

## SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF APRIL 5, 2018

The Shepherd University Board of Governors met on April 5, 2018 in a regular meeting. Members participating were: Ray Alvarez, David Avella, Marcia Brand, Gat Caperton, Henry Kayes, Jr., Ramona Kissel, Eric Lewis, Robert Marggraf, Tia McMillan [phone], Chad Robinson [phone] and J.B. Tuttle. Also present were Shepherd University President Mary J.C. Hendrix, members of the executive leadership team and others. Board member Sneha Reddy was absent from the meeting.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

2. **RECOGNITION OF EMERITUS FACULTY AND STAFF**

Dr. Scott Beard, Acting Provost, recognized Ms. Rhonda Smith, and presented to the Board Dr. Roland Bergman, Dr. Kathleen Corpus, Dr. Linda Kinney and Dr. James Lewin, as new faculty *Emeriti*. Dr. Beard also recognized the posthumous Emeritus designation of the late Mr. James "Kit" Romano. Mr. Alan Perdue, General Counsel, recognized Mr. Larry Dowdy and Ms. Sandra Pounds, and presented to the Board Ms. Wanda Smith, as new staff *Emeriti*.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**M (Lewis), S (Caperton), PASSED**, all members participating by phone were polled, that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:

**RESOLVED**, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves:

- 1) The Minutes of the March 1, 2018 Board Meeting;
- 2) The Bylaws Amendment;
- 3) The Intent to Plan for Master of Arts, Appalachian Studies; and
- 4) The 2017-2018 Academic Program Reviews,  
each as presented in the Agenda materials of April 5, 2018.

**RESOLVED FURTHER**, that the Board adopts the institutional recommendations that each program be continued at the current level of activity, and the Board accepts the follow-up report from Modern Languages and the subsequent findings of the SUPRC regarding additional conditions.

4. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Hendrix reviewed highlights of the ongoing initiatives for advancing Shepherd from among the comprehensive list provided in the President's Report.

5. **CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES COUNCIL (CEC) ANNUAL REPORT**

Ms. Cecelia Mason, Chair of the CEC, Shepherd University Advisory Council of Classified Employees (ACCE) Representative and University Communications Staff Writer, presented to the Board the CEC Annual Report. The Report focused on classified staff concerns as it pertains to specific legislation and how it affects employee classification as well as low compensation for staff.

6. **FACULTY SENATE ANNUAL REPORT**

Dr. Christopher Lovelace, President of the Faculty Senate and Associate Professor of Psychology, presented to the Board the Faculty Senate Annual Report. Dr. Lovelace noted that the Senate endorsed the final plan permitting students, who have six or fewer credits outstanding, to participate in commencement exercises. He also noted that the Senate unanimously adopted a resolution opposing House Bill 2559 which would've allowed concealed carry on campus. Dr. Lovelace stressed that the faculty are unequivocally opposed to firearms being allowed on campus and, in particular, in the classroom. He noted that the Senate is currently working with Dr. Jason Best to see about involving members of the community in our students' capstone projects. Dr. Lovelace stated the Senate has begun discussion about the possibility of implementing a "January-term" which would constitute a short term running in between the Fall and spring semesters. Implementation would allow faculty to offer unique and creative experiences for students and also offer an opportunity for departments to help students who fell behind in the Fall get caught up. Dr. Lovelace thanked President Hendrix for her openness and transparency in involving faculty in the shared governance of Shepherd University.

7. **REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Academic Programs and Development Committee, Ms. McMillan introduced Dr. Max Guirguis, Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) University Representative and Professor of Political Science, to summarize the ACF Annual Report. The Report noted ACF's main objective this year was to ensure that the State legislature approved replacement of the HERA funds for the HEPC and the \$5.4 million/year is now included in the Budget Bill. Dr. Guirguis also noted, "...The ACF has adopted a unanimous resolution against any BoG policies that infringe on tenure. Several faculty Senates, including Shepherd's, will adopt a similar policy."

8. **REPORT OF THE ENROLLMENT, STUDENT AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Enrollment, Student and Community Affairs Committee, Mr. Caperton, provided a brief update on the Committee's discussions which included updates for both Enrollment Management and Student Affairs.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

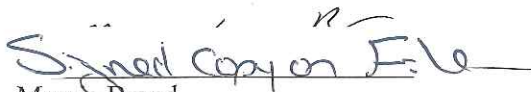
Chair Brand noted that she drafted a letter to Chancellor Hill regarding the new HEPC Funding Model and asked Members for permission to place it on University letterhead and mail to the Chancellor as well as WV legislators. Chair Brand offered other Members the opportunity to rework her letter and send it to the Chancellor if they so desire. The Members agreed to send Chair Brand's letter to the Chancellor and legislators.

Following discussion amongst the Members, University Communications will build a single page webpage, with formal remarks that alumni, community, employees and students can use to send comments to the Chancellor by the April 27<sup>th</sup> deadline. Board members also requested that they be provided a list of HEPC Commissioners and legislators along with specific talking points.

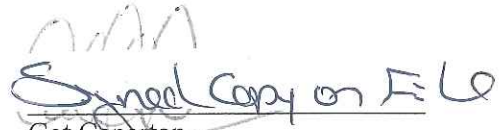
10. MOTION TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

M (Lewis), S (Kayes), PASSED, all members participating by phone were polled, that pursuant to Section 4 of Article 9A of Chapter 6 of the WV Code, it was moved that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of matters relating to confidential legal matters.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Board adjourned.

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Marcia Brand  
Chair

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Gat Caperton  
Secretary