



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, March 6, 2025
Time: 3:35PM
Location: Boyd Conference Room, Conley Hall

Members Present: Charlie Cole, Chair (via electronic link); Shannon Remines (via electronic link); Bill Cole; Mike Hastings.

Guests: Dr. Darrin Martin, President; Brent Benjamin, EVP & General Counsel; Chuck McGonagle, Vice President of Capital Projects.

1. Call to Order:

Mr. Charlie Cole called the meeting to order at 3:00PM in the Boyd Conference Room.

2. Updates by the President – Dr. Darrin Martin

a. Employment Matters – Dr. Martin discussed the hiring of Chief of Staff, Josh Grubb. He also updated the Executive Committee on the status of the Provost search, observing that the final two of four finalists would be on-campus for interviews the week of March 10, 2025, and that he expected to receive the Search Committee's input by the end of that week. The President also discussed the pending searches for Athletic Director, Director of Communications and a replacement for Ronnie Hypes.

b. Fundraising Initiatives – Dr. Martin reviewed various fundraising initiatives, including those discussed earlier in the day in the Development Committee meeting. This included a planned Day of Giving.

c. Admissions and Enrollment Services – Dr. Martin reviewed with the Executive Committee various changes being made in Admissions, and discussed the involvement of Mr. Grubb in the process. Mr. Grubb has extensive enrollment experience from his previous employment at Bluefield University and as a consultant.

d. Athletics – Dr. Martin discussed the recent CIAA Tournament and Meeting in Baltimore, where Bluefield State lost a close game in the Men's Basketball conference finals. It is hoped that the Men's Basketball team will make the NCAA Tournament, which would be a first in quite some time.

e. Housing – An update was given by Dr. Martin.

f. MEC and 2d Floor Build – An update was given by Dr. Martin.

g. HLC Focused Visit – An update was given by Dr. Martin. The Focused Visit is March 24-25, 2025.

h. Deferred Maintenance – An update was given by Dr. Martin, Mr. Benjamin, and Mr. McGonagle.

i. Status of Campus Carry – An update was given by Mr. Benjamin.



j. Policy Changes/Amendments for Board of Governors Consideration – Dr. Martin reviewed the four proposed policy matters raised by the Faculty Assembly, and an addition matter amending the school’s alcoholic beverages policy.

k. Other matters were deferred.

3. Executive Session – There were no matters deemed necessary for discussion in Executive Session.

4. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Minutes submitted by: Brent Benjamin, General Counsel.