



West Virginia University

Board of Governors

2024 - 2025

Meeting Agenda Booklet

April 4, 2025

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Barnette BOG Room
Erickson Alumni Center,
Morgantown, WV

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**A zoom link will be posted on the WVU Board of Governors website (under
 agendas) a few days prior to this meeting**

MEETING AGENDA

| Agenda Item | Designee(s) |
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| 1. Call to Order | Pill |
| 2. Provost Report | Kreider |
| 3. Student Government Association Report | Long |
| 4. Classified Staff Report | Robinson |
| 5. Potential Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code Sections 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), and (b)(12) to discuss: a. Potential strategic initiatives relating to academic and administrative priorities; legislative or regulatory matters; personnel matters; other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University; b. Matters relating to internal Board of Governors operations; and c. A confidential and privileged report by General Counsel. | |

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| 6. Discussions Emanating from Executive Session – if any | Pill |
| 7. April 3, 2025 Audit Committee Report | Reynolds |
| 8. April 3, 2025 Finance, Facilities and Revitalization Committee Report | Craig |
| 9. April 3, 2025 Strategic Plans and Initiatives Committee Report | Coppoolse |
| 10. April 4, 2025 Divisional Campus Committee Report | Mattox |
| 11. President’s Report | Gee |
| 12. Approval of minutes for the February 20, 2025 and February 21, 2025 regular meetings | Pill |
| 13. Information Item (Written Only) a. Board Approved Ongoing Capital Projects Update | Congelio |
| 14. Consent Agenda Items (for Board Review and Action) a. Nominating Committee Appointments b. Approval of a new online Certificate in Digital Health in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources c. Approval of a new online Certificate in Midstream Petroleum Engineering in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources d. Approval of a new online MS degree in AI Marketing in the John Chambers College of Business and Economics | Pill Kreider Kreider Kreider |

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| e. Approval of New Program: AAS, PSC Radiology Technology, WVU Potomac State | Gee & Kreider |
| f. Approval of New Program: BS in Applied AI and Data Analytics, in the John Chambers College of Business and Economics | Gee & Kreider |
| g. Approval of New Program: BSF Forest Resources and Conservation | Gee & Kreider |
| h. Approval of New Program: AS, PSC Engineering, WVU Potomac State | Gee & Kreider |
| i. Approval of New Program: AS, PSC Pre-Engineering, WVU Potomac State | Gee & Kreider |
| j. University Police Department (UPD) Relocation to Chestnut Ridge Research Building (CRRB) | Congelio |
| k. Brooke Tower – Replace Water and Wastewater Piping and Refurbish Restrooms (Budget Increase) | Congelio |
| l. Deferred Maintenance (Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Reallocation of a Portion of the State Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Grant) | Congelio |
| m. Appointment to County Extension Committees | Kreider |
| 15. The next planned Board of Governors meeting is scheduled for June 13, 2025 | Pill |
| 16. Adjournment | Pill |

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WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** Annual Report of the Student Government Association Representative to the Board of Governors
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board
- RECOMMENDATION:** Information Only/Board Presentation
- STAFF MEMBER:** Charlie Long
Student Government Association Representative
- BACKGROUND:** Each year the student government association representative on the Board of Governors provides an overview or annual report on initiatives, progress, and future goals of this constituency group. Charlie Long, the current student government association representative, along with other members of his constituency, will make this presentation during today's meeting.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
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ITEM: Annual Report of the Classified Staff Representative to the Board of Governors

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board

RECOMMENDATION: Information Only/Board Presentation

STAFF MEMBER: Shirley Robinson
Classified Staff Representative

BACKGROUND: Each year the classified staff representative on the Board of Governors provides an overview or annual report on initiatives, progress, and future goals of this constituency group. Shirley Robinson, the current classified staff representative, will make this presentation during today's meeting.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 20, 2025

The two hundred twenty ninth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors, was held on February 20, 2025, in person and via zoom webinar. Board members in attendance/participating via zoom included Chair Richard Pill and members Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Dr. Lesley Cottrell, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, Michael D'Annunzio, Dr. Patrice Harris, Rusty Hutson, Alan Larrick, Susan Lavenski, Charlie Long, Paul Mattox, Shirley Robinson, Steve Ruby, Frankie Tack, and Robert Reynolds.

Other participants included:

President, E. Gordon Gee;

Deputy General Counsel and Associate Vice President. Gary Furbee;

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Paul Kreider;

Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;

Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives,

Mark Gavin;

Director of Internal Audit, Bryan Shaver;

Associate Provost for Undergraduate Education, Evan Widders;

Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment, Louis Slimak;

Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;

and

Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press also attended.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Pill at 12:30 p.m. A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Pill requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code Sections 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), and (b)(12) to discuss:

- a. Potential strategic initiatives relating to academic and administrative priorities; personnel matters; other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University;
- b. Potential strategic initiatives relating to personnel matters regarding the WVU presidential search;
- c. Matters relating to internal Board of Governors operations; and,
- d. A confidential and privileged report by General Counsel.

The motion was made by Kevin Craig, seconded by Charles Capito, and passed. Following Executive Session, Elmer Coppoolse moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Pill stated that the board had a thorough discussion during Executive Session and is ready to vote on selecting the top candidate for West Virginia University's presidency. At a time when the higher education landscape is changing, we think that this person can best lead West Virginia University forward and serve as its 27th president.

Chair Pill then requested a motion to select Candidate A as WVU's president and to authorize the Board officers to negotiate and finalize a contractual arrangement with the selected candidate. Frankie Tack so moved, which motion was seconded by Dr. Patrice Harris and passed. It is noted for the record that board members Bray Cary and Steve Ruby voted "no" regarding the passage of said motion.

Chair Pill further stated that the board hopes to make a public announcement informing the WVU community and the citizens of our state who our next president will be as soon as a contract has been signed.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND ADJOURNMENT

. There being no further business to come before the board, Charles Capito moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Robert Reynolds, Secretary

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS

February 21, 2025

The two hundred thirtieth meeting of the West Virginia University Board of Governors was held on February 21, 2025 in Morgantown, WV, in person and via zoom webinar. Board members in attendance/participating via zoom included Chair Richard Pill and members Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Dr. Lesley Cottrell, Elmer Coppoolse, Kevin Craig, Michael D'Annunzio, Dr. Patrice Harris, Rusty Hutson, Alan Larrick, Susan Lavenski, Charlie Long, Paul Mattox, Shirley Robinson, Steve Ruby, Frankie Tack, and Robert Reynolds.

Other participants included:

President, E. Gordon Gee;

General Counsel, Stephanie Taylor;

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Paul Kreider;

Interim Vice President for Strategic Communications and Marketing,

Heather Richardson;

Vice President and Executive Dean of Health Sciences, Clay Marsh;

Deputy General Counsel and Associate Vice President. Gary Furbee;

Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paula Congelio;

Senior Associate Vice President for Finance, Barbara Weiss;

Associate General Counsel, Kylie Barnhart;

Associate Vice President, Government Relations and Collaboration,

Travis Mollohan;

Associate Provost for Budget, Facilities and Strategic Initiatives,

Mark Gavin;

Associate Provost for Curriculum and Assessment, Louis Slimak;

Associate Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Erin Newmeyer;

Communications Director, Centers and Institutes, Katie Farmer;

Executive Officer and Assistant Board Secretary, Jennifer Fisher;

Executive Director of Communications, University Relations,

April Kaull;

Director of News Communications, Shauna Johnson; and

Special Assistant to the Board of Governors, Valerie Lopez.

Members of the Press also attended.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Richard Pill at 9:00 a.m.

A roll call was taken to determine who was in attendance and a quorum established.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Pill requested a motion to move Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code Sections 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), and (b)(12) to discuss:

- a. Potential strategic initiatives relating to academic and administrative priorities; personnel matters; other deliberative matters involving commercial competition which, if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the University;
- b. Potential strategic initiatives relating to personnel matters regarding the WVU presidential search;
- c. Matters relating to internal Board of Governors operations; and,
- d. A confidential and privileged report by General Counsel.

The motion was made by Charles Capito, seconded by Kevin Craig, and passed. Following Executive Session, Elmer Coppoolse moved that the board rise from Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

DISCUSSIONS EMANATING FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, IF ANY

Chair Pill reported that no actions resulted from today's Executive Session discussions.

FINAL AMENDED RULE & OFFICIAL COMMENTS – SUMMARY FOR WVU BOG FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION RULE 5.8 – TRAVEL

Associate General Counsel Kylie Barnhart presented this agenda item, as follows:

At the Board's November 22, 2024 meeting, it issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking for the amendment of BOG Finance & Administration Rule 5.8 – Travel.

The changes to Rule 5.8 are proposed as a result of travel industry changes and University traveler feedback. The proposed changes remove the requirement that employees must make advance bookings through the University's contracted Travel Management Company ("TMC"). First, the University is no longer receiving financial and service benefits from requiring bookings through the TMC. Additionally, University travelers have expressed that the TMC's booking tool is not as user friendly as booking through airline websites and other mobile apps. University employees will still be required to follow the University's Travel Manual when booking travel reservations.

Substantively, the proposed changes to the Rules above will result in amendments that were set forth in detail in the table located in the Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, as well as in the redline included as part of the board's meeting materials.

The proposed changes to the Rule were posted for the required public comment period from November 25, 2024 through January 6, 2025. A total of twenty (27) comments were received. Those comments and the University's responses were posted on the University's website for at least ten (10) days in advance of this Board meeting. No changes were made to the Rule as a result of comments received. Accordingly, the Board of Governors is asked to approve the final amended Rule as presented. If approved, the amended Rule will be effective in 15 business days, in accordance with our rulemaking procedures.

Kevin Craig moved that the board approve the final amended rule, as presented. This motion was seconded by Frankie Tack and passed.

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

Robert Reynolds, chair of this committee, made the following report:

Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Yesterday, there was a meeting of the Audit committee.

We met in Public and Executive Sessions.

In public session, we received a report from the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. Then, the committee acknowledged the January 21, 2025 engagement letter from Forvis, LLP, for the WVU Research Corporation to enter into related to WVU Research Corporation 403b plan audits.

During Executive Session, under authority in West Virginia Code Sections 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9), and (b)(12), we received:

- a. A confidential and privileged report by General Counsel; and
- b. A report, including a summary of confidential audit investigations, by the Director of Internal Audit.

No actions or votes were taken during executive session.

After a productive morning the Audit Committee adjourned.

That concludes my report, Mr. Chairman. Thank you.

FEBRUARY 20, 2025 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Charles Capito, chair of this committee, made the following report:

Thank you, Mr. Chair. Your committee on Academic Affairs and Accreditation met yesterday morning - mostly in Executive Session.

During the executive session we received updates and discussed strategic initiatives relating to academic priorities and accreditation; personnel matters; and other deliberative matters. No votes or actions were taken during the Executive Session.

Mr. Chair, we had a productive meeting, and this concludes my report. Thank you.

PROVOST'S REPORT

Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Paul Kreider offered the following updates:

Spring Awards

Regardless of the weather, Spring is always the time in which we celebrate our outstanding students, faculty and staff.

We have been busy collecting applications and nominations for the University's top faculty awards in teaching, research and service, and will begin to make those announcements by early April.

This year, the Provost's Office and the First-Year Advisory Council partnered to launch a new "First-Year Seminar Instructor of the Year Award" aimed at honoring instructors who demonstrate outstanding dedication to fostering a supportive and engaging learning environment for first-year students through excellence in teaching, commitment to student success and innovation in course design.

We are excited to roll-out this new recognition and to honor these instructors who play a crucial role in the first-year experience of every student.

Next month, we will again host our annual Benedum Distinguished Scholars celebration in which the winners of last year's Benedum awards will present "lightning" talks highlighting their research, their methods and their motivation. The event will be held on March 11 at 7pm at the Creative Arts Center, and I encourage all of you to attend if you're available. It is a showcase of the best and brightest faculty and WVU, and it's always entertaining and inspiring.

I'd like to also recognize two faculty members who were recently named finalists for the 2024 Professor of the Year award from the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia.

J.T. Hird, professor of mathematics at WVU Institute of Technology, and Christopher Ramezan, assistant professor of management information systems in the

WVU John Chambers College of Business and Economics, are among five finalists. Each year, the Faculty Merit Foundation of West Virginia honors outstanding faculty members from a Mountain State college or university. The winner will be announced during an April 17 ceremony at the state Culture Center in Charleston and will receive a \$10,000 cash prize, while the other finalists will be presented with smaller awards.

Congratulations as well to three of our academic advisers who were recently recognized by NACADA, the global association for higher education academic advising.

- Marilyn Munzer, senior academic adviser at the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, was the recipient of the Region 3 Excellence in Advising — New Advisor Award.
- Tara Robbins, student success coordinator in the Eberly College of Arts and Sciences' Department of Geology and Geography, received a Certificate of Merit in the New Advisor category.
- And Jenna Edwards, senior academic adviser in the Davis College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, received the Region 3 Harriett Hurt Memorial Travel Scholarship to attend the NACADA regional conference in March.

Our professional and faculty advisers continue to improve the academic experience for our students and set the bar – not just here – but in the region and beyond.

Honors in Action

And our colleges are doing the same – by creating innovative experiential learning programs – like the Honors College's new "Honors in Action" program.

Designed for sophomore and junior students interested in developing career readiness through real-world experiences and reflection, the program allows student to create their own pathways by completing a series of microcredentials.

Honors in Action is open to all WVU students with a 3.4 or higher GPA. Current Honors College students can apply during their second year in the Honors Foundations program. Other WVU students can apply during their junior year.

R1

Of course, I'd be remiss if I didn't offer up immense praise to the efforts of our research faculty and staff who helped WVU attain reaffirmation as an R1 university, the highest possible research ranking by the American Council on Education and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

I continue to be amazed by the research contributions of our faculty and the outstanding opportunities they provide our students – both undergraduate and graduate. Students seek out this institution to work with our renowned astrophysicists, forensic scientists, infectious disease researchers and more. As we invest in and grow programs that attract these world-class students and faculty, WVU will continue to be a leader in research and development and an economic engine for the state and region.

Accreditation

And this is the story we are looking to share with the Higher Learning Commission as we prepare for our 10-year reaffirmation of accreditation.

Last spring, we began in earnest to prepare the required self-study, which demonstrates how the institution is meeting the HLC's five evaluation criteria. Associate Provost for Curriculum and Development Louis Slimak, who also serves as the University's accreditation liaison, has been leading efforts to gather input from across the WVU System to compile that report.

Following the public comment period that report will be officially submitted to the HLC.

The next step in the process will be the HLC's site team visit to campus – which is slated for March 31 and April 1. While we don't yet have all the details of that visit, we do know that it will consist of a series of both general feedback sessions and more targeted sessions based on specific topics related to the five criteria.

We encourage all faculty, staff and students to participate in WVU's accreditation process to demonstrate their pride in the institution and investment in the process.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Gee offered the following remarks:

We have this year's Day of Giving coming up on March 26th and I encourage everyone to participate.

To echo Paul Kreider, I am proud that West Virginia University has attained one of the most elite designations for its research among higher education institutions.

Our reaffirmed status as an R1 university, the highest possible research ranking, highlights our mission to provide hands-on learning experiences for students.

Those experiences distinguish us from many other colleges and universities. We are only R1 institution in West Virginia and one of 187 nationwide.

R1 status also amplifies our purpose to serve not only West Virginia, but those beyond our borders in confronting the world's most pressing challenges.

In 2023, the year used for this classification, WVU granted more than 200 doctoral degrees and expended more than \$246 million on research, over \$100 million of which came from federal agencies.

As West Virginia's flagship, land-grant, research 1 University, we play a unique role in educating our future leaders and advancing our state's economy and quality of life.

In that regard, I applaud Governor Patrick Morrisey's announcement of the West Virginia Power Tech Center. We at West Virginia University are excited for the opportunity to collaborate with Marshall, Shepherd and Blue Ridge on further efforts to make the Mountain State a technology leader.

Our state's vast energy resources will be critical to supercharging this initiative. Building on our University's existing strengths in AI, robotics, energy, cybersecurity, and other areas, we will work with our partners to build a high-tech workforce.

Because research is so important to West Virginia's future, we are closely monitoring the new policy from the National Institutes of Health capping indirect costs on grants to universities at 15%.

Indirect costs cover the University's expenses for heat and air, building maintenance, chemical and radiation safety and disposal, library access, IT access, cybersecurity, human subjects and animal welfare support and centralized research facilities.

Our University does not benefit from indirect costs.

Under this policy, we project an annual loss of about \$12 million, which would significantly limit our research enterprise and would also likely cost us highly talented faculty.

I am working closely with our leadership teams to engage with key constituents and policymakers to seek reconsideration.

The 2025 Legislative Session is underway, and our government relations team is actively working in Charleston with our new Governor and Legislature on issues facing higher education, and they are monitoring a variety of bills and representing the University's interests at the State Capitol.

Students, faculty and staff may also reach out directly to share their thoughts and concerns on pending legislation.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Charles Capito moved that the board approve the minutes for the November 22, 2024 and December 20, 2024 regular meetings and the January 31, 2025 special board meeting. This motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no questions or concerns expressed by any board member pertaining to the Information Items contained within today's agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Pill called for any discussion of today's Consent Agenda items and asked whether any items needed to be pulled for a separate discussion/vote.

There being no such request made, Dr. Patrice Harris moved that today's Consent Agenda be approved. This motion was seconded by Dr. Lesley Cottrell and passed.

Thereupon, the following Consent Agenda items were approved:

1. Approval of a new online Master of Arts (MA) in Leadership Studies in Education degree, and the General Supervisor of Instruction Certificate, the Principal Certificate, and the Combined School and District Leadership Certificate in the College of Applied Human Sciences

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of an online Master of Arts (MA) in Leadership Studies in Education degree, and the General Supervisor of Instruction Certificate, the Principal Certificate, and the Combined School and District Leadership Certificate in the College of Applied Human Sciences.

2. Termination of the certificate in Artist Diploma in Music Performance within the College of Creative Arts and Media

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the termination of the certificate in Artist Diploma in Music Performance within the College of Creative Arts and Media.

3. Termination of the on-campus MS in Resource Economics and Management and the online MS in Resource Economics and Management within the Davis College of Agriculture and Resources

Resolved: West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the termination of the on-campus MS Resource Economics and Management and the online MS Resource Economics and Management within the Davis College of Agriculture and Resources.

4. Termination of the MS in Industrial Hygiene within the College of Public

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the termination MS in Industrial Hygiene within the College of Public Health.

5. Deactivation and or termination of the following programs from WVU Main Campus, WVUIT and WVU Potomac State; BA: Chemistry, (WVU), BS: Adventure Recreation Management, BSAM: Aviation Management, BS: Healthcare Administration, BS: Mathematics, BS: Public Service Administration, BS: Chemistry, (WVUIT), AA: Recreation, Parks and Tourism Resources, AS: Wood Science and Technology (WVU Potomac State)

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the deactivation/termination of the aforementioned.

6. Approval of New Program: BS in Secondary Mathematics Education College of Applied Human Sciences

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new BS degree in Secondary Mathematics Education in the College of Applied Human Sciences.

7. Approval of New Program: BS in Secondary Science Education College of Applied Human Sciences

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of a new BS degree in Secondary Science Education in the College of Applied Human Sciences.

8. Pride Practice Facility

Resolved: The West Virginia University Board of Governors approves construction of Phase 1 of the Pride Practice Facility, as presented.

9. Appointment to County Extension Committees

Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia, as presented.

10. WVU Tech Campus Corridor Sidewalk Project

Resolved: That pursuant to BOG Governance Rule 5.1, the West Virginia University Board of Governors authorizes the transfer of a necessary right of way to the West Virginia Department of Transportation (“WV DOT”) for purposes of widening Minnesota Avenue and adjacent sidewalks.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION AND
ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Pill announced that the next planned board meeting is scheduled for April 4, 2025. There being no further business to come before the board, Susan Lavenski moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kevin Craig and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Robert Reynolds, Secretary

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April, 2025

- ITEM:** Board Approved Ongoing Capital Projects
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** Resolved: Informational Only
- STAFF MEMBER:** Paula Congelio
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- BACKGROUND:** Status of ongoing Capital Board of Governors approved projects.
- A.** Creative Arts Center, Clay Theatre Lighting
 - B.** One Waterfront Place Chiller and Cooling Tower Replacement
 - C.** WVU Baseball Hitting and Pitching Facility
 - D.** WVU Pride Practice Facility
 - E.** Basketball Practice Facility Refresh
 - F.** School of Dentistry Renovation
 - G.** Football Game and Practice Facility Fied Turf Replacement
 - H.** Cary Gym Training Center Upgrades



BOARD OF GOVERNORS APPROVED ONGOING CAPITAL AND ITS PROJECTS

BASKETBALL PRACTICE FACILITY REFRESH

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project consists of updating the interior spaces of the basketball practice facility with new graphics, displays and finishes. This project includes women's, men's and shared spaces.

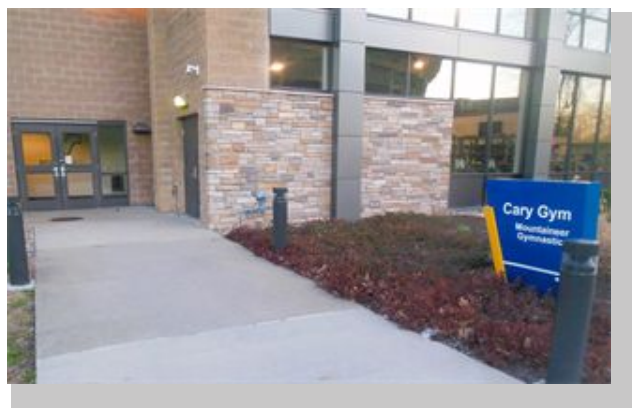
- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** September 2024.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$1,500,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$1,595,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** August 2025.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** The women's space has been completed. The estimates for the remainder of the work exceed the current budget. Design work is currently paused pending new staffing changes in the Men's Basketball program, which may delay overall completion.



CARY GYM TRAINING CENTER UPGRADES

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: WVU Athletics plans to renovate the existing Gymnastic team spaces within the Cary Gym Training Center. This renovation will include new locker room, shower/restroom facilities, a team lounge and functional space in preparation for events. The renovation will create a mezzanine for viewing practices in the Cary Gym Training Center. Additionally, the project will include new lighting and flooring in the gym. Gymnastics and Athletics has identified a private donor for this project.

- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** December 2024.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$2,480,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$2,480,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** September 2025.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** March Westin was awarded the contract for construction. After the NCAA selections, demolition work will begin in the gym in early April 2025. Budget and schedule are currently on track to meet the September 2025 substantial completion date.



CREATIVE ARTS CENTER (CLAY THEATRE LIGHTING)

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The electrical distribution for the theatrical lighting in the Clay Theatre was failing. Upgrades to the house lighting were previously completed in Phase 1 of this project. Phase 2 will replace original building infrastructure, bring the venue up to industry standards, improve safety in daily operations, and prepare the space for the next 40 years of theatrical productions. The transformer feeding the system will also be replaced as part of this project.

- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** June 2022.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$1,410,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$2,005,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** January 2025.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** This project is complete. The electrical switch that had to be reordered due to damage in shipment was installed in January over the winter break when the theatre wasn't operating.



FOOTBALL GAME AND PRACTICE FACILITY FIELD TURF REPLACEMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: WVU Athletics plans to replace all of its existing artificial turf fields, including Mountaineer Field at Milan Puskar Stadium and the Steve Antoline Family Football Practice Field. Mountaineer field was installed in 2016. The field has visible degradation due to UV exposure and use. The Antoline practice field was installed in late 2016 and has visible signs of wear and tear due to constant use as a practice facility.

- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** November 2024.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$3,240,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$1,950,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** July 2025.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** WVU selected Field Turf; pricing for the turf replacement came in well below the original approved budget. The field layout and shop drawings have been approved. The order was placed for the artificial turf, which is in production with a scheduled delivery date in the second week of April. Demolition and haul-off on the practice field began on March 24, 2025. The project schedule and budget remain on track, with the practice field completion slated for May 2025 and the game field around mid-July.



ONE WATERFRONT PLACE CHILLER AND COOLING TOWER REPLACEMENT

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The One Waterfront Place chilled water system, which provides cooling to the HVAC system, has reached the end of its serviceable life and needs to be replaced. The system is comprised of two chillers with a split-basin cooling tower original to its construction in 2001. The new design includes larger chillers, variable speed pumps and additional piping to provide redundant cooling for the WVU Data Center housed within the building. The WVU Foundation Board of Directors has approved the full initial funding for the replacement project. A MOU exists, defining the lease agreement as a cost share of WVU (89%) and WVUF (11%) for capital expenditures.

- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** November 2023.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$3,530,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$3,850,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** March 2025.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** The chillers were delivered on time and set in place, and work on the new cooling tower is ongoing. The new chillers will be functional and online by the end of March. A budget increase was approved to add one of the bid alternates which is an upgrade to the back-up cooling system for the Data Center. This work is scheduled to be completed in May 2025.



SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY RENOVATION PHASE 1

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project is for the phased renovation of the School of Dentistry's space at the Health Sciences Center. Phase 1 has been approved and is funded by a HRSA grant. The project will cover approximately 53,000 square feet and will be phased over several years to allow clinics to remain open during construction. Phase 1 renovation includes the following clinics at the Health Sciences Center: Pediatrics, Orthodontics and Center for Dental Innovation. This includes creating new clinical spaces with finishes and dental equipment. The renovation will also include upgrades to MEP on the ground and first floors.

- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** September 2024.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$13,164,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$13,164,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** June 2026.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** WVU secured the final approval for the HRSA grant in the fall of 2024. The construction manager, Manheim Corporation, is in the process of bidding out the subcontractor packages to develop the Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) for the overall project. Early work for interior demolition and asbestos abatement started in March.



WVU BASEBALL HITTING AND PITCHING FACILITY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The facility will be constructed at the Monongalia County Ballpark and will include cutting-edge technologies to track various metrics for student athletes during the hitting and pitching training sessions. These technologies are used in peer institutions and in professional training facilities across the country and in the Big 12 conference. This facility will give the baseball program the technology and tools to improve the health and performance of student-athletes. The Mountaineer Athletic Club has secured private donations to fund the construction.

- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** June 2024.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$4,600,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$4,900,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** March 2025.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** The project was completed on schedule. Installation and integration of the technology is in the final stages.



WVU PRIDE PRACTICE FACILITY

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The first phase of this project includes constructing a new artificial turf practice field for the WVU Marching band located at the current HSC Student Recreation natural grass fields. The new Pride Practice Facility will provide dedicated rehearsal space and serve as an asset to current and future students. When not in use by the Band, this field can be used for intramural sports. This site currently has lighting sufficient to illuminate the field for evening band practice. Future phases include creation of a new Storage Building for uniforms and instruments with restroom facilities. The final phase is a covered pavilion and donor recognition element. The Pride's existing practice location in the Coliseum parking lot will be turned over to the Athletics Department.

- ✓ **Approved by the Board of Governors:** February 2025.
- ✓ **Initial Approved Budget:** \$1,662,000.
- ✓ **Current Anticipated Budget:** \$1,662,000.
- ✓ **Anticipated Substantial Completion Date:** July 15, 2025.
- ✓ **Current Status and Updates:** This project has been awarded to the Massaro Corporation. Construction started in late March and will be substantially complete by July 15, 2025, in time for the start of band camp in the fall.



WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** Board of Governors Nominating Committee Appointments
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the following composition for a nominating committee to formulate/present a slate of officers for vote by the full board during the June 13, 2025 regular meeting: Kevin Craig as chair, with the following members: Charles Capito, Bray Cary, Dr. Lesley Cottrell, and Shirley Robinson.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

ITEM: Approval of a new online Certificate in Digital Health in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of an online Certificate in Digital Health in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.

STAFF MEMBERS: Paul Kreider
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BACKGROUND: West Virginia University, Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, is requesting approval to initiate a new online Certificate in Digital Health in the Fall of 2025.

Midstream Petroleum Engineering trains graduate students to gain core competency in the areas of artificial intelligence, machine learning, data science and contemporary computer tools in digital healthcare and will be able to educate others in the application of digital health care to improve the well-being of citizens of West Virginia, the US and the world.

The proposal for this certificate program was approved on March 6, 2025, by the Graduate Council.

The West Virginia University Board of Governors is asked to approve this new degree program.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** Approval of a new online Certificate in Midstream Petroleum Engineering in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of an online Certificate in Midstream Petroleum Engineering in the Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources.
- STAFF MEMBERS:** Paul Kreider
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- BACKGROUND:** West Virginia University, Benjamin M. Statler College of Engineering and Mineral Resources, is requesting approval to initiate a new online Certificate in Midstream Petroleum Engineering in the Fall of 2025.
- Midstream Petroleum Engineering trains graduate students to gain core competency for implementing practical solutions to real-world problems relative to the application of engineering solutions for the midstream oil and gas industry, including designing, monitoring, and maintaining transportation, storage, and processing facilities for natural gas, oil, and future fuels such as Hydrogen.
- The proposal for this certificate program was approved on March 6, 2025, by the Graduate Council.
- The West Virginia University Board of Governors is asked to approve this new degree program.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

ITEM: Approval of a new online MS degree in AI Marketing in the John Chambers College of Business and Economics

INSTITUTION: West Virginia University

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the creation of an online MS degree in AI Marketing in the John Chambers College of Business and Economics.

STAFF MEMBERS: Paul Kreider
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BACKGROUND: West Virginia University, John Chambers College of Business and Economics, is requesting approval to initiate a new online MS degree in AI Marketing in the Fall of 2025.

AI Marketing trains graduate students to gain core competency in the areas of artificial intelligence technology in marketing and provide students with hands-on experience in applying AI technology to solve marketing problems.

The proposal for this certificate program was approved on March 6, 2025, by the Graduate Council.

The West Virginia University Board of Governors is asked to approve this new degree program.

**WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025**

- ITEM: Approval of New Program: AAS, PSC Radiology Technology
- INSTITUTION: WVU Potomac State
- COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the creation of a new program in Radiology Technology, WVU Potomac State
- STAFF MEMBERS: Dr. E. Gordon Gee
President
- Paul Kreider, DMA
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- BACKGROUND: A radiology technology program would help advance education, healthcare and prosperity for all by providing the education needed for individuals to become radiology technologists, which will help meet the growing needs of healthcare and address the employee shortage in healthcare. Radiology technologists are well-paid positions; thus, the program will help increase prosperity as well. This program offers partnerships with accredited hospital programs that would allow students to receive an Associate’s degree while completing the hospital program. An Associates degree is required for students to set for the certification exam in radiology tech.
- The course content is primarily set by the accrediting hospital body for becoming a certified radiology technologist and sufficient general education for an associate’s degree.
- Upon completion of the program, graduates will:
- Demonstrate clinical competence in basic radiographic procedures
 - Demonstrate accurate radiographic positioning.
 - Use effective judgment to administer radiation safely.
 - Use verbal and written skills appropriate for a healthcare setting.
- This proposed degree program has been endorsed by the department, faculty, Chair, College Curriculum Committee, Dean, Provost, Senate Curriculum Committee, and was approved by the Faculty Senate at its March 11, 2025, meeting.
- The curriculum is designed to be 71 credit hours.
- The new degree will be available to students beginning in Fall 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** Approval of New Program: BS in Applied AI and Data Analytics, in the John Chambers College of Business and Economics
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the creation of a new program in Applied AI and Data Analytics
- STAFF MEMBERS:** Dr. E. Gordon Gee
President
- Paul Kreider, DMA
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- BACKGROUND:** BS Applied AI and Data Analytics (WVU)
The goal of this program is aligned directly with the university's mission to support the land grant mission by developing a well-educated workforce in applied artificial intelligence and data analytics directed at impacting organizations. Further, it is offered at an accessible point to students in a critical field with local, statewide, and global reach, providing students with access and opportunity to achieve prosperity while offering them the opportunity to take courses across the entire university.
- The curriculum associated with this program spans the space of applied artificial intelligence and data analytics and focuses on identifying how these tools are used, developed, deployed, and evaluated in organizations. Students will also be required to obtain an area of emphasis or minor that can come from any of the available minors in the university. Courses will be taken in fundamental data analytics, information systems, economics, and foundational artificial intelligence technologies while also focusing on the intersection of deploying these technologies for organizations. A major focus of this program will be on hands-on experiential learning courses, and the program will be culminated by a capstone project. Tentative Learning outcomes are as follows:
- Competence in core technical areas associated with data analytics and applied artificial intelligence, such as

programming, databases, and foundational mathematical, statistical, and data science models.

Knowledge of the selection, implementation, and use of artificial intelligence and analytics tools in organizations.

Competence in analyzing business problems and designing, building, deploying and maintaining appropriate artificial intelligence and analytics solutions to solve those problems.

This proposed degree program has been endorsed by the department, faculty, Chair, College Curriculum Committee, Dean, Provost, Senate Curriculum Committee, and was approved by the Faculty Senate at its March 11, 2025, meeting.

The curriculum is designed to be 120 credit hours.

The new degree will be available to students beginning in Fall 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM: Approval of New Program: BSF Forest Resources and Conservation
- INSTITUTION: WVU
- COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the creation of a new program in Forest Resources and Conservation, WVU
- STAFF MEMBERS: Dr. E. Gordon Gee
President
- Paul Kreider, DMA
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- BACKGROUND: BSF Forest Resources and Conservation: This program is the result of a recommendation from academic transformation's program review process which required the development of a cooperative program between the BSF in Forest Resources Management and the BS in Wood Science and Technology.
- West Virginia is ranked third in the nation in terms of the percentage of land area that is forest-covered. According to recent forest inventory data, approximately 78 percent of the state is forested. The wood products industry ranks second only to the coal industry in its economic contributions to the State. The vision for the program is focused on sustainability in that West Virginia and Appalachia is envisioned to have thriving forests and forest-based economies for generations to come. The mission of the new program will be to promote thriving forests and sustainable forest-based economies by developing future professionals who protect the ecosystem, grow trees, and create sustainable products. The program will create new knowledge and tools, and collaborate with communities, conservation partners, and industry.
- The proposed major, which will be housed in the School of Natural Resources and the Environment, will develop professionals that are able to manage and grow forests and create sustainable wood products to support forest-based economies. Forestry professionals balance the growing demand for forest and wood-based products with the value of wildlands and public spaces for recreation, wildlife habitat, watershed protection, aesthetics and protection of the

environment. WVU students can use our state's forests as outdoor classrooms. A majority of the courses in the major include field-based lab work as part of the course requirements. Many of these labs and the summer forestry field camp are conducted on our University Research Forest, a 7,000-acre mixed hardwood forest.

This proposed degree program has been endorsed by the department, faculty, Chair, College Curriculum Committee, Dean, Provost, Senate Curriculum Committee, and was approved by the Faculty Senate at its March 11, 2025, meeting.

The curriculum is designed to be 120 credit hours.

The new degree will be available to students beginning in Fall 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM: Approval of New Program: AS, PSC Engineering, WVU Potomac State
- INSTITUTION: WVU Potomac State
- COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the creation of a new program in Engineering, WVU Potomac State
- STAFF MEMBERS: Dr. E. Gordon Gee
President
- Paul Kreider, DMA
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- BACKGROUND: As a land grant institution, the Morrill Act of 1862 emphasizes a "focus on teaching of practical agriculture, science, military science and engineering". This program would contribute to both the WVU system mission and the Mission of PSC on WVU Keyser Campus because it fulfills the engineering charge in the Morrill Act and by offering associates degrees.
- AS Engineering: This program is the result of a recommendation from academic transformation's program review process which required the development of a cooperative program between the Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs.
- Upon completion of the associates in pre-engineering program, students will be able to:
1. Use mathematical concepts to solve engineering problems.
 2. Apply Newtonian Mechanics principles to real-world engineering problems.
 3. Utilize basic oral, written and computer knowledge and skills in engineering for clear and precise communication.

This proposed degree program has been endorsed by the department, faculty, Chair, College Curriculum Committee, Dean, Provost, Senate Curriculum Committee, and was approved by the Faculty Senate at its March 11, 2025, meeting.

The curriculum is designed to be 60 credit hours.

The new degree will be available to students beginning in Fall 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

ITEM: Approval of New Program: AS, PSC Pre-Engineering, WVU Potomac State

INSTITUTION: WVU Potomac State

COMMITTEE: Full Board – Consent Agenda

RECOMMENDATION: Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approve the creation of a new program in Pre-Engineering, WVU Potomac State

STAFF MEMBERS: Dr. E. Gordon Gee
President

Paul Kreider, DMA
Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs

BACKGROUND: As a land grant institution, the Morrill Act of 1862 emphasizes a "focus on teaching of practical agriculture, science, military science and engineering". This program would contribute to both the WVU system mission and the Mission of PSC on WVU Keyser Campus because it fulfills the engineering charge in the Morrill Act and by offering associates degrees.

AS Pre-Engineering: This program is the result of a recommendation from academic transformation's program review process which required the development of a cooperative program between the Aerospace Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Industrial Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering programs.

Upon completion of the associates in pre-engineering program, students will be able to:

1. Use mathematical concepts to solve engineering problems.
2. Apply Newtonian Mechanics principles to real-world engineering problems.
3. Utilize basic oral, written and computer knowledge and skills in engineering for clear and precise communication.

This proposed degree program has been endorsed by the department, faculty, Chair, College Curriculum Committee,

Dean, Provost, Senate Curriculum Committee, and was approved by the Faculty Senate at its March 11, 2025, meeting.

The curriculum is designed to be 60 credit hours.

The new degree will be available to students beginning in Fall 2025.

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** University Police Department (UPD) Relocation to Chestnut Ridge Research Building (CRRB)
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** The West Virginia University Board of Governors approve project budget for UPD Relocation project.
- STAFF MEMBER:** Paula Congelio
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- BACKGROUND:** The University Police Department will be relocated so the property on which its located can be transferred to WVU Medicine for expansion of their facilities. The CRRB was selected as a suitable building to relocate UPD due to specific code requirements for the UPD’s Emergency Communication Center. The CRRB will undergo renovations to several floors to accommodate the UPD, while the University’s Office of Research will continue to occupy certain floors of the building. The most substantial renovations will occur on the seventh floor where UPD’s Emergency Communications Center (also known as the Dispatch Center) will be located.
- The CRRB has deferred maintenance needs, specifically the central HVAC system is past its useful life. The boilers, chillers and controls will be replaced to provide a reliable infrastructure for UPD and Research. WVU is proposing the reallocation of HEPC Deferred Maintenance Grant funds to support this work. The reallocated funds are from projects that have been completed with a surplus or cancelled due to changing priorities. The relocation of these grant funds must be approved by HEPC and the Governor’s Office.
- Schedule:** The target move-in date for UPD is August 10, 2025 and the central HVAC system deferred maintenance items will be completed by January 2026.
- Budget:** \$8,400,000

Funding: \$6,670,000 Proceeds from Real Estate Sales
\$1,730,000 HEPC Deferred Maintenance Grant Funding

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** Brooke Tower – Replace Water and Wastewater Piping and Refurbish Restrooms (Budget Increase)
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** The West Virginia University Board of Governors approve project budget increase for Brooke Tower - Piping and Restrooms.
- STAFF MEMBER:** Paula Congelio
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- BACKGROUND:** Brooke Tower was constructed in 1968 and the restrooms and most of the piping are original to the building. This project was part of the HEPC Deferred Maintenance grant with a budget of \$4M. The scope of the project was to replace water and waste water piping and refurbish the restrooms in Brooke Tower. Brooke Tower includes 9 residential floors. The \$4M budget from the HEPC grant was not sufficient to complete the entire project scope. The current budget was used to demolish the piping and fixtures for all the residential restrooms in Brooke Tower and renovate the restrooms on the upper 3 floors (7-9). The renovated restrooms have been reconfigured to a modern pod-style restroom and shower with increased privacy and ADA compliant facilities. WVU proposes to increase the budget by \$3.25M with separate funding to complete the renovation of all restrooms in Brooke Tower including floors 1-6 and the mezzanine.
- Schedule:** The current scope of work is scheduled to be complete by July 2025. The additional scope will be completed by June 2026.
- Budget:** \$4,000,000 (Current Budget)
\$3,250,000 (Budget Increase)
\$7,250,000 Revised Budget
- Funding:** \$4,000,000 (HEPC Deferred Maintenance Grant Funding)
\$3,250,000 (One Time Funding from Real Estate Sales)

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** Deferred Maintenance
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board
- RECOMMENDATION:** Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Reallocation of a Portion of the State Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Grant
- STAFF MEMBER:** Paula Congelio
Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
- BACKGROUND:** In June 2023, the Board of Governors approved a list of WVU’s “highest priority” projects to be funded by the West Virginia Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Grant from the West Virginia Governor’s Office. WVU received approximately \$46.6M in grant funding for these projects which are underway.

WVU would like to reallocate \$1,730,000 of Deferred Maintenance Grant funding to fund deferred maintenance items at the Chestnut Ridge Research Building (CRRB). The deferred maintenance items at the CRRB include boilers, chillers, associated HVAC equipment and electronic locks. The University Police Department is being relocated to the CRRB and this equipment is past its useful life and unreliable. The deferred maintenance grant funds will be reallocated from a combination of projects that were completed with a surplus budget or canceled due to changes in priorities and needs.

Attached is the Resolution Authorizing Reallocation of a Portion of the State Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Grant which we are seeking to submit to the Higher Education Policy commission and the Governor’s Office.



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REALLOCATION OF A PORTION OF THE
STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION
DEFERRED MAINTENANCE GRANT**

IN THE MATTER OF AUTHORIZING WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY TO REALLOCATE GRANT FUNDS FROM THE STATE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION DEFERRED MAINTENANCE GRANT THAT HAS BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE WEST VIRGINIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE FOR DEFERRED MAINTENANCE AT WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY.

WHEREAS, Board of Governors and Institutional Leadership requests to reallocate the State Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Grant funds at its Morgantown campus to a high priority deferred maintenance need at the Chestnut Ridge Research Building (CRRB).

WHEREAS, The deferred maintenance items the CRRB have become a high priority as the University Police Department is being relocated to this building. The existing systems are past their useful life and unreliable. The University Police Department will operate its Emergency Communication Center from the CRRB, where all University fire alarms, elevators, electronic locks and security cameras are monitored.

West Virginia University desires to reallocate \$1,030,000 from the WVU Life Safety Systems Repair grant (GRNT2400001286) and \$700,000 from WVU Utilities and Infrastructure Repairs grant (GRNT2400001284), totaling \$1,730,000 to fund the deferred maintenance items at the CRRB. The HEPC grant funds will be reallocated from a combination of projects that were completed with a surplus budget or cancelled due changes in priorities and needs.

CRRB Deferred Maintenance Items: \$1,730,000

- Replace two (2) chillers, two (2) boilers and one domestic water heater
- Replace associated pumps and variable frequency drives
- Modify existing cooling tower to improve efficiency
- Replace condensing units on 3 air handling units
- Replace selected Variable Air Volume (VAV) boxes and controls
- Upgrade electronic locks



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY AS FOLLOWS:

The Board of Governors demonstrates its support of the reallocation of the State Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Grant funds for high priority Deferred Maintenance Projects by West Virginia University; and

The Board of Governors demonstrates its support to prioritize the Deferred Maintenance Projects as the highest priority with regard to deferred maintenance at West Virginia University; and

The Board of Governors authorizes its President to execute the application for the State Institutions of Higher Education Deferred Maintenance Grant funds reallocation request and any other documentation necessary to effectuate submittal of the grant application.

This Resolution shall be effective following its adoption by the Board of Governors Passed by the Board of Governors this 4th day of April, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Signature, Board of Governors Authorized Official

Printed Name

Title

WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Meeting of April 4, 2025

- ITEM:** Appointment to County Extension Committees
- INSTITUTION:** West Virginia University
- COMMITTEE:** Full Board – Consent Agenda
- RECOMMENDATION:** Resolved: That the West Virginia University Board of Governors approves the nominees and alternates for positions on the County Extension Service Committees in West Virginia, as presented.
- STAFF MEMBER:** Paul Kreider, ED
Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- BACKGROUND:** The Board of Governors of West Virginia University is responsible for approving the appointments of individuals to the County Extension Service Committees which function in each county of West Virginia.
- Please review the nominees and alternates. You are asked to approve both, as a first choice may have to refuse the position, and the alternate is then approached

3/20/25, 5:28 PM

WVU-ES

Braxton County

3/18/25 Date

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

Incumbent:

Name: Becky Conrad

Address: 336 White Oak Estates, Sutton, WV 26601

Date term expires: 6/30/25

NOMINATED MEMBER:

Name: Dylan Johnson

Address: 509 Graystone Ln, Sutton, WV 26601

Phone Number(s): 304-692-8808

E-mail: dylan.d.johnson2016@gmail.com

Education: B.S. and M.S. WVU AGEE

Occupation: WV Conservation Agency Conservation Specialist

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

Braxton County Rotary President

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

referee/umpire softball and volleyball, Braxton County Fair volunteer

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

Former 4-H member; 4-H All Star

Please indicate if this nomination is submitted to achieve balance of committee membership in regard to:

Race: No Gender: Yes

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

None

**Gilmer County
Date**

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

Incumbent:

Name: Jeff Campbell
Address: 709 Walnut St. Glenville, WV 25351
Date term expires: 06/2024

NOMINATED MEMBER:

Name: Cherri West
Address: 454 Vanhorn Dr. Glenville, WV 26351
Phone Number(s): 304-462-7386 ext. 170
E-mail: ccwest@k12.wv.us
Education: Masters in Special Education
Occupation: Education

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

Director of Curriculum and Instruction/Federal Programs for Gilmer County Schools

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

member of Board of Directors for Family Resource Network Gilmer County, Trustee for Gilmer Public Library, member of GC Family Support Center Programmatic Advisory Council

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

work with Ag and 4H agents in GC to coordinate instruction in classrooms (grades PK-8th), led Energy Express for 2 or 3 summers, served as a judge for 4H Roundup in Gilmer County, presented at GC 4H Camp (1 summer..I think...), coordinated Wildcat 4H Club as a part of the afterschool program at GCES for 3 years

Please indicate if this nomination is submitted to achieve balance of committee membership in regard to:

Race: No Gender: No

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

Has never served on CESC.

Marshall County

2/5/2025 Date

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATE:

Name: Becky Yoho

Address: 212 Gods Country Lane, Cameron,WV 26033

Phone Number(s): 304-312-5725

E-mail: b_yoho@yahoo.com

Education: Diploma Nursing Degree

Occupation: Registered Nurse--Nurse Manager/Health Department

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

Marshall County Activity Development Authority Board of Directors

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

Member of the Marshall County Rotary Club Member of St Jude church. Help with fish fry's and volunteer as needed

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

Involved with WVU Extension Activities such as Volunteer Leader, Serve as County Camp Nurse. Volunteer to be Nurse at NoPan weekend. Serve on committees selecting candidates for All Star selection Selection of scholarships awards. Help with fair activities (setting up exhibit hall prior to the fair, assist with children day, senior citizens day, and judging of exhibits). Help as needed throughout the year. Very familiar with most of the activities (programs) of WVU extension

Please indicate if this nomination is submitted to achieve balance of committee membership in regard to:

Race: No Gender: No

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

Have never served on a CESC

Marshall County

2/6/2025 Date

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

Incumbent:

Name: Dennis Aston

Address: 3679 Lone Oak Road, Cameron, WV 26033

Date term expires: 6/30/2025

NOMINATED MEMBER:

Name: Brooke Lightner

Address: 621 Glen Dale Heights RD, Glen Dale, WV 26038

Phone Number(s): 3042812184

E-mail: blightner79@yahoo.com

Education: Masters Degree + 45 hours Education

Occupation: 5th Grade Teacher Marshall County Schools

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

No designated leadership positions

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

Local School Improvement Council Member Volunteer Leader with Marshall County 4-H Horse Club

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

Former 4-H member, Ag Day with 5th graders, Monthly Healthy Snacks with Molly (FCD), Grow This--seed distribution--as a class and personal use, STEM activities for School enrichment, Daughter is in 4-H and 4-H Horse Club

Please indicate if this nomination is submitted to achieve balance of committee membership in regard to:

Race: No Gender: No

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

No previous service

Marshall County

2/11/2025 Date

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

Incumbent:

Name: Susan Harrison

Address: 304 First Street Glen Dale WV 26038

Date term expires: 6/30/2025

NOMINATED MEMBER:

Name: Sara Wood-Shaw

Address: 2 Poplar Avenue Moundsville, WV 26041

Phone Number(s): 304-639-6088

E-mail: sarawoodshaw@gmail.com

Education: Master Degree of Public Administration

Occupation: Vice Mayor, City of Moundsville. Outreach Coordinator, Marshall County Family Resource Network

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

Vice Mayor, City of Moundsville Chair, City of Moundsville Arts & Culture Commission Chair, City of Moundsville Policy Committee Member, City of Moundsville Finance Committee Chair, City of Moundsville Opioid Settlement Fund Subcommittee Co-Liaison, Moundsville On Trac Jefferson Avenue Revitalization Program

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

In my two roles, I participate with a wide variety of organizations to improve, support, and bring new opportunities to our community.

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

Through my work at the FRN, we have partnered with many WVU Extension staff to provide presentations, trainings, collaborate on community projects, and more. In 2025, we are working with WVU Extension staff on kids' cooking classes, the 5 Love Languages of Children presentation, and the Grow This WV Throwdown. We have several other conversations in the pipeline of new ways to partner!

Please indicate if this nomination is submitted to achieve balance of committee membership in regard to:

Race: No Gender: No

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

No previous Service

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Marshall County

2/11/2025 Date

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

RECOMMENDED ALTERNATE:

Name: Jodi Wood

Address: 797 Beams Lane, Moundsville, WV 26041

Phone Number(s): 304-280-5474

E-mail: jodi@bordaslaw.com

Education: BS Business Admin, Fairmont State; JD WVU College of Law

Occupation: Attorney

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

Board Member Appalachian Outreach; Board Member Marshall County Chamber of Commerce

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

Above

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

Volunteer at Marshall County Fair--judging

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Race: No Gender: No

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

None

Marshall County

2/28/2025 Date

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

Incumbent:

Name: Vickey Battista

Address: 56 Fort Clarke Drive, Benwood, WV 26031

Date term expires: 6/30/2025

NOMINATED MEMBER:

Name: Josey Stern

Address: 4109 Irish Ridge Road Cameron, WV 26033

Phone Number(s): 304-281-4161

E-mail: Joseymstern@gmail.com

Education: Associate in Applied Science Culinary Arts--WVNCC

Occupation: Owner of Izzy's Food Truck and Catering (two Food trucks in fleet); Steward for WVNCC Culinary Arts

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

Culinary Advisory Board Member for WVNCC Culinary Arts Program

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

Chamber of Commerce; Entrepreneur (small business owner); FFA Alumni--State Star in Agribusiness; State Finalist Nursery Landscaping

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

Former 4-H Member, Camp Counselor, Livestock Club, Sold Showpigs and provided advice to club members on selection and raising of pigs

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Race: No Gender: Yes

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

None

**Ohio County
Date**

Employees and/or community leaders involved in selection of those recommended:

Incumbent:

Name: Katie Wheeler
Address: 142 Maple Davis Lane, Wheeling, WV 26003
Date term expires: 06/30/2024

NOMINATED MEMBER:

Name: Earl Nicodemus
Address: 1226 Vanmeter Way, West Liberty, WV 26074
Phone Number(s): 304-639-7054
E-mail: earlnicodemus1@gmail.com
Education: BS in Agriculture from OSU, MEd from Miami of Ohio, ABD for PhD from Miami of Ohio
Occupation: Retired Professor of Education and previously taught Vocational Ag

Leadership positions in community:

(e.g. vice-president, chamber of commerce; chair, solid waste authority; board of directors, economic development authority)

Superintendent of Grounds for Ohio County Country Fair, President of West Liberty Historical Society, Past President of West Liberty Lions Club, Past Vice President of Ohio County Master Gardeners

Involvement in other community activities:

(e.g. member, county library board; volunteer, community council; member, FRN)

Member of Ohio County Cemeteries Foundation, Member of SAR, Have conducted numerous programs on gardening or local history for various community organizations. I have also served on West Liberty Town Council.

Previous experience with WVU Extension Activities:

Member of Ohio County Master Gardeners, Volunteer and Board Member with the Ohio County Country Fair

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Race: No Gender: No

Previous service on CESC: (include approximate dates of service)

None