

FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING MINUTES JUNE 21, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chairman Ron Tucker convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University (FSU) Board of Governors on June 21, 2012, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Falcon Center, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Present for the meeting were board members Robert Mild, Matt Jacques, John Myers, Mark Pallotta, Shirley Stanton, Skip Tarasuk, Bryan Towns, Ron Tucker, Frank Washenitz, Bob White, and Dixie Yann. Also in attendance were President Rose and President's Council members Ann Booth, Fred Fidura, Bill Finley, Christina Lavorata, Rick Porto, and David Tamm.

At the request of Chairman Tucker, Judy Biafore conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Scott Ullom entered after roll call. All were present.

B. Public Comment

Skip Tarasuk reported that no one signed up for public comment.

C. Approval of Agenda

Matt Jacques made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

D. Presentation of Certificates

Chairman Tucker presented outgoing members with certificates of appreciation. The outgoing members were Mr. Skip Tarasuk and Mr. Scott Ullom.

E. Introduction of Bond Counsel and Underwriter and Progress on Bond Refunding

Mr. Rick Porto noted that Mr. Skip Tarasuk was responsible for bringing the refunding option of bonds to light. Mr. Porto then introduced Mr. Greg Isaacs who discussed the option of refinancing the bonds. Mr. Isaacs was part of the team that worked on the original bond funding in 2002-2003.

Mr. Porto stated refunding the bonds will pass a savings of more than 11 million dollars to our students.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 21, 2012

Scott Ullom moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on May 3, 2012. Dixie Yann seconded. The motion passed.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Chairman Tucker stated that the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC) will hold its annual Board of Governors' Summit on July 20 and July 21. This provides an opportunity to meet training requirements and allows for the introduction of board counterparts throughout the state.
- B. The Chairman also reminded everyone that the faculty and staff cookout will be held on July 19th at the Shaw House from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- C. He also reported that the School of Fine Arts is once again teaming up with Prickett's Fort and will be holding performances during the summer.
- D. Chairman Tucker reminded everyone that the first term of summer classes will end on June 22, 2012; the second summer term will begin June 25, 2012; and the fall semester will begin on August 20, 2012.
- E. Chairman Tucker informed everyone that the HEPC and the CT&CS will be releasing a publication from the College Completion Task Force. The task force includes five key components in its report; make graduation a visible and tangible priority across the state, reduce the time it takes for students to earn a college certificate or degree, improve developmental education, increase adult completion rates, and to connect funding to priorities. All of the information can be found on the official website of the HEPC.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. President Rose stated that new student orientations continue on campus, but we will have a two-week break from orientations over the Fourth of July period. Orientation will resume after that point and will continue through the start of classes in August.
- B. The President reported that we have a decrease in enrollment of returning students. Mr. Bill Finley has identified the areas across campus where those numbers are down. Leadership is making efforts in those areas to contact those students who have not yet registered.
- C. She reported that the campus is filled with camps this summer and included in those camps is Falcon Camp.

- D. Additionally, there have been and will be more basketball camps for both boys and girls. The Academy of the Arts will also have sessions in many subjects throughout the summer. There will also be a volleyball camp in July as well as other camps on campus.
- E. President Rose reported that there will be an IBM group on campus in the middle of July and our partnership continues to grow and flourish. Their lead will be coming from Dallas to work with our faculty, as well as with faculty from other schools. There will also be a summit help to discuss the future of the initiatives. Clients of IBM will also be present during this visit and summit.
- F. President Rose stated that the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Self-Study Site Visit will be occurring on campus at the end of October. Although our report is not final, all of the chapters have been written. People from across the campus have participated and Dr. Lavorata and Dean Peters are editing the content. More information will follow as the date approaches.
- G. Dr. Rose announced that our Communications and Publications team were in Charleston for the Public Relations Society of America Awards. This is statewide recognition; our team was competing against other institutions of higher learning, as well as against advertising agencies. Our team received awards for our Maroon & White publication, Katie Maloney of graphics received a first place award for her design of the Blue Jean Ball invitation and our be First campaign was also awarded. Judges were from out of the state.

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Foundation (Kim Pellillo)

Kim Pellillo states that the Foundation was granted additional neighborhood investment credits. Fairmont State University and Pierpont have been allocated the largest amount of credits in the state. The state recognizes that we are properly awarding these credits. There are about \$29,000 worth of additional credits that can be used by the end of the month.

The Foundation was represented at Teaming to Win. Board members from different areas were represented to market for our OSIX project within the state. The Open Source Intelligence Program will continue to be a major focus for the Foundation.

This week there was an event to start a scholarship for both institutions in memory of the late Bob Heffner.

There has already been a golf outing and plans have been laid for a fall golf outing. She stated that these are just some ways in which the Foundation helps to raise money.

The Foundation Board will meet on June 19th for its annual meeting. The Foundation is pleased to announce that there will be new members from the financial sector as well as from the oil and gas sector. These members will be able to help greatly in the future as the ways people donate change.

The Foundation, along with Mr. Tarasuk, helped to sponsor football season. A majority of that money went to student athlete scholarships. Brickstreet sponsored tickets to students in community public schools for achieving and maintaining higher GPA's. High school students were also invited to tour the press box. Because these initiatives were such a great success, the partnership will be continued with Brickstreet. A new scoreboard will be placed on the field through generous contributions from Brickstreet.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Scott Ullom moved to accept the following Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Financial Reports (March 2012 and April 2012)
- B. Capital Projects FY 2012

Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/ADMISSIONS

A. Approval of Revised Masters of Architecture

John Myers moved to accept the Revised Masters of Architecture Program. Bob White seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed.

B. Textbook Adoptions Report

Scott Ullom moved to accept the Textbook Adoptions Report. John Myers seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed.

VIII. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Skip Tarasuk, Chair)

Mr. Tarasuk reported that student life was good. Scott Ullom was introduced and in turn introduced the new student representative to the Board of Governors for the year 2012-2013, Mr. Bryan Foley. Scott Ullom reported that his trip to North Carolina for the Paws for People program, sponsored by the Office of the President, was a success and he hopes more can happen with the program in our State and especially on our campus. Scott gave a detailed report on how the dog training program (The Raider Project) works and how it will benefit special needs children. The program will also work with the correctional center in Pruntytown.

IX. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mark Pallotta, Chair)

Mr. Pallotta stated that the floor would be open for the Board to entertain any questions that anyone may have concerning the packet sent by email detailing the Finance Committee section for this meeting.

Mr. Pallotta asked Rick Porto, Vice President of Administrative and Fiscal Affairs, to summarize the remainder of the Finance Committee agenda items.

A. Tuition and Fee Policy 16 Update

Mark Pallotta made a motion to pass the Tutition and Fee Policy 16 Update. Scott Ullom seconded. The motion was passed.

B. 2013 Unrestricted Budget Approval

Scott Ullom made a motion to pass the 2013 Unrestricted Budget. Matt Jacques seconded. The motion was passed.

C. 2013 Auxiliary Budget Approval & 20-Year Falcon Center Master Plan Update

Bob White made a motion to pass the 2013 Auxiliary Budget Approval & 20-Year Falcon Center Master Plan. Scott Ullom seconded. The motion was passed.

D. Housing Master Plan Approval

Mr. Rick Porto states that he will look into options for a RFP for the private sector to look at the housing package being proposed and that information will be sent out to the Board Members.

Shirley Stanton made a motion to table the Housing Master Plan Approval until further investigation until an RFP has been made. Scott Ullom seconded. The motion was passed.

E. 2013 Chargeback Agreement

Mark Pallotta made a motion to accept the 2013 Chargeback Agreement. Bob White seconded. The motion passed.

F. 2013 Capital Projects

John Myers made a motion to accept the 2013 Capital Projects. Matt Jacques seconded. The motion passed.

X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Ron, Tucker, Chair)

There were no items to bring forth by the Executive Committee.

XI. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Shirley Stanton, Chair)

There were no items to bring forth by the By-Laws Committee.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. DISCUSS SELECTION OF OFFICERS

Bob Mild moved to convene into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Mark Pallotta seconded.

Bob Mild made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Matt Jacques seconded. The motion passed.

XIII. NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A. Election of Board of Governors' Officers

Skip Tarasuk, Nominating Committee Chair, states that the Committee recommends Ron Tucker as Chair, Dixie Yann as Vice-Chair and Bob Mild as Secretary.

Scott Ullom made a motion to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendation to elect Ron Tucker as Chair, Dixie Yann as Vice-Chair, and Bob Mild as Secretary. John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Ron Tucker

Robert Mild

FSU Board of Governors' Chairman

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary