



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 19, 2025  
BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER  
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV  
TEAMS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Jennifer Kinty convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on February 19, 2025, beginning at approximately 9:01 a.m. in the Board Room, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, at 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia, and via Teams.

**Note: With this meeting being conducted in person and via Teams, there was no way to ascertain all other participants but the following Fairmont State Board of Governors members and Fairmont State University administrators, staff, and faculty participating via Teams or present included:**

At the request of Chair Kinty, Cheryl Lewis, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors, conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Jennifer Kinty, Jason Henderson, Gina Fantasia, Jon Dodds, Lance Puccio, John Schirripa, Drew Paton, and Riley Neal. David Goldberg, Wendy Adkins, Jason Pizatella, and JD DeVaul were present via Teams.

Others present were President Michael Davis, via Teams, and in person President's Executive Leadership Team members Dr. Brian Selmeski, Chief of Staff; Greg Bamberger, Athletic Director; Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Success; and George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management. Dr. Susan Ross, Interim Provost, and John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO were present via Teams. Also present were Dr. Deb Hemler, Interim Dean of the College of Science and Technology; Alicia Kalka, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management; Dr. Amanda Metcalf, Dean of the College of Education, Health, and Human Performance; Spencer Flanagan, Assistant Vice President of Student Engagement & Activities, and Anne Bolyard, President of Fairmont State Foundation.

B. Public Comment

Chair Jennifer Kinty acknowledged that no public comments were submitted to the BOG members through the public comment email. Cheryl Lewis, Assistant to the President and Board of Governors, confirmed that there were no public comments submitted.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Dr. Gina Fantasia moved to approve the agenda. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2024**

Dr. Gina Fantasia moved to approve December 17, 2024, minutes. Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

**III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. President's Report**

Dr. Michael Davis introduced new General Counsel, Tanner James and Chief Information Officer, Paul Steinhaus. In addition, searches underway for Provost and Institutional Research.

Dr. Michael Davis presented information on the following:

- Day at the Capitol: February 13, 2025
- Presidential Communications: Dec. 17-Feb. 18
- Presidential Speaker Series: Spring 2025
- Presidential Engagement: Dec. 17-Feb. 18
- Aviation Overview: Funds, Academics, and Logistics
- Fighting Falcons' Winter Accolades
- Day of Giving: Feb. 27, 2025

**B. Foundation Update**

Dr. Anne Bolyard presented information on the following:

- FY 2025 Successes and Milestones
  - Gifts
  - Donor Comparison
  - FYTD 2025 Major Gift Breakdown
  - Annual Giving & Major Gift Breakdown of Total Giving
  - Financial Milestones Fiscal YTD (ending January 31, 2025)



**IV. ENROLLMENT, HOUSING & STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Jason Pizatella, Chair)**

Jason Pizatella, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, advised that the committee met on February 11, 2025.

Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Affairs, provided information on the following:

- Fall Review: Student Activities
- 1<sup>st</sup> Year Experience Project
- Fall 2025 Housing & Residence Life Updates
- Student Affairs Implementation Plan Development

George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management, provided information on the following:

- Total Spring Headcount Enrollment
- Spring 2025 New Students
- Retention
- Fall 2025 Funnel Updates
  - First Time Freshmen Application Activity
  - First Time Freshmen Admit Matric (Deposit) Activity
- Access Scholarship
- Enrollment Management Implementation Plan Development
- Strategic Enrollment Management Key Initiatives

**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the Finance Committee met on February 11, 2025.

John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO, provided information on the following:

- FY25 Budget YTD Results
  - E&G
  - Auxiliary
  - Fund Manager
- FY25 Budget & Forecast Summary
- FY26 Employee Salary Increase- Approval Item
- FY25 Budget Spend Authority Request- Approval Item
- Fairmont State University Financials Terms and Examples

Jason Henderson moved to approve the annual salary increase. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Gina Fantasia moved to approve \$2M aviation spending authority. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

**VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Susan Ross, Interim Provost, advised that the Academic Affairs Committee met on February 11, 2025.

Dr. Susan Ross, Interim Provost, provided information on the following:

- Academic Events-College of Science and Technology
- Academic Affairs Highlights
- Falcon Park Partnership
- New Program: B.A. in Outdoor Leadership-Approval Item

Drew Paton moved to approve the New Program Proposal-B.A. in Outdoor Leadership. Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

**VII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Jon Dodds, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee met on February 11, 2025.

Greg Bamberger, Director of Athletics, introduced student athlete Colton Stoneking, who won the MEC Wrestling Championship at 141 pounds. Mr. Bamberger then provided information on the following:

- Winter Sports Update
- Spring Sport Expectations
- Athletics Giving History
- Mountain East Conference Equivalency Report-(2023-2024)
- 2025 NCAA Convention Updates

**VIII. BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Dr. Gina Fantasia, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised the committee did not meet in February.

**IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Kinty advised that the Executive Committee met on February 17, 2025.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

Members confirmed there was no new business.

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Dr. Gina Fantasia moved to approve going into executive session, pursuant to:

- WV Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A) to discuss renewal of the President's contract.

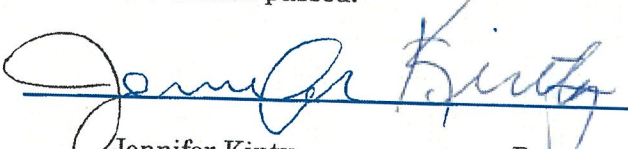
Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Gina Fantasia moved to approve to rise from executive session. Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Kinty advised that no action or votes were taken in executive session.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

John Schirripa made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

 2/26/25  
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Jennifer Kinty Date

Board of Governors' Chair

 2/26/25  
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Wendy Adkins Date

Board of Governors' Secretary