# Fairmont State University BOARD OF GOVERNORS MINUTES

September 11, 2008

#### 1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors was held on September 11, 2008 beginning at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Falcon Center. Present at the meeting were Board Members: Galen Hansen, James Kettering, Robert Kittle, Andy Kniceley, Rocco Muriale, Mark Pallotta, Shawn Ragsdale, Shirley Stanton, Skip Tarasuk, Donna Trickett and Ron Tucker. Those Board members not in attendance were: Janet Crescenzi. Also in attendance were: FSU Interim President Charles J. McClain, Jean Ahwesh, Michael Belmear, Michael Bestul, Jim Decker, Sarah Hensley, Rick Porto and Maria Rose.

Chairman Andy Kniceley called for a moment of silence to mark the seventh anniversary of the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attacks.

## 2. Approval of Minutes

Rocco Muriale moved the minutes of August 14, 2008 meeting be approved. Skip Tarasuk seconded. Motion carried.

## 3. Operation Reports

- 1) Chuck Shields reported for Faculty Senate
- 2) Harriet Bower reported for Classified Staff Council
- 3) Kelley Bronson reported for Student Government
- 4) Jean Ahwesh and Gary Bennett reported for Foundation
- 5) Devanna Corley reported for Alumni Association
- 6) Rusty Elliott reported for Athletic Association
- 7) Charles J. McClain gave the President's Report
- 8) Andy Kniceley gave the Chairman's Report

The Board discussed meeting as a Committee of the Whole at upcoming meetings and having standing committees meet only as needed.

The Board discussed asking Dr. McClain and Rick Porto to work with PC&TC President Blair Montgomery on a proposal for a separation agreement and report back to the Board. The intention would be to have the two Boards mediate any areas of disagreement.

# 4. Committee of the Whole

- 1) Rocco Muriale made a motion to approve a budget increase for the Shaw House in the amount of \$8.525 for additional furnishings and interior decorating. Galen Hansen seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) Bob Kittle made a motion to empower the Executive Committee to review the administration's recommendations on a search firm for the presidential search at the conclusion of the RFP process, to award the contract and report back at the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Skip Tarasuk seconded. Motion carried.

#### 5. Executive Session

Rocco Muriale moved pursuant to 6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) of the WV Code that the Board shall go into Executive Session to consider matters arising from the appointment of a public officer or employee. Shirley Stanton seconded. Motion carried.

## 6. Return to Regular Session

Robert Kittle moved to return to regular session. Skip Tarasuk seconded. Motion carried.

- 1) Robert Kittle moved the Board approve the presidential search committee as presented, and with faculty, staff, student and community representation. Shirley Stanton seconded. Motion carried.
- 2) Robert Kittle moved that Andy Kniceley be named chair of the Search Committee with Jim Kettering serving as vice chair. Ron Tucker moved the nominations be closed. Skip Tarasuk seconded. Motions carried.
- 3) For future meetings, due to schedule conflicts, lunch will now begin at 12:30 p.m. The full Board meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Shirley Stanton moved the meeting be adjourned. Skip Tarasuk seconded. Motion carried.

Andy Kniceley, Chair

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