



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 20, 2016
GASTON CAPERTON CENTER
501 WEST MAIN STREET, CLARKSBURG, WV

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Dixie Yann convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University (FSU) Board of Governors on October 20, 2016, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. at the Gaston Caperton Center in Clarksburg, West Virginia.

At the request of Chair Yann, Serena Scully conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Rachel Ball, Holly Fluharty, Aaron Hawkins, Bill Holmes, John Myers, Deborah Prezioso, Budd Sapp, John Schirripa, and Dixie Yann. Bryan Towns participated by conference call and Chris Courtney was present following the roll call. Frank Washenitz was absent.

Others present were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, Ann Mazza, Tim Oxley, and Debbie Stiles. Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President for Facilities; Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager; Carolyn Fletcher, Director of Accounting; Tim McNeely, Athletic Director; Chad Fowler, Assistant Athletic Director; Courtney Materazzi, Volleyball Coach, RJ Gimbl, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; and Ron Tucker, former BOG member, also attended.

B. Public Comment

Rachel Ball reported that no one had signed up for public comment.

C. Approval of Agenda

Budd Sapp made a motion to approve the agenda. John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 18, 2016

Budd Sapp made a motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2016. Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Chair Yann introduced new Board of Governors members, Deborah Prezioso and Bill Holmes.
- B. Chair Yann presented Ron Tucker with a plaque in recognition of his many years of service to the Board of Governors, four of which he served as Board Chair.
- C. The Chair reminded everyone of the next BOG meeting on December 8th at 3:00. Following the meeting will be the all boards social.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. President Rose reported that while at the Capital earlier this week, Bob Leslie, Deputy Attorney General, was full of praise for all of Fairmont State's efforts involving flood relief in southern West Virginia. Fairmont State donated stoves, refrigerators, and other appliances that were taken out of College Park apartments. Fairmont State will also be donating additional appliances once the remainder of the apartments are torn down. This is just one of the many areas on campus that worked to help the flood victims.
- B. She also mentioned that the HLC visit seems to have gone very well. The final report should be received after the first of the year. In the closing session, many positive comments were made: it was evident that Fairmont State University has a clear history of teaching and learning; it was evident that the mission is alive and well; evidence of dedication to students; strong sense of community and family (at all locations), the library is a valued resource; support services are to be applauded; and the buildings and grounds are well maintained and clean.
- C. HEPC meets on November 18th.
- D. President Rose also mentioned the HOPE event that will take place on November 29th from 4-6 at the Shaw House, as well as the all boards social following the next board meeting on December 8th.

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- A. Constituent Report (Courtney Materazzi)

Courtney Materazzi, volleyball coach, provided an informative report regarding the volleyball team.

The volleyball team is currently 14-9; the overall GPA of the team is 3.5; team members are from various states – WV, OH, VA, MD, CO, FL; players are from a variety of majors: Engineering, Business, Criminal Justice; and mentioned that many of the team members are involved in various campus life areas.

B. Foundation (RJ Gimbl)

RJ Gimbl, President and CEO of the Fairmont State Foundation, reported that the 2016 annual fund is in progress with over \$42,000 received in gifts to date this calendar year. The total number of annual fund donors from 2015 has already been surpassed, with 102 donors being first time donors.

Mr. Gimbl stated that on the major gifts front they are currently working on closing two major gifts.

The Foundation has three pending grant requests for the Title III federal match and hopes to have a response to all three by mid-December.

The Foundation hosted a pre-game brunch before the September 10th football game for Victory Bell Society members, which had a great turnout and resulted in several new faces.

Mr. Gimbl reported that the NIP (Neighborhood Investment Program) allocation was received in the amount of \$25,000 – down from \$37,500 last year.

C. Constructor Project Updates (Tom Tucker and Stephanie Slaubaugh)

Stephanie Slaubaugh, Constructor Manager, gave an update on the various projects that are currently underway and have recently been completed on campus.

The University Terrace project is coming to an end. On October 28th and 31st, the fire marshal will be on campus. Students will be moving into building three on November 18th.

MS4 Program – the renewed permit was approved on September 9th by the DEP. They are still waiting on the final verification.

Weekly updates are available online at:

<http://www.fairmontstate.edu/adminfiscalaffairs/physical-plant/construction-projects>

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

John Schirripa moved to accept the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Financial Reports for periods ending June 29, 2016 and July 31, 2016

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)

Mr. Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee asked that Dr. Christina Lavorata, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, give a brief update.

Two academic advisors received national recognition a few weeks ago – Jennifer Jones and Dedra Cobb.

Dr. William Mark Hart was on campus yesterday and gave a lecture that was sponsored by the School of Business and School of Science and Technology. The lecture was well received and filled all three Falcon Center conference rooms.

Communication students participated in a mock debate last week which had around 80 guests in attendance.

Aaron Hawkins moved to approve the following:

A. Textbook Adoption Report

John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

VIII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Frank Washenitz, Chair)

Frank Washenitz, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, was not in attendance. Tim McNeely, Athletic Director, gave an update for the Athletic Affairs Committee.

Mr. McNeely discussed fall sports coming to an end. The football team is currently number one in the conference.

Basketball tickets are now on sale. On December 3rd, the NCAA has chosen the match up with West Liberty as the showcase game of the week.

Athletic Facilities Master Plan has now been started. The RFI has been completed and the RFP will begin soon.

Budd Sapp announced two upcoming events. The FSU Athletic Association elimination dinner is on November 8th is at the field club. He also invited all Board members to the Faculty Senate meeting on November 8th at 3:00, with a social following that meeting.

IX. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)

Dixie Yann reported that Mark Pallotta, Ron Tucker, and she previously made up the By-Laws committee. Deborah Prezioso and Bill Holmes have been placed on that committee and they plan to have a meeting soon.

X. ENROLLMENT/HOUSING-STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (John Myers, Chair)

John Myers, Chair of the Enrollment/Housing-Student Life Committee, asked Interim Vice President of Student Services, Dr. Tim Oxley, to give an update.

Dr. Oxley supplied a handout which provided enrollment numbers for last year, this year, and the differences. The information shows positive growth when combining undergraduate and graduate students. Returning student numbers are very encouraging.

Information was also provided regarding demographics and county of residence for undergraduate students. The majority of our students come from three counties: Marion, Harrison, and Monongalia.

Our major market area out of state (as well as in state) is predicted to have either no increase or a decrease in student graduation over the next few years.

Dr. Oxley reported 91.8% housing occupancy, with 155 contracts already signed for fall 2017.

COMPACT Metrics for 2018 – the narrative plan will be presented to be approved at the December meeting.

There has been a vast improvement in students passing developmental courses.

Enrollment Recruitment Plan was also provided in the handout. John Myers discussed the importance of keeping the recruiters on the road.

XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE (John Schirripa, Chair)

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided a brief update.

The Finance Committee met on October 4th. At that meeting, Stephanie Slaubaugh gave an update on construction projects, Debbie Stiles presented the June and July financial reports, and an audit update was given. An audit report will be provided at the next Board meeting in December.

XII. STUDENT HOUSING COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)

Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Student Housing Committee, thanked Stephanie and Tom for all of their hard work on the University Terrace project.

The remaining college park apartments will be removed soon.

Aaron Hawkins deferred the remainder of his discussion until Executive Session pursuant to §6-9A-4-2b of the West Virginia code.

XIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)

Dixie Yann reported that the executive committee met on September 15th and worked on the realignment of committees.

The next meeting of the Executive Session is tentatively scheduled for November 17th.

XIV. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

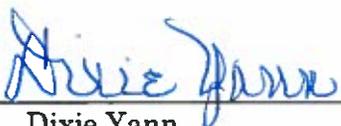
Aaron Hawkins made a motion to go into Executive Session "Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss personnel matters as well as to discuss the purchase, sale or lease of property, advance construction planning, the investment of public funds or other matters involving commercial competition."

John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

John Myers made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Chris Courtney seconded. The motion passed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Budd Sapp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

 12/8/16 FSU Board of Governors' Chair
Dixie Yann Date

 12/8/16 FSU Board of Governors' Secretary
Aaron Hawkins Date