

## **Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 12:00pm. Present were G. Greenwalt, Dr. Striplin, S. Arbaugh, M. Chambers, S. VanMeter, A. Blackwood, J. Kubeika, S. Alt, S. Michael, A. Degnan, and T. Southerly. Guests included M. Blizzard, A. Frey, M. Wilson, and T. Branson.*

## **Presentation/Discussion/Professional Development**

Annual Financial Aid Presentation – Mary Blizzard, Director of Financial Aid and Alicia Frey, Associate Director of Financial Aid, via Zoom.

*Higher Education Institutions continued to operate the 22-23 aid year under the national emergency declaration due to COVID-19. The Declaration was ended April 10, 2023 but, many flexibilities are expected to continue through the end of the aid period after the national emergency is ended. The Declaration allowed our students to continue various flexibilities which included:*

- *Suspension of income verification requirements except in cases of conflicting information*
- *Allowance for Emergency SEOG to students affected by the COVID-19 Pandemic*
- *Mandatory forbearance of student loan payments continues through at least June 2023*
- *Cohort Default Rates remain low as a result*

### ***Financial Aid Processing 22-23***

- *Eastern has 179 Degree Seeking students enrolled in Spring 2023*
- *Of those students -172 filed the FAFSA, 160 or 93% were determined to be aid eligible and received some offer of aid*
- *For the 22-23 aid year Eastern has paid 130 students \$511,283 in Pell Grants*
- *For the 22-23 aid year Eastern has paid 72 students \$21,500 in SEOG Grants (including emergency SEOG)*
- *For 22-23 Eastern has paid 95 students \$202,017 in WV Higher Education Grants, 40 students (up from 24 in 21-22) \$85,713 (\$34,100 in 21-22) in WV Invests and 5 Promise students \$10,560*

### ***Future Activities and Enhancements***

- *23-24 Aid processing started in October 2022*
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- *The 24-25 FAFSA application should be available in December 2024 (normally available in October each year)*
- *24-25 The FAFSA simplification changes will include:*
  - *The Student Aid Index (SAI) will replace the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the FAFSA form. Students and families will see a different measure of their ability to pay for college and experience a change in the methodology used to determine aid.*
  - *The SAI will expand the Federal Pell Grant to more students and link eligibility to family size and the federal poverty level. New eligibility formulas and funding are estimated to increase Pell Grant recipients by nearly 15%*
  - *Students who are homeless, orphans, former foster youth, or who have other unusual circumstances that prevent them from providing parental information on their FAFSA form, will benefit from simplified questions and processes that more efficiently determine their independent status*

*G. Greenwalt thanked M. Blizzard and A. Frey for their presentation.*

### **\*Action Items:**

- *Approval of the Minutes: Meeting of March 22, 2023 – On an Arbaugh/Degnan motion, the minutes were approved with all in favor.*
- *Approval of the Financial Status Update – On a Chambers/Arbaugh motion, the Financial Status Update was approved with all in favor.*
- *Approval of the FY 24 Budget Summary – On a VanMeter/Blackwood motion, the FY 24 Budget Summary was approved with all in favor.*
- *2023 – 2024 Fees – Informational – Reviewed by the Board of Governors.*
- *Approval of AR 3.17 – General Education Curriculum – Informational – Reviewed by the Board of Governors.*
- *Approval of BP 3.4 – Standards and Requirements for Admission – On a Degnan/Southerly motion, BP 3.4 was approved with all in favor.*
- *Approval of BP 4.5 – Student Privacy – On an Arbaugh/Southerly motion, BP 4.5 was approved with all in favor.*
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*taken. On a Southerly/Alt motion, the Board of Governors approved a two year contract for President Striplin with a \$15,000 increase in base salary with all in favor.*

## **Institutional Effectiveness**

### **Committee Reports**

**Board Chair**-Greg Greenwalt – *No report.*

#### **Committees-**

**Finance** – Trina Branson – *Reviewed the Financial Status Update, the FY 24 Budget Summary, and 2023 – 2024 Fees with the Board of Governors (see Action Items).*

### **College Representatives Reports**

**Staff**-Ann Degnan –

1. *Continuous updating of the website catalog will occur throughout the year instead of once yearly in an effort to provide more accurate information.*
2. *Eastern volunteers are participating in the Bub Riggleman Softball Tournament on Friday and Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.*
3. *The following three open-ended questions were added to the spring Student Instructor Evaluation which is scheduled from Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> to April 28<sup>th</sup>. These questions will be tallied individually and not reflected in the instructor's results:*
  1. *How do face-to-face courses work?*
  2. *What three suggestions would make this class better?*
  3. *How to best serve online students, what activities or assignments would help to shape their learning best?*
4. *May 12<sup>th</sup> is the last independent Academic Services Meeting, thereafter it will merge with the monthly Student Services meeting into one monthly consolidated meeting.*

**Faculty-Sherry Michael –**

- *Faculty Senate met March 24, 2023 for the monthly meeting.*
- *February 8-12 – four faculty members, D. Phillips, D. Layton, A. Prato, N. Van Vranken and myself traveled to New Orleans to attend the AACU 2023 Conference – (focusing on) General Education, Pedagogy, and Assessment.*
- *Congratulations go out to three faculty members that have completed the QM IYOC, those individuals were; S. Murphy, N. Van Vranken, and C. Hakala.*
- *S. Murphy and C. Hakala are preparing to complete the Peer Reviews Course with Quality Matters. These individuals are also looking to the 7 courses for online teacher Certification.*
- *D. Layton – promoting PTK Adopt a Highway Spring Clean-up on Saturday April 29, 2023.*
- *Faculty members will be looking over the HLC draft of criterion 1,2 and 3 for the HLC report Friday April 21, 2023.*
- *Information has been given to faculty and adjuncts for the Great Teachers Seminars 2023. Registration must be submitted by June 10. Seminar runs from June 19-23 Monday – Thursday. Will be held at North Bend State Park.*
- *M. Wilson sent out information pertaining to promotion of our individual programs through the use of Eastern’s social media platform. This would entail working with T. Montgomery.*
- *A. Prato has volunteered to carry the Mace at the 2023 Commencement Ceremony.*
- *A. Prato has agreed to work with D. Layton on PTK advising.*
- *Those involved in the reporting for the Title 3 Grant continue redesigning courses based on QM standards. Another step of meeting the College’s newest Strategic Plan.*
- *M. Kelly will be joining the Faculty Senate. In the April meeting, she will be sharing course set up and Class.com.*
- *Business advisory committee had their meeting on 4/13/2023 conducted by S. Mirkhani.*
- *D. Heavener will also be joining us in the May and discussing the Focus2Career and Handshake.*

**Student-** Trevor Southerly – *Attended Job Fair. It was a great event with another planned for the fall.*

**Dr. Thomas Striplin, President**

- Strategic Planning

- Facilities Master Plan

## **Student Services**

### **Title III**

## **Academic Services**

## **Advancement and Continuing Education**

### **Resources**

**Technology, Human Resources & Safety & Security**

*Finances/Business Office*

*Facilities*

*Grants*

*Technology*

*Human Resources*

*Safety and Security*

Important Calendar Dates

Tuesday, April 25 – Wednesday, April 26 – Board of Governors Summit at Stonewall Resort –  
**CANCELLED**

Will be rescheduled for October 11 – 12, 2023 beginning at 1:00pm on October 11 at the  
Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston

**May 17, 2023 Board Meeting rescheduled to May 10, 2023**

New Business/Miscellaneous

Next Scheduled Meeting: May 10, 2023

Adjournment – 2:07pm.

*Respectfully submitted by M. O’Leary, recorder.*



Greg Greenwalt, Board Chair

05/17/2023

Date