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Estimated Cost Making Gee's Transition Plan: \$850,000. Cost Making Stewardship Plan: \$0.00!

The estimated cost to WVU for the Transition Plan was \$850,000 in outside consulting costs alone. This does not include the countless time and effort consumed by the Gee, Alsop and Reed entourage.

The cost to WVU and the State of West Virginia for the Stewardship Plan, \$0!

Cost to Frank A. DeGeorge for compensating the Stewards Team, a really good home-grilled steak dinner for the two who proofed my numbers, took it to the streets and social media to activate the student body, and went-toe-to-toe with Mr. Gee and his entourage who repeatedly blocked social media and gave staff the special assignment to remove our flyers. Free speech at West Virginia's modern land grant institution, eh?...

In the bowels of the footnotes to the WVU Financial Statements (footnote 26) we found the \$140 million spent by Mr. Gee, Mr. Alsop and Ms. Reed in 2022. \$74 million of that is for Salaries, Wages and Benefits. \$55 million of the remainder falls under the heading "Supplies and Other". Some portion of that \$55 million is for fees money spent by Gee, Alsop and Reed for outside consultants such as the RPK Group which was hired by Mr. Gee and Ms. Reed just to endorse (not to develop) the Transformation Plan. That, on top of the millions spent over the years to the McKinsey group who Mr. Gee proudly acknowledged in his October 31 interview on PBS Nightly Newshour, which helped him determine "how I could change the university in order to impact the state." They've had their impact.

Use of outside consultants by Mr. Gee and Ms. Reed is an insult and a slap in the face to the faculty of West Virginia University. Mr. Gee and Ms. Reed have at their disposal, at absolutely no additional cost the University or the State of West Virginia, the finest, most qualified, most published, most experienced and most respected expert advisors on higher ed in WV that they could ever hope to find; the research and teaching faculty of West Virginia University.

Mr. Gee and Ms. Reed, please step down immediately so that the healing process for WVU can begin.