

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

**October 25, 2013**

**• CALL TO ORDER**

Required statutory notice having been given, the fourth quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held in the *Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room* of the Mass Media and Technology Hall on the Western Kentucky University campus. The meeting was called to order by Chair J. David Porter at approximately 8:00 a.m., (CDT).

**• INVOCATION**

The invocation was provided by Mr. Trip Carpenter, WKU Spirit Master.

**• OATH OF OFFICE / PRESENTATIONS**

The Constitutional Oath of Office was administered by Chair Porter to Mr. Gillard B. Johnson III from Nicholasville. President Gary A. Ransdell presented Mr. Johnson with the official Regent's pin which was designed specifically for members of the Board.

**• ROLL CALL**

The following Regents were present, representing a quorum:

Mr. J. David Porter, Chair	Mr. Gillard B. Johnson III
Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Vice Chair	Mr. James Kennedy, Staff Regent
Dr. Phillip W. Bale	Dr. Patricia H. Minter, Faculty Regent
Ms. Keyana Boka	Mr. John W. Ridley
Dr. Melissa B. Dennison, Secretary	Mr. Laurence J. Zielke
Ms. Cynthia Harris	

Others in attendance included the following:

Dr. Gary A. Ransdell, President  
Mr. Howard Bailey, Vice President for Student Affairs  
Dr. Gordon C. Baylis, Vice President for Research

Dr. Randy Capps, Parliamentarian  
Ms. Kathryn R. Costello, Vice President for Development & Alumni Relations  
Dr. A. Gordon Emslie, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Ms. Julia McDonald, Chief of Staff / Assistant to Board of Regents  
Ms. K. Ann Mead, Vice President for Finance and Administration  
Mr. John Osborne, Vice President for Campus Services and Facilities  
Dr. Robert Owen, Vice President for Information Technology  
Mr. Todd Stewart, Director of Athletics  
Ms. Robbin Taylor, Vice President for Public Affairs  
Ms. Deborah T. Wilkins, Chief of Staff / General Counsel

In keeping with the policy of the Board, the agenda for the meeting and information and materials pertinent to items thereon had been mailed in advance of the meeting to members of the Board.

- **MINUTES**

The minutes of the special budget approval meeting held on June 21, 2013, were presented for adoption.

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the special budget approval meeting held on June 21, 2013, was made by Regent Higdon and seconded by Regent Minter.**

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

Approved Not Approved Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Regent Johnson abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the June 21 meeting.**

The minutes of the third quarterly meeting held on July 26, 2013, were presented for adoption.

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve the minutes of the third quarterly meeting held on July 26, 2013, was made by Regent Minter and seconded by Regent Higdon.**

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

Approved Not Approved Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Regent Johnson abstained from voting as he was not in attendance at the July 26 meeting.**

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*Page numbers reflect where the items are located in the meeting agenda book.*

*Chair Porter announced that the Committees of the Board met on September 27, 2013, and discussed each item on their agenda with the exception of items 1.6, 2.6, and 3.4. Those three items are exempt from the consent agenda and shall be discussed and voted on separately.*

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## 1. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – ACTION ITEMS

Regent Bale recommended voting on items 1.1 - 1.4 as one action, there were no objections.

- 1.1 Approval of an Arabic Undergraduate Major and Minor [pp 1-11]
- 1.2 Approval of a Chinese Undergraduate Major and Minor [pp 12-23]
- 1.3 Approval of Name Change to Department of Marketing [p 24]
- 1.4 Approval to Create the Department of Psychological Sciences [pp 25-26]

### MOTION

**Motion to approve items 1.1 – 1.4 was made by Regent Johnson and seconded by Regent Minter.**

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved unanimously   Not Approved   Other \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.5 Approval of Emeritus Appointments [p 27]

### COMMENTS

Regent Minter:

It is a great honor to have the opportunity to talk about our colleagues who will be voted on this morning for Emeritus status. I am delighted that there are two of our proposed Emeritus faculty with us this morning—Dr. Jan E. Garrett from the Department of Philosophy and Religion, and Mr. Russell H. Moore from the Department of English.

Dr. Garrett came to WKU as a faculty member in the Philosophy Department in 1984 and taught full-time until he began the transitional retirement program in 2008. Dr. Garrett taught a variety of courses over the years, but was particularly interested in Ethics. When I first met Jan Garrett it was actually when he was teaching Ethics almost exclusively and we met on a panel where we were two of three panelists talking about the anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. I seriously doubt that he remembers that, but I remember that vividly and thinking how wonderful it was to have such a learned colleague and mentor in the field of human rights. He has devoted a good deal of his time to mentoring students, especially those who were developing research and community based social justice projects. Dr. Garrett still maintains a faculty website that invites students to join him in discussions about philosophy and social justice. So whether he's on the bus, at the March, or just showing up for social justice, Dr. Jan Garrett has shown how a life of the mind can also translate into a life for the pursuit of justice and we thank you for your service.

Mr. Russell Moore came to WKU in 1969 and taught English full-time for nearly 40 years, also entering transitional retirement in 2008. During his long career, Mr. Moore taught English literally to thousands of WKU students. He was especially effective in Business Writing courses and in first-year composition courses, which is the lifeblood of that department. A letter from an attorney who had Mr. Moore as a teacher at Breckinridge County High School, as well as at WKU, said that he was “the single most important educator of my life, and his influence as an educator continues to benefit me to the present

day.” I think there is no higher praise for what it is that we all try to do every day than that, and we thank you very much for your service.

Other colleagues who could not be with us this morning but whose service certainly deserves mention:

Dr. Alan B. Anderson came to WKU in 1985 as head of the Department of Philosophy and Religion, a position he held until 1999. Dr. Anderson was both a participant in and a student of the Civil Rights Movement. He first met Dr. Martin Luther King in jail in 1962 after King visited him when he was spending a week in a south-Georgia jail protesting the segregation in Albany, Georgia. Dr. Anderson subsequently played a major role in 1966 in the movement in Chicago where he was literally the point-person for Dr. King’s fair housing campaign. He received his degree in Ethics from the University of Chicago and co-authored a Pulitzer Prize-nominated book on the Chicago phase of the movement *Confronting the Color Line* which is a book I refer to almost every week of my scholarly life. He was by far the most popular visitor to my courses I taught on the Civil Rights movement.

Dr. Vernon Sheeley served WKU from 1968 through June 2013. Dr. Sheeley’s career was marked by extraordinary service to the department, college, and university. His 45 years of service was recognized by Governor Beshear in the appointment of Dr. Sheeley as a Kentucky Colonel. Also during his service, he received the CEBS Faculty Award of Excellence for Teaching, Public Service, Research & Creativity, and Student Advisement –that is a grand slam! His service also included mentoring numerous counselors in the Commonwealth.

Dr. Nicholas C. Crawford is a world-renowned karst expert. Dr. Crawford was recognized as a University Distinguished Professor in 2006. He is a recipient of the 1985 WKU Outstanding Achievement in Research Award, and the 1996 Professional Public Service Award. Dr. Crawford founded the Center for Cave and Karst Studies and inaugurated the long-running Cave and Karst Dummer Field Studies Program at Mammoth Cave.

Dr. L. Michael Trapasso taught at WKU from 1980 to 2013. Dr. Trapasso built the Meteorological Science program at WKU. He is the Curator of the College Heights Weather Instrumentation Museum, and I know him best as an expert on the Civil War and its impacts on Bowling Green and Warren County. Dr. Trapasso has had multiple TV and Radio appearances on climate, Civil War, and other geographical topics and has been a climate consultant for over 30 years.

It is my pleasure and great honor to nominate these individuals for Emeritus status.

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve item 1.5 was made by Regent Minter and seconded by Regent Higdon.**

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

Approved unanimously     Not Approved     Other \_\_\_\_\_

1.6 Approval of Honorary Doctorate Degree (Doctor of Business Leadership) to Mr. Zuheir Sofia [p 28]

COMMENTS

Provost Emslie:

I am glad to bring for your consideration, a request to present a Doctor of Business Leadership degree to Mr. Zuheir Sofia. Mr. Sofia earned degrees in economics and business administration from WKU in 1969 and was inducted into the WKU Hall of Distinguished Alumni in 1998. As well as establishing a variety of scholarships to encourage international students to enroll and complete their degrees at WKU, Mr. Sofia also established the Sofia Downing International Center. Consistent with WKU's mission to be *A Leading American University with International Reach*, Mr. Sofia has steadily encouraged international students to enroll at WKU and we are pleased to recommend him for an Honorary Doctorate degree.

President Ransdell:

I have a couple of additional items about Mr. Sofia. He chaired the Ohio State University Board of Trustees for several years while he was Chairman of Huntington Bank in Columbus, Ohio. When he moved to Sarasota, Florida with his wife Susan, he started a bank in Florida which was just recognized a few weeks ago as the leading, most successful new bank in the state of Florida. He started that bank at probably the worst possible time during the recession but persevered with his business acumen and brought it to a level of being recognized as the most successful bank in Florida. He is quite the entrepreneur and quite the role model for our students.

Ms. Costello:

Mr. Sofia came to this country without knowledge of English and had left a very bad situation in his home country. He found a home here and people who would help him so he is very grateful to WKU. He is a wonderful example of a person from another country that came here in a very sad situation and became a huge success, and he credits the university with having made that possible. Not only has he been a generous supporter but he is very interested in international students and helping others in the same situation. When you think about where he started and the success he has achieved, it is truly a remarkable story.

President Ransdell:

And he had Dr. Randy Capps has a mentor!

Ms. Costello:

Absolutely!

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve item 1.6 was made by Regent Minter and seconded by Regent Boka.**

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

**Approved unanimously**    **Not Approved**    **Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEMS**

- A military student services report was provided by Dean Dennis George and Ms. Tonya

- Archey. Ms. Archey introduced WKU's official therapy dog, Can Doo.
- Provost Gordon Emslie provided the Board with a review of the degree approval process.
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## 2. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – ACTION ITEMS

Chair Porter recommended voting on items 2.1 – 2.5 as one action, there were no objections.

- 2.1 Approval of Addendum No. 3 to Athletic Employment Contract – Mr. Travis Hudson [p 31]
- 2.2 Approval of Athletic Employment Contract for Head Coach, Softball – Ms. Amy Tudor [p 32]
- 2.3 Approval of Employment Agreement for General Counsel – Ms. Deborah T. Wilkins [p 33]
- 2.4 Approval of Naming Designated Rooms / Areas [pp 34-35]
- 2.5 Approval of Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Jim Johnson [p 36]

### MOTION

**Motion to approve items 2.1 – 2.5 was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Regent Kennedy.**

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved unanimously Not Approved Other \_\_\_\_\_

- 2.6 Approval and Authorization to Sell Property and Easements to the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet [pp 37-40]

### MOTION

**Motion to approve item 2.6 was made by Regent Higdon and seconded by Regent Kennedy.**

### VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved unanimously Not Approved Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – INFORMATION ITEMS

- A campus master plan update was provided by Mr. John Osborne.
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## 3. FINANCE AND BUDGET COMMITTEE – ACTION ITEMS

Regent Ridley recommended voting on items 3.1 - 3.3 as one action, there were no objections.

- 3.1 Approval of the Internal Audit Charter [p 41]
- 3.2 Approval of FY 2014 Internal Audit Plan [p 42]

3.3 Approval of Personnel Actions [p 43]

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve items 3.1 – 3.3 was made by Regent Zielke and seconded by Regent Kennedy.**

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

**Approved unanimously Not Approved Other \_\_\_\_\_**

3.4 Acceptance for filing the 2013-14 First Quarter Statement of Revenues & Expenditures [pp 44-45]

**COMMENTS**

Regent Minter:

This question is for Provost Emslie. I know that today is census day for determining what our enrollment number is for fall and to report those numbers to CPE. Will we get an Enrollment Report at the December Committee meetings and will we also see that reflected in the quarterly statement?

Provost Emslie:

We are still evaluating enrollment but yes, we will get you the census data. Even though the early enrollment headcount numbers are down, we still have a robust revenue stream. We are still assessing exactly where we are. Tuition revenues go in many buckets so we have to collect the tuition data from a variety of sources to determine exact numbers.

President Ransdell:

We will follow-up in writing.

Regent Minter:

Okay. Thank you.

**MOTION**

**Motion to approve was made by Regent Zielke and seconded by Regent Johnson.**

**VOTE / ACTION TAKEN**

**Approved unanimously Not Approved Other \_\_\_\_\_**

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**4. OTHER BUSINESS (*Mr. J. David Porter, Chair*)**

Chair Porter announced the following upcoming dates:

- Committee Meetings – **December 13 ~ 1:00 p.m. (MMTH–Regents Room)**
  - Holiday Dinner – **December 13 ~ 6:00 p.m. (President’s Home)**
  - Commencement – **December 14 ~ 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. (Diddle Arena)**
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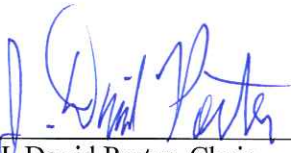
**5. ADJOURNMENT (Mr. J. David Porter, Chair)**

With no further business, Chair Porter adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:30 a.m., (CDT).

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**CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY**

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of votes and actions taken by the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University in the fourth quarterly meeting held October 25, 2013, in the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room in the Mass Media and Technology Hall on the Western campus, 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).



Mr. J. David Porter, Chair  
WKU Board of Regents  
Approved on 1-24-14



Dr. Melissa B. Dennison, Secretary  
WKU Board of Regents  
Approved on 1-24-14