

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

May 4, 2023

CALL TO ORDER

Required statutory notice having been given, the second quarterly meeting of the Board of Regents of Western Kentucky University was held on May 4, 2023, at the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair Phillip W. Bale at approximately 1:00 p.m. (CT).

ROLL CALL

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

Regents Present:

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

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

Others Present:

Timothy C. Caboni, President
Andrea Anderson, General Council
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:

- March 3, 2023 - First Quarterly Meeting

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action Items:

- AA-1 Approval of graduate certificate in Enterprise Management
- AA-2 Approval of graduate certificate in Executive Decision Making
- AA-3 Approval of undergraduate certificate in Sales
- AA-4 Approval of undergraduate certificate in Executive Influence in Organizations
- AA-5 Approval of undergraduate certificate in Managing Inclusive Organizations
- AA-6 Approval of undergraduate certificate in Creativity and Innovation Management
- AA-7 Approval of program suspension of Master of Arts in Folk Studies
- AA-8 Approval of program suspension of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture
- AA-9 Approval of Emeritus appointment

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-2 was made by Regent West and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-3 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent Broady.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-4 was made by Regent Dennison and seconded by Regent West.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-5 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent Brinkley.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-6 was made by Regent Thomas and seconded by Regent West.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-7 was made by Regent Nichols and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-8 was made by Regent West and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-9 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Information Item:

- Bingocize® | Impactful Applied Research & Engaging Community and Students (Drs. K. Jason Crandall and Mark Schafer)

FINANCE AND BUDGET

- FB-1 Approval of budget vs. actual report
- FB-2 Approval of personnel actions
- FB-3 Approval of refunding of bond for Honors College renovations
- FB-4 Approval of refunding of bond for Downing Student Union renovations
- FB-5 Approval of asset preservation capital project
- FB-6 Approval of the Six-Year Capital Plan

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-2 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

President Caboni reminded the Board that they just voted to grant tenure to 27 faculty members. He wanted to highlight that and emphasized the important decision that was made for the faculty and the institution. Further, he stated that at the board retreat in August information would be presented to them about who the tenured faculty are and their academic record. In August, they will be invited to the

President's house for a celebration of their achievement at the outset of the fall semester.

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-3 was made by Regent Brinkley and seconded by Regent Nichols.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-5 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to amend FB-6 to change wording from renovate to replace Academic Complex was made by Regent Nichols and seconded by Regent Spiller.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

*The amount approved changed from \$90 million to \$160 million and the General Fund also changed to \$160 million. President Caboni stated that "if you have an opportunity to do this kind of project, you take it."

Information Item:

- FY24 Budget Development Update

* Chair Bale took a few moments at this time to recognize the outgoing Regents: the student Regent, Cole Bornefeld, and Regent George Nichols, III. He and President Caboni thanked them for their service.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Information Item:

- TOP orientation presentation

EXECUTIVE

Action Item:

- *EX-1 Approval of Addendum to Athletic Employment Contract – Head Coach, Men’s Football
- *EX-2 Approval of Athletic Employment Contract – Head Coach, Men’s Basketball
- *EX-3 Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between College Heights Foundation, Inc. and Western Kentucky University

***These items were not presented at the Executive committee meeting on April 14, 2023.**

MOTION

Motion to approve items EX-1 was made by Regent Milliken and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items EX-2 was made by Regent Brinkley and seconded by Regent Nichols.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve items EX-3 was made by Regent Broady and seconded by Regent Dennison.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Chair Bale took a few moments to discuss the highlights of the 2022-23 academic year. He felt WKU was providing “tremendous value” and a great place for students to come. He noted the positive retention rates of 91.1%, 90.8% for underrepresented minorities, and 2800 graduates. Also, he made note of Innovation Campus, the Early College at WKU in Glasgow, the various scholarships, the Opportunity Fund, and the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) work on campus.

President Caboni stated that these were all things to celebrate, especially on Commencement Day, the most important day of the institution. He thanked everyone for a wonderful year and commended facilities on a beautiful campus.

President Caboni made note of relationship between universities and public radio and emphasized the importance of maintaining a separation between the two, particularly the news gathering or news portion of public radio. He said “we will not intervene from the Public Affairs side of the house, any leadership or from the President of any news gathering activities of public media. We must have full objectivity and no interference, and I am committed to that.”

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 Brinkley and seconded by Regent West. Motion was approved and the Board entered into closed session at approximately 3:08 p.m.

(CT).

The Board returned to open session at approximately 3:53 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

Future meeting dates:

- 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
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ADJOURN

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Meeting adjourned at approximately 3:54 p.m. (CT).

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the second quarterly meeting held May 4, 2023, 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).



W. Currie Milliken, Chair
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on 8-11-23



Doris Thomas, Secretary
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on 8-11-23