth Thomas, and Bruce Walker.

2. Approval of March 15 Minutes

Mr. Estep moved approval of the minutes from the March 15, 2012 meeting. Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

3. Welcome by Chairman David Hendrickson

Chairman Hendrickson welcomed the Committee members and the campus community. He stated that a classified staff representative would be added to the Academics Subcommittee and to the Facilities Subcommittee. He indicated that Commission staff would follow-up regarding those appointments.

Chairman Hendrickson encouraged collaboration from all facets of the campus community and requested that all information shared to be factual in nature.

4. Update from Campus Executive Officer Carolyn Long

Campus Executive Officer Carolyn Long presented a progress report based on activity since the March 15 Committee meeting. She reported on a meeting with RESA 4 and that several faculty have agreed to teach classes for local high schools. The institution is working to form a closer relationship with secondary education entities and has jointly applied for a grant with Kanawha County Schools in order to better prepare math educators.

Campus Executive Officer Long has noted that the institution continues to examine current academic programs offerings and will work with the Academics Subcommittee to continue this process.

5. Overview of Additional Survey Responses by Chancellor Paul Hill

Chancellor Paul Hill reported a total of 86 responses to date. Of those responses, 11 were received since the initial Committee meeting on March 15, 2012. Chancellor Hill reported that faculty, staff, students, alumni, and community members have participated in the survey. Chancellor Hill noted that the survey will remain live throughout the revitalization process and an update will be provided at the next full Committee meeting.

At the request of a meeting attendee, Commission staff will work with the local newspaper to place an advertisement in order to generate additional responses.

6. Subcommittee Activity

A. Report by Academics Subcommittee Chair Robert Griffith

Academics Subcommittee Chair Robert Griffith reported on the May 3 meeting. Dr. Griffith noted that during the meeting the group discussed a variety of issues including the following: review of institution's mission and academic focus; review of existing academic programs; review of unmet academic needs/areas of employment growth; and review of faculty/student ratios and faculty teaching loads for institutions of similar scope and size. He also reported that the Subcommittee has examined, and continues to examine, a host of data elements.

Dr. Griffith reported that as part of the May 3 Subcommittee meeting, several actions were approved for review and consideration by the full Committee. Those actions are 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 education certification programs for science and mathematics teachers.

Dr. Bastian seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Thomas moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Academics Subcommittee of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Revitalization Committee approves the Student Success Center and directs Campus Executive Officer Carolyn Long to forward the funding proposal to the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission for review and further consideration.

Dr. Bastian seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Griffith requested full Committee approval of the Subcommittee actions.

B. Report by Facilities Subcommittee Chair Ed Robinson

Facilities Subcommittee Chair Ed Robinson reported on the May 2 meeting. Mr. Robinson noted that during the meeting the group discussed a variety of issues including the following: review of existing campus infrastructure; review of unmet campus needs/student enhancements; development of a deferred maintenance priority project listing; and development of a campus beautification project listing. He also reported that the Subcommittee has examined, and continues to examine, a host of data elements and related reports.

Mr. Robinson reported that as part of the May 2 Subcommittee meeting, several actions were approved for review and consideration by the full Committee. Those actions are as follows:

Mr. Edwards moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Facilities Subcommittee of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Revitalization Committee approves the priority deferred maintenance/project funding request totaling \$7,832,000 for presentation to and consideration by the full Committee.

Mr. Linio seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Phillips moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Facilities Subcommittee of the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Revitalization Committee approves five major campus projects including the (1) installation of wi-fi in all classrooms; (2) the creation of the Student Success Center; (3) the demolition of Co-Ed to create green space; (4) the construction of a new campus main entrance/welcome; and (5) the paving of campus streets and sidewalks.

Ms. Long seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Robinson requested full Committee approval of the Subcommittee actions.

7. Approval of Subcommittee Recommendations

Mr. Estep moved approval of the following resolution:

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

Mr. Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Edwards moved approval of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the West Virginia University Institute of Technology Revitalization Committee approves the Facilities Subcommittee recommendations as presented by Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Robinson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Open Dialogue with Campus Community

Chairman Hendrickson offered a reminder that those in attendance had an opportunity to sign up to address the Committee throughout the course of the meeting and asked Ashley Schumaker, the Commission's Senior Director of Board and Public Relations, to report on the sign-ups. Ms. Schumaker reported that two individuals asked to address the community. She noted that individuals were to come to the podium to address the audience.

9. Discussion of Next Steps

Chairman Hendrickson announced that the next full Committee meeting will be held on-campus during the afternoon of July 17, 2012. He noted that additional meeting details would be provided to the Committee, the campus community, the media, and the general public.

10. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

David K. Hendrickson

Chairman

Robert Griffith

Academics Subcommittee Chair

Ed Robinson

Facilities Subcommittee Chair