



WESTERN COLORADO UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Western Colorado University Board of Trustees (BOT)

Ad Hoc Committee on Efficiencies, Bylaws, and Policy (Policy Committee)

Agenda

June 7, 2023

1:00-2:00pm MTN

Virtual Meeting was held via Zoom.

I. Call to Order

Chair Szczurek called the meeting to order at 1:01pm

II. Attendance

Members present: Chair Szczurek, Trustee Gutierrez, Dr. Lance Dalleck

Additional attendees: Natalie Powell (AG Office), Caitlin Rovner (EA)

Total attendance: 5

III. Additions to Agenda, if any, and Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by acclamation.

IV. Approve Minutes from 5/16/2023 Policy meeting

Trustee Gutierrez moved to approve the Minutes as presented, and Dr. Dalleck seconded this motion. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

V. Continued Discussion of Topics from Last Meeting

Natalie Powell provided an overview of some of the protections afforded to the WCU Trustees, who are considered public board members, by the Colorado statutes and the WCU insurance policy in relation to potential trustee personal liability. Given the importance of the subject matter, a discussion ensued on how to best provide this information to all Trustees.

The Policy Committee recommends that the following means be taken to share this information with Trustees and ensure it is not lost over time:

- an attorney-client privileged memo be sent to the Trustees and the President from the WCU Assistant Attorney General (AAG) representative with the legal analysis on indemnification and defense and other related aspects,
- the President to keep this memo in the appropriate files,
- the Trustee on-boarding checklist / package include this information, and
- the annual legal training for Trustees conducted by the AG's Office includes these matters.

AAG Powell recommended that this information NOT be included in the Trustee Policy Manual (TPM).

VI. Other Business – Other Policy Committee Suggestions and Discussion

The Policy Committee reviewed last month's outstanding action items, including Section 2 on Diversity Equity and Inclusion, Section 3 on Academic Affairs, Section 5 on Intellectual Property, the Title IX changes relative to federal direction for sexual harassment policies and transgender student participation in athletics, along with other matters. Given the good progress made up to this point and as no current work exists to complete today, a discussion took place about the status of this Ad Hoc Committee; the Committee could be 'held on pause' and await further instruction, or could adjourn at this time.

Chair Szczurek will report to the Board that the Policy Committee recommends adjourning the Ad Hoc Committee as this time, knowing that there are possible future assignments that may be given by the Chair to a few Trustees in an Ad Hoc Committee.

VII. Set Next Meeting

No next meeting was set.

VIII. Thanks and Adjournment

With thanks, Chair Szczurek adjourned the meeting at 2:08pm.