

**MOUNTWEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
INSTITUTIONAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

MINUTES

Thursday, October 13, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Mountwest Community & Technical College

Room G07A

One Mountwest Way

Huntington, WV

PRESENT: Ed Bays, Jeremy Blackshire, Matthew Deerfield, Mark George, Thomas Gibson, Jeffrey Goad, Jim Hale, Mike Herron (via telephone), Jason Moses, Tyler Triplett

ABSENT: Cathy Burns and Ruth Cline

ALSO ATTENDING: President Keith J. Cotroneo, Daryl Ballard, Billie Brooks, Latrenda Clay, Donna Donathan, Dr. Harry Faulk, Dan Figler, Veella Grooms, Richard Gross, Michael McComas, Dr. Natalie Mills, Stephanie A. Neal, Heather Pack, Dr. Daniel Sadler, Kim Schroeder, Taylor Stuck, Terri Tomblin-Byrd, and Rebeca White

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Call to Order and Determination of Quorum – Jeffrey Goad, Chairman:

Jeffrey Goad, IBOG Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m. A quorum was established.

2. Consent Agenda – Jeffrey Goad, Chairman:

A motion was made by Jason Moses and seconded by Jim Hale to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2016 meeting of the Institutional Board of Governors. The motion was approved.

3. Final Approval of IBOG Policy No. G-10 – Firearms, Weapons & Explosives – Jeffrey Goad, Chairman:

At its August 18, 2016 meeting, the Institutional Board of Governors approved of the notice of intent to create an institutional rule on Firearms, Weapons & Explosives and that a 30-day comment period be given for interested individuals to comment on the proposed rule. One comment was received during this period of time: "As a citizen I am concerned about this proposed policy. This policy places discretion on exceptions in the hands of one person, the Director of Public Safety. With no means of appeal. It is disconcerting that the person making the decision on who can carry is also one of the few allowed to carry a weapon. Obviously, the Director does not have to worry about protecting themselves. Further, it also penalizes individuals who can legally carry anywhere else in the state from bringing and leaving weapons in their automobile in the parking lot. This type of rule opens up a large number of law biding citizens

to be in violation of this policy. If a weapons free zone is really a good idea, then the college should be 100% weapons free to include public safety and other law enforcement officers arriving on campus.”

The question arose during discussion concerning the statements in the proposed policy that “Exceptions to this policy may be requested in writing to the Director of Public Safety. Only under very limited circumstances will an exception be granted” and what would be considered an exception. Following discussion, the Board tabled the proposed rule and asked that information be provided at the next meeting about how other higher education institutions in the state of West Virginia are addressing the use of firearms, weapons and explosives on their respective campuses.

4. Presentation on Military Programs – Richard Gross, Senior Program Coordinator for Military Programs:

Richard Gross presented information related to the Military Programs office at the college. He indicated the Military Programs office is a one-stop shop for military education benefits. Students also have the ability to obtain their military service transcript and to have their transcripts evaluated for college credit within their chosen degree. For the 2016 fiscal year, the Military Programs office is tracking the combined enrollment for 277 students, with 227 students considered as veterans, 63 students still in uniform on active duty, reserve, or the guard, and 50 students that are dependents of veterans using a benefit. These student took a combined total of 2700 credit hours over the 2016 academic year. The graduation rate for active duty service members attending Mountwest is close to 100%, and the graduate rate for the National Guard and Reserves is around 85%.

5. President’s Report – Dr. Keith J. Cotroneo:

President Cotroneo gave the Board an update on the following:

- Congratulations to Todd Cox, Instructor of Culinary Arts, for winning the Cast Iron Cook-Off challenge held October 1, 2016 at Heritage Farm Museum & Village.
- Josh Joseph, Instructor of Information Technology, successfully organized the first West Virginia Game Developers Expo at the College. Approximately 100 people attended the Expo. It is expected that this Expo will become an annual event.
- The fifth annual Pink Out was held on campus October 3 – 6, 2016. Over \$10,000 was raised, which will go toward the Karen S. Johnson Memorial Scholarship, which has now met the minimum level for endowment.
- The Student Government Association sponsored a very successful “Meet Mountwest” day September 26, 2016.

- Tyler Triplett and the Student Government Association were successful in arranging for U.S. Congressman Evan Jenkins to visit and speak at Mountwest in celebration of Constitution Day on September 19, 2016.
- College Day, sponsored by the Advantage Valley Consortium, was held on campus September 22, 2016. 318 high schools students from the College's service area visited Mountwest.
- Faculty Council is sponsoring a political Town Hall at the College on October 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. 15 confirmed candidates are expected to be in attendance. Promotional items announcing the event were developed by Julie Terry, Assistant Professor of Graphic Design. Rob Johnson has agreed to be the Moderator for the event.
- 291 students are now participating in the College's dual credit initiative with Cabell County Schools. The next step in this process is to get Mountwest identification cards made for the students.
- The College recently released a request for proposal for marketing. Auge+Gray+Drake – Collective Works was awarded the contract.
- The annual West Virginia Community College Association (WVCCA) will be having its annual meeting on December 7, 2016 at the Advanced Technology Center located in South Charleston, WV. Mountwest will be serving as the host of the conference entitled "Power Up: West Virginia Community Colleges Meeting the Challenges of the New Economy." The format for the conference will be similar to Ted Talks with each presentation being 25 minutes in length. Dr. Sarah Tucker will be the keynote speaker. Board members interested in attending the conference were asked to notify Dr. Cotroneo.
- A recent Charleston Gazette-Mail article focused on community college graduation rates. In an effort to help the public better understand these rates, President Cotroneo submitted an op-ed piece to the Herald-Dispatch for consideration.

6. Future Board Agenda Items – Jeffrey Goad, Chairman:

- Presentation related to Certificates awarded by Mountwest Community & Technical College
- Future WVCTC BOGA Meetings

7. Announcements:

- IBOG Meeting, Thursday, November 17, 2016 beginning at 8:00 a.m. in Room G07A at Mountwest Community & technical College
- Tyler Triplett indicated the Student Government Association is looking at Toyota for a potential environmental grant. Chairman Jeffrey Goad expressed an interest in helping the students with this initiative. He also expressed an interest in having a focus group of students participate in a project at Rubberlite.

8. Executive Session under the Authority of WV Code §6-9A-4 Relating to Property Acquisitions, leases and/or Personnel Issues:

A motion was made by Jason Moses, seconded by Mark George and approved for the Board to go into Executive Session under the authority of WV Code §6-9A-4. Following discussion, a motion was made by Jason Moses, seconded by Mark George and approved to go out of Executive Session.

Jason Moses then made a motion that the Institutional Board of Governors approves the land donation from Mr. Mike Darby, Laurel Lodge Enterprises, Inc. The motion was seconded by Mark George and approved. This recommendation will now be sent to the WVCCTCE for approval and submission to the Attorney General's office to prepare contracts for real estate transfer of land between the College and Mr. Mike Darby.

9. Adjournment:

There being no other agenda items, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 a.m.



Jeffrey Goad

Chairman



Thomas Gibson

Secretary