

Shepherd University Board of Governors

Minutes of the Meeting of September 10, 2009

The Shepherd University Board of Governors met on September 10, 2009 in a regular meeting. Members participating were: Daniel Bascom, Jason Best, Gat Caperton [phone], Mary Clare Eros, Doris Griffin, Lacy Rice III [phone], W. Mark Rudolph, Diane Shewbridge, Veronique N. Walker, and John Younis. Also present were Shepherd University President Suzanne Shipley, members of the executive staff and others. Board members Robert McMillan and Andrew Michael were absent from the meeting.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

2. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF June 11, 2009**

M (Griffin) S (Younis), PASSED, that the minutes of the June 11, 2009 meeting of the Board of Governors be adopted as presented at the meeting.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF August 13, 2009

M (Griffin) S (Rudolph), PASSED, that the minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting of the Board of Governors be adopted as presented in the agenda book with the correction of Board member Griffin participating by telephone.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Shipley highlighted two events listed in the President's Report: the September 29th event of "A Celebration of Appalachian Storytellers: A Kentucky Muse and the Anthology of Appalachian Writers," and Shepherd's Homecoming weekend events October 22nd-24th featuring activities celebrating the public phase of the *Create the Future* Comprehensive Campaign. Dr. Shipley discussed the developing status of the RBA Today degree completion proposal with the Board.

4. **INCREASE OF EMPLOYEE SALARIES**

At the request of staff, this agenda item was tabled with the possibility of being reintroduced at a future meeting.

5. **OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT DATA REPORT**

Dr. Diane Melby, Vice President for Advancement, presented to the Board the Office of Advancement's Annual Report.

6. **QUARTERLY FINANCIALS**

Dr. Ed Magee, Vice President for Administration and Finance, presented to the Board the Quarterly Financial Management Report for the period ending June 30, 2009.

7. **STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Dr. Richard Helldobler, Vice President for Academic Affairs, provided an update on the status of the implementation of the Crossroads Strategic Plan that was adopted in April. The report focused on the progress made to date related to Pathway 1: To Inspire Student Learning and Development, and Pathway 2: To Optimize the Potential of Faculty and Staff.

8. **TUITION AND FEE WAIVER REPORT**

Ms. Sandra Oerly-Bennett, Director of Financial Aid, presented the annual Tuition and Fee Waiver Report.

9. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

10. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

M (Griffin) S (Best), PASSED, That pursuant to Section 4 of Article 9A of Chapter 6 of the W V Code, it was moved that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of matters relating to confidential legal matters and potential acquisition of real property.

At the conclusion of the executive session, the Board returned to open session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Mary Clare Eros
Chair