

**MINUTES
OF THE BOARD OF REGENTS
WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY**

March 3, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Required statutory notice having been given, the first quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on March 3, 2023, at the WKU Innovation Campus. The meeting was called to order by Chair Phillip W. Bale at approximately 9:00 a.m. (CT).

ROLL CALL

The following Regents were present, representing a quorum of the Board:

Regents Present:

Dr. Phillip W. Bale, Chair
Mr. David Brinkley
Mr. Gary Broady
Dr. Melissa Dennison
Dr. Shane Spiller

Mr. W. Currie Milliken, Vice Chair
Ms. Doris Thomas
Ms. Jan West
Mr. Cole Bornefeld
Mr. George Nichols

Others Present:

Dr. Timothy C. Caboni, President
Ms. Beth Dillon, Assistant to the President for the Board of Regents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The following meeting minutes were distributed to the Board for review in advance and presented for adoption:

- December 8, 2022 - Fourth Quarterly Meeting

MOTION

Motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above was made by Regent Thomas and seconded by Regent West.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action Items:

- AA-1 Approval of academic program suspension [p 1]
- AA-2 Approval of sabbatical recommendations [pp 2-3]
- AA-3 Approval of University Distinguished Professor recommendation [p 4]
- AA-4 Approval of emeriti recommendations [p 5]

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-1 was made by Regent West and seconded by Regent Nichols.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-2 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent Brinkley.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-3 was made by Regent Thomas and seconded by Regent West.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-4 was made by Regent Broady and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Information Item:

- University Distinguished Professor presentation (*Dr. T. Keith Philips*)

FINANCE AND BUDGET

- FB-1 Approval of personnel actions [p 1 and attached reports]
- FB-2 Approval of budget vs. actual report [p 2 and attached report]
- *FB-3 Acceptance of Auditor's Reports and Financial Statements, WKYU-TV and WKYU-FM Radio for the year ended June 30, 2022 [p 3 and attached reports]
- *FB-4 Acceptance of the Accountants' Report on Application of Agreed-upon Procedures, NCAA Compliance Report for the year ended June 30, 2022 [p 4 and attached reports]

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-1 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Nichols.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-2 was made by Regent Broady and seconded by Regent Brinkley.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-3 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Regent Brinkley abstained from the vote

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-4 was made by Regent Brinkley and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Action Item:

*SA-1 Approval of WKU admission policy

*SA-2 Approval of Student Conduct policy

MOTION

Motion to approve items SA-1 was made by Regent Dennison and seconded by Regent Milliken.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items SA-2 was made by Regent West and seconded by Regent Bornefeld.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Information Item:

- Student Government Association (*Dr. Ethan Logan*)
- Women's National Championship Cheer Team (*Ms. Alli Lumpkin*)

EXECUTIVE

Information Item:

- Athletic academic progress report (*Mr. Todd Stewart*)
- Legislative update (*Ms. Jennifer Breiwa Smith*)
- Mission statement review (*President Timothy Caboni and Dr. Beth Laves*)

President Caboni refers to the need for the board to review the mission statement on a regular or semi-regular basis and also to be reminded of what the mission statement is. Dr. Laves discussed the principles of accreditation for the reaffirmation for SACSCOC, and she showed the board the slide that listed the WKU mission as:

Western Kentucky University (WKU) prepares students of all backgrounds to be productive, engaged, and socially responsible citizen-leaders of a global society. The University provides research, service, and lifelong learning opportunities for its students, faculty, and other constituents. WKU enriches the quality of life for those within its reach.

President Caboni explained that this mission statement guides the University and “from that flows the strategic plan, the work of the faculty and staff, and all the work that we do to shape the University and elevate it.” He said it is a broad mission so every person associated with WKU can see themselves as active participants.

Chair Bale mentioned the self-assessment process of the board and informed the board members that the following week they would receive an email from institutional research with a link to a survey with some questions to allow the board to evaluate itself. He said that later in the year the board would talk about and review the results of the survey. He said that he hoped it would allow the board to find ways individually and as a board to be more effective at their jobs.

EXECUTIVE / CLOSED SESSION

Motion to go into executive/closed session as provided in KRS 61.810(1) for discussion of proposed or pending litigation against or on behalf of the University was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent West. Motion was approved and the Board entered into closed session at approximately 11:21 a.m. (CT).

The Board returned to open session at approximately 12:22 p.m. (CT). Chair Bale stated the following, “The Board has now returned to open session. The discussions and deliberations during the closed session were restricted to those stated in the motion, and no formal action was taken by the Board in closed session.”

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Bale made a note of the Spring Commencement order of events and encouraged the boards' attendance.

Future meeting dates:

- April 14, 2023 – Committee Meetings
- May 4, 2023 – Second Quarterly Meeting
- May 4, 2023 – College-wide commencement
- May 5, 2023 – College recognition ceremonies
- June 2, 2023 – Special Budget Approval Meeting and Committee Meetings
- August 10, 2023 – Retreat
- August 11, 2023 – Third Quarterly Meeting
- August 15, 2023 – Convocation
- October 20, 2023 – Committee Meetings
- December 7, 2023 – Fourth Quarterly Meeting

ADJOURN

MOTION

Motion to adjourn was made by Regent Brinkley and seconded by Regent Spiller.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Meeting adjourned at approximately 12:25 p.m. (CT).

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the third quarterly meeting held August 12, 2022, in the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall and further certify that the meeting was held in compliance with KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820, and 61.825 (enacted as Sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of House Bill 100, 1974 Regular Session, General Assembly).



Dr. Phillip W. Bale, Chair
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on 5-4-23



Ms. Jan M. West, Secretary
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on 5-4-23