

SHEPHERD UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 13, 2025

The Shepherd University Board of Governors met on February 13, 2025, in a regular meeting. Members participating were: David Avella (audio feed), Gat Caperton, Dr. James Cherry, Henry Kayes, Jr., Jonathan Mason (audio feed), Susan Mentzer-Blair, Guillermina Garcia Moore, Kevin Murphy, Austin J. Slater, Jr. (audio feed), Dr. Stephanie Slocum-Schaffer, Paul Teter, and Karl Wolf (audio feed). Also present were Shepherd University President Mary J.C. Hendrix, members of the executive leadership team, and others.

1. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

2. **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

M (Caperton), S (Slocum-Schaffer), PASSED, all members participating by audio feed were polled (Mr. Mason not yet attending), that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves:

- 1) The Minutes of the Meeting of December 17, 2024; and
 - 5) 2023-2028 Strategic Plan Revisions,
- each as presented in the Agenda materials of February 13, 2025.

3. **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Hendrix provided an overview of the March 19, 2025, Day of Giving campaign. She provided information about Governor Morrissey's formation of the West Virginia Power Tech Center, a collaboration with WVU, Marshall, Shepherd, and Blue Ridge. A photo of the new Agri-business Building at Tabler Farm was shared, as well as congratulations to Paul Teter, who was named Capital Region Collegian of the Year.

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

On behalf of the Academic Programs and Development Committee, Dr. Slocum-Schaffer provided a brief update of the Committee's discussions, which included an Academic Affairs Division Update and the University Foundation Annual Report. She noted that one item not addressed in the Foundation's Annual Report is the search for a Vice President for University Development. President Hendrix stated the search has been paused and anticipates having someone in place by July 1, 2025 -- discussion ensued. Dr. Slocum-Schaffer invited Dr. Max Guirguis, Advisory Council of Faculty (ACF) University Representative and Professor of Political Science, to the podium to provide an update on the ACF. Dr. Guirguis noted the ACF had been focused on a major higher-education bill that would standardize the core curriculum requirements in the two- and four-year

institutions. He stated funding of PEIA continues to be a concern and discussed SB35 which offers a pension plan to campus police officers, HB2166 that seeks to address mental health concerns among students, a library bill from last session that will probably be reintroduced, the Hunger Free Campus Act, and bills expected to look at expanding access to high-speed internet and increase teacher salaries.

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

On behalf of the Enrollment, Student, and Community Affairs Committee, Ms. Mentzer-Blair provided a brief update of the Committee's discussions, which included an Athletics Division Update, an Enrollment Management Division Update, and a Student Affairs Division Update. Chair Cherry asked Ms. Holly Morgan-Frye, Vice President for Student Affairs and Director of Community Relations, about the uptick in mental health challenges, and a discussion ensued. Ms. Mentzer-Blair invited Mr. Will Bell, Interim Vice President for Enrollment Management, to provide a FAFSA update.

Mr. Mason joined the meeting during Ms. Mentzer-Blair's Committee update.

6. **REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

On behalf of the Finance and Facilities Committee, Mr. Kayes provided a brief update of the Committee's discussions, which included the Quarterly Financial Report: 2nd Quarter FY2025.

7. **DEFERRED MAINTENANCE GRANTS: UPDATES AND ADJUSTMENTS TO BUILDING ROOFS AND GUTTER PROJECTS**

M (Kayes), S (Teter), PASSED, all members participating by audio feed were polled, that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves the Revised *Roof and Gutter Replacements and Masonry Replenishments Project* prospectus and project budget for White Hall, McMurrin Hall, Reynolds Hall, Byrd Science and Technology, Facilities Building, CCA, and Popodicon and authorizes the University President to proceed with the project, all as described in this February 13, 2025, Agenda Item.

8. **PROPOSED 2025-2026 ENROLLMENT, HOUSING, DINING, AND OTHER FEES**

M (Kayes), S (Slocum-Schaffer), PASSED, all members participating by audio feed were polled, that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves the adjustments to Undergraduate Enrollment, Housing and Dining, and Other Fees for FY2026, effective August 2025, as presented in the Agenda materials of February 13, 2025.

9. **BUILDING PROSPECTUS - DINING HALL / MULTIPURPOSE BUILDING**

M (Cherry), S (Caperton), PASSED, all members participating by audio feed were polled, that the following resolution be adopted by the Board:

RESOLVED, That the Shepherd University Board of Governors approves the Dining Hall / Multipurpose Building prospectus and project budget and authorizes the University President to proceed with the project, as described in this February 13, 2025, Agenda Item.

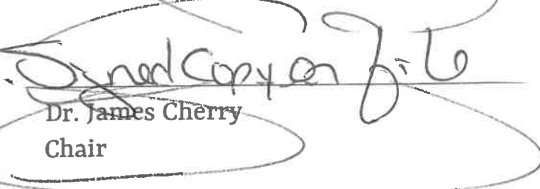
10. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

11. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

M (Teter), S (Slocum-Schaffer), PASSED, all members participating by audio feed were polled, that pursuant to Section 4 of Article 9A of Chapter 6 of the W V Code, that the Board enter into executive session for the purpose of discussion of matters relating to confidential legal matters and advice, and of matters of personal honoraria and awards.

Upon arising from the Executive Session, the Board meeting was adjourned.


Dr. James Cherry
Chair


Susan Mentzer-Blair
Secretary