

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

September 14, 2006

### *Capital Projects*

- **Center for Contemporary Arts:** By the time you read this, Callas should have already begun site work for the CCA, with completion of Phase IA set for August, 2007.
- **McMurrin Hall:** All work is expected to be completed by late October, 2006.
- **Reynolds Hall:** Reynolds Hall is closed, and the Higher Education Policy Commission has granted our request for permission to repair the structure, at a cost in excess of \$1 million.
- **Nursing Building:** Considerable progress can be seen regarding the work on the structural steel, and the brick work on the lecture hall area is essentially complete.
- **Residence Hall Apartments:** An informative and successful open house was conducted on August 29, 2006. (This is the last time I will reference this project under the "capital projects" heading.)
- **Wellness Center:** Several open meetings were held on Wednesday, July 26, 2006 to show the schematic design to the campus community and to the general public. The building and its programming were generally well received. The architects are now working to reduce the scope of the building to bring it within our budget. It is presently about \$2 million over budget. It is believed that by excluding the two racquetball courts and reducing the size of the running track by about 9% to 11%, the project will be back on budget.

### *FY07 Budget Item*

- **Salary Increase:** With approval of this Board, we plan to implement an aggregate salary increase of 4%, effective as early in October as possible. WVU indicated that it may implement an increase of 4.2%; however, all other institutions have indicated plans that range from zero to 4%, with most being below 4%.

### *Association of Governing Boards In-Service Pamphlets*

- **Board Basics: The Fundamentals:** This month the pamphlet that was included with your agenda book was related to institutional ethics and values. I encourage you to take time each month to at least peruse these informative publications, as they will collectively provide you with an excellent frame of reference for your responsibilities as a member of this Board of Governors.

## *Community and Technical College*

- Dr. Checkovich and I have each signed the institutional MOU for this academic year. Most of the services presently being provided to the Blue Ridge CTC are slated to end by January 1, 2007.

## *Advancement Office*

- The annual Scarborough Society Gala had a capacity crowd of 249 with a net profit of \$13,635.
- The Alumni Association Board of Directors recently held a dinner and orientation for its six newly elected directors.

## *Enrollment Management*

- We are projecting an enrollment increase of approximately 3% or 4%, for a possible total enrollment of about 4075. It appears that we will be up by more than 100 paid FTE over last fall. The numbers continue to be in flux as students who were dropped for non-payment petition to re-register for their classes. The official institutional enrollment data are reported to the HEPC on October 15.

## *Upcoming Events*

September 14	Constitution Day-Tom E. Moses Memorial Lecture 7:00 p.m. Auditorium, Center for Legislative Studies
September 16	Gridiron Club Hospitality Tent-Rams v. C.W. Post 10:30 a.m./noon game time Campus Midway
September 29	Hall of Fame Banquet 6:00 p.m. Clarion Hotel and Conference Center