

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

December 13, 2019

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* at Jody Richards Hall. The meeting was called to order by Chair, Frederick A. Higdon, at approximately 1:00 p.m. (CT).

OATH OF OFFICE

Chair, Frederick A. Higdon, administered the Constitutional Oath of Office to Ms. Sheldon McKinney, from Wallingford, Kentucky, and presented her with the official Regents' pin.

ROLL CALL

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

Regents Present:

Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Chair
Dr. Phillip W. Bale
Ms. Linda G. Ball
Mr. David S. Brinkley
Dr. Claus Ernst

Mr. Will Harris
Ms. Julie Harris Hinson
Mr. Jason L. McKinney
Ms. Sheldon McKinney
Mr. J. David Porter

Regents Absent:

Mr. George Nichols III

Others Present:

Dr. Timothy C. Caboni, President
Dr. Randy Capps, Parliamentarian
Ms. Julia McDonald, Assistant to the President and Board of Regents

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

- August 2, 2019 – Third Quarterly Meeting
- October 25, 2019 – Special Budget Approval Meeting

MOTION

Motion to approve the meeting minutes listed above was made by Regent Bale and seconded by Regent Porter.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

CONSENT AGENDA STATEMENT:

Chair Higdon announced that the committees of the Board met on October 25 and discussed each item on their respective agendas. Each committee recommended submitting their agenda items to the full Board for consent action, with the exception of items AA-2, EX-3, FB-4. These items were not presented at the committee meetings and shall be removed from consent agenda for a separate discussion and vote.

Page numbers reflect where the detailed agenda items are located in the meeting packet and can be accessed online https://www.wku.edu/regents/meetings_archives.php

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Action Item:

NC-1 Election and Approval of Vice Chair

On November 25, 2019, Chair Higdon reconstituted the most recent nominating committee, consisting of Regent George Nichols (Chair), Regent Linda Ball, Secretary David Brinkley and Regent David Porter, to proffer a nomination of Vice Chair and present to the full board at the December 13, 2019 meeting.

Regent Ball reported that the nominating committee's recommendation is that Regent Jason McKinney be elected to serve as Vice Chair.

MOTION

Motion approve the nomination and election of Regent Jason McKinney as Vice Chair of the Board of Regents was made by Regent Will Harris. The motion was seconded by Regent Phillip Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Vice Chair McKinney was officially installed as a newly elected officer of the Board by Chair Higdon.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Action Item:

AA-1 Approval of Faculty Emeritus Appointments [p 1]

MOTION

Motion to approve AA-1 was made by Regent Claus Ernst and seconded by Regent Will Harris.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Action Item:

AA-2 Approval of Sabbatical Leave Requests [pp 2-3]

MOTION

Motion to approve item AA-2 was made by Regent Claus Ernst and seconded by Regent David Porter.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

EXECUTIVE

Action Item:

EX-1 Approval of Athletic Employment Contract – Mr. Brent Chumley, Head Coach of the Men’s and Women’s Cross-Country and Track Programs [p 1 and attached contract]

MOTION

Motion to approve EX-1 was made by Secretary David Brinkley and seconded by Regent David Porter.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Action Item:

EX-2 Second Reading of Amendments to the Bylaws of the Board of Regents [pp 2-3]

MOTION

Motion to approve EX-2 was made by Secretary David Brinkley and Regent Claus Ernst.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

COMMENTS

Chair Higdon: “The amendment to the Bylaws having passed, I note there will be a period of time while the ad hoc committee develops the future policy and procedures for our approval. In the interim, I propose a member of the Board offer a motion that the current, existing delegation of authority to the President remain in effect until the committee’s work is completed.”

MOTION

Secretary David Brinkley made a motion that the current, existing delegation of authority to the President remain in effect until the ad hoc committee’s work is completed. Vice Chair Jason McKinney seconded.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

EXECUTIVE (cont.)

Action Item:

EX-3 Approval of Amendment of the Faculty Transitional Retirement (TRP) Program Policy [pp 3-4]

MOTION

Motion to approve EX-3 was made by Vice Chair Jason McKinney and seconded by Regent Phillip Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

FINANCE AND BUDGET

Action Item:

FB-1 Acceptance of the Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 [pp 1-2 / reports previously distributed with committee materials]

MOTION

Motion to approve FB-1 was made by Secretary David Brinkley and seconded by Regent David Porter.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Action Item:

FB-2 Approval of Personnel Actions [p 3 and attached reports]

- Faculty Report
- Staff Report

MOTION

Motion to approve FB-2 was made by Regent Will Harris and seconded by Regent Phillip Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

Action Item:

FB-3 Acceptance for filing the 2019-20 First Quarter Statement of Revenues & Expenditures [p 4-5]

MOTION

Motion to approve FB-3 was made by Regent David Porter and seconded by Regent Linda Ball.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

FINANCE AND BUDGET (cont.)

Action Item:

FB-4 Approval of WKU Police Reserve Allocation [p 6]

MOTION

Motion to approve FB-4 was made by Secretary David Brinkley and seconded by Regent Phillip Bale.

VOTE / ACTION TAKEN

Approved Not Approved Other _____

OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Higdon appointed an Ad Hoc Committee for compiling the BOR Policies and Procedures document:

Secretary David Brinkley, Chair
Regent Julie Hinson
Vice Chair Jason McKinney
Ms. Jennifer Miller, Chair of Staff Senate
Ms. Julie Shadoan, Chair of Faculty Senate

Chair Higdon distributed the revised committee assignments for 2019-20.

Chair Higdon called on Vice President, Amanda Trabue, for a special announcement. Vice President Trabue thanked Regent Hinson for her recent \$60,000 commitment to establish two new funds to support student success initiatives within the Cynthia and George Nichols III Intercultural Student Engagement Center (ISEC) and Student Publications as part of the WKU Opportunity Fund. Regent Hinson has also made a pledge of \$50,000 over five years to benefit more than 10 areas at WKU. Hinson's gift will provide immediate support that can be used to address the most important needs of these programs and supplement several scholarship funds.

Chair Higdon asked Regents to make note of the following calendar dates:


- December 14, 2019 – College Recognition Ceremonies
 - January 31, 2020 – Committee Meetings
 - March 6, 2020 – First Quarterly Meeting
 - April 10, 2020 – Committee Meetings
 - May 15, 2020 – Second Quarterly Meeting
 - May 15, 2020 – Commencement
 - May 16, 2020 – College Recognition Ceremonies
 - June 26, 2020 – Special Budget Approval and Committee Meetings
 - August 6, 2020 – Retreat
 - August 7, 2020 – Third Quarterly Meeting
 - October 23, 2020 – Committee Meetings
 - December 11, 2020 – Fourth Quarterly Meeting
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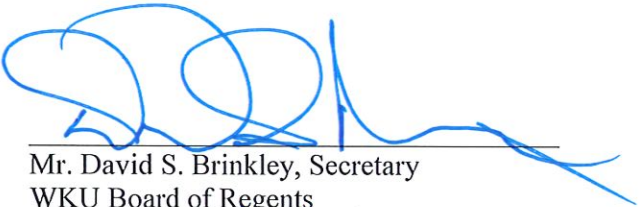
The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:55 p.m. (CT).

CERTIFICATION OF SECRETARY

I hereby certify that the minutes herein above set forth an accurate record of the fourth quarterly meeting held December 13, 2019, 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).



Mr. Frederick A. Higdon, Chair
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on March 6, 2020



Mr. David S. Brinkley, Secretary
WKU Board of Regents
Approved on March 6, 2020