

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

May 2, 2024

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 2, 2024, at the Cornelius A. Martin Regents Room at Jody Richards Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair, W. Currie Milliken at approximately 12:00 p.m. (CT).

ROLL CALL

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

Regents Present:

Regent Phillip W. Bale	Regent Cynthia Nichols
Regent Linda Ball	Regent Shane Spiller
Regent David Brinkley	Regent Doris Thomas
Regent Gary Broady	Regent Jan West, Vice Chair
Regent Melissa Dennison	Regent Sam Kurtz
Regent W. Currie Milliken, Chair	

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 1, 2024

MOTION

Motion to approve the meeting minutes for March 1, 2024, was made by Regent Milliken.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action Items:

- AA-1 Approval of undergraduate certificate in Personal Branding [p 1]
- AA-2 Approval of minor in Piano Pedagogy [p 2]
- *AA-3 Approval of minor in Commercial Music [pp 3-4]
- *AA-4 Approval of undergraduate certificate in Sport Media and Communication [p 5]
- AA-5 Approval of graduate certificate in School of Social Work [p 6]
- *AA-6 Approval of undergraduate certificate in Artificial Intelligence & Analytics [p 7]
- *AA-7 Approval of Emeritus appointment [p 8]

***These items were not presented at the Academic Affairs committee meeting on April 12, 2024.**

Information Item:

- WKU Forensic Wins (Ganer Newman)

MOTION

Motion to approve items AA-1 and AA-2 was made by Regent Broady and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-3 and AA-4 was made by Regent Thomas and seconded by Regent Spiller.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-5 was made by Regent Broady and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-6 was made by Regent Nichols and seconded by Regent Kurtz.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-7 was made by Regent Spiller and seconded by Regent Broady.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

FINANCE AND BUDGET

- FB-1 Approval of personnel actions [p 1 and attached reports]
- *FB-2 Approval of 2023-2024 statement of revenue & expenditures [p 2 and attached report]

***This item was not presented at the Finance and Budget committee meeting on April 12, 2024.**

Information Item:

- Third quarter financial statements
- FY25 Budget Development Update

MOTION

Motion to approve items FB-1 was made by Regent West and seconded by Regent Spiller.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

MOTION

Motion to approve item FB-2 was made by Regent Brinkley and seconded by Regent West.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

EXECUTIVE

Action Item:

- *EX-1 Approval of employment contract, General Counsel [p 1 and attachment]
- *EX-2 Approval of athletic employment contract, Head Coach, Men's Basketball [p 2 and attachment]

***These items were not presented at the Executive committee meeting on April 12, 2024.**

Information Item:

- Legislative Update (*Jennifer Breiwa Smith*)

MOTION

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

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

MOTION

Motion to approve items EX-2 was made by Regent West and seconded by Regent Thomas.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other_____

Chair Milliken concluded the meeting with highlights over the 2023-2024 academic year such as the first increase in overall degree seeking enrollment in 13 years, the most academically talented incoming class with a 3.49 average GPA, 78% first to second year student retention is the highest recorded in university history, 85.4% of fall 2023 students returned this spring, 83.9% of underrepresented students returned, 91.6% of first-time, first-year students returned, first-time, first-year low-income students returned at a rate of 90%, 88.5% of first-time, first-year first generation students returned, and 94.8% of students in an

LLC returned. In addition, WKU provided 10,167 students with university scholarships totaling more than \$62 million.

Chair Milliken also made note that the board members would be receiving an email with a self-assessment survey for the members to complete. The results of which will be discussed at the board retreat in August.

OTHER BUSINESS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Future meeting dates:

- May 2, 2024 – Commencement
- May 3, 2024 – College Recognition Ceremonies
- June 7, 2024 – Special Budget Approval Meeting
- June 7, 2024 – Committee Meetings
- August 8, 2024 – Board Retreat
- August 9, 2024 – Third Quarterly Meeting
- August 12, 2024 – Convocation

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at approximately 1:42 p.m. (CT).

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the first quarterly meeting held May 2, 2024, 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).



Jan West, Vice Chair
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on August 9, 2024



Doris Thomas, Secretary
WKU Board of Regents

Approved on August 9, 2024