



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2022
BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV
WEBEX MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Rusty Hutson convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on August 18, 2022, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, at 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia, and via WebEx.

Note: With this meeting being conducted in person and via WebEx, 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 WebEx or present included:

At the request of Chair Hutson, Emily Swain, Executive Assistant to the Interim President and Board of Governors, conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Jon Dodds, Dr. Gina Fantasia, David Goldberg and Jason Henderson, Rusty Hutson, Jennifer Kinty, Kevin Rogers, Jay Puccio, Eli Dozer. Wendy Adkins and Jason Pizatella via WebEx. Deborah Prezioso was absent.

Others present were Interim President Dr. Dianna Phillips and Interim President's Executive Leadership Team members Greg Bamberger, Ken Fettig, Dr. Joseph Han, Christa Kwiatkowski, Jeff McCormick, and Dr. Cailey Murray. Others present included Dr. Tim Oxley, Interim Provost; Dr. Amanda Metcalf, Dean, College of Education and Human Performance; Rae Dyer, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; Alicia Kalka, AVP of Enrollment and Housing; Hannah Mersing, Assistant Director of Communication; Susan Ross, Executive Director of Academic Programs; Robin Yeager, Director of the Falcon Center; Dr. John Devault, AVP for Educational and Career Success; Jeff Miller, Tech Commons Manager; and members of the local media.

B. Public Comment

Emily Swain advised that no one signed up for public comment.

C. Approval of Agenda

David Goldberg made a motion to approve the agenda. Jay Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 7, 2022, AND JULY 25, 2022

Gina Fantasia made a motion to approve the July 7, 2022 and July 15, 2022 minutes. Kevin Rogers seconded. The motion passed.

III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Interim President's Report

Dr. Dianna Phillips advised the 2022-2023 Academic Year began last week.

Dr. Dianna Phillips advised a new state-wide funding model is in operation, as of July 2022. The Finance Committee has been apprised. Dr. Chris Treadway, from WVHEPC, met with senior leadership team to explain the model. A University Task Force has been launched to determine which weighted measures will be reported in the model. The Task Force's recommendation will be brought to the Academic Affairs Committee and the Board of Governors for approval. The selected weighted measures will be approved by HEPC by September.

Dr. Dianna Phillips noted the Council of President's met August 17th. At the meeting, it was shared West Virginia's college going rate fell from 49% to 45.3%. Some counties in state have a college going rate of less than 30%. Looking at solutions as a statewide group

B. Foundation Update – Rae Dyer

Ms. Rae Dyer, Fairmont State Foundation President, advised the annual Day of Giving will take place October 27, 2022.

Ms. Dyer advised Homecoming will take place Sept 22-24, 2022, and many donor events are planned.

Ms. Dyer advised the Foundation's audit will be completed by mid-September.

Ms. Dyer advised the Foundation is working to connect with various constituent groups and develop relationships, while establishing priorities for the coming year.

IV. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Wendy Adkins, Chair)

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, advised the committee hasn't met yet this year.

Ms. Adkins introduced Dr. Tim Oxley, Interim Provost and VP of Academic Affairs, and requested he provide an update.

Dr. Tim Oxley provided a review of Fairmont State's Graduate Report, authored by Dr. Susan Ross, which provides an annual progress of the graduate programs and is submitted to the WV HEPC. Dr. Oxley noted ten graduate programs are fully online and three programs are campus based.

Dr. Oxley advised approximately 1,100 sections of class are being taught this semester, across all programs. Total credit hour production is nearing 42,000.

V. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Jason Henderson, Chair)

Jason Henderson, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee met on July 28, 2022, and asked that Mr. Greg Bamberger provide an update.

Mr. Bamberger provided some athletic updates:

Fairmont State utilizes ImPACT for concussion baseline screening, as is required annually by the NCAA.

Close to 400 student-athletes have reported to campus.

Athletics is following the University's COVID guidelines. There are no testing requirements currently issues by the NCAA or MEC. 86% of student athletes have been vaccinated according to Student Health.

Mr. Bamberger provided an overview of facility updates.

Three new athletic trainers have been hired and the institution is now adequately staffed.

Athletics has an open Sports Information Director position.

Athletics added two new coaches for this year for wrestling and softball.

VI. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Deborah Prezioso, Chair)

Deborah Prezioso, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, was not in attendance. However, Cailey Murray, Interim General Council, advised that the Bylaws Committee did not meet and there is no report.

VII. ENROLLMENT, HOUSING & STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Jay Puccio, Chair)

Jay Puccio, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, advised that the Enrollment Committee met on August 3, 2022, and asked Mr. Ken Fettig, Vice President for Student Success, to provide an update.

Mr. Ken Fettig shared the following information:

Introduced Dr. John Devalt, AVP for Educational and Career Success, as Staff Council Representative to the WV Advisory Council to Commissioned Employees. Mr. Fettig thanked Dr. Robin Yeager for her service in the position.

Provided an update on application data for Fall of 2022. For the Fall 2022 cycle, future updates will only report on enrollment numbers since the application window for new full-time students has closed.

The Admissions Office closed the online admissions window five days earlier this year, and only allowed for admission with exception during that time.

Provided a review of both internal and external headwinds faced by admissions staff this year, including decrease in both number and college-going rate of high school seniors, sunseting programs, increase in tuition and fees, leadership transitions in many areas.

Provided a review of admissions accolades for the recruiting year.

Provided a review of retention efforts and partnership.

Provided an update on Fall 2023 applications. Applications are open with 204 submitted applications and 99 admitted students.

Provided an update on next steps within Student Success, including appreciative student services, EAB Navigate, international recruitment, refresh marketing, parent engagement, and institutional research noting that a new Director of Institutional Research will be interviewed next week.

Provided an update on Housing/Residents life, noting more Fairmont State students are living in residence halls than last year, including two students from the University of Calabria. However, total occupancy is slightly down considering this will be our first year with zero PC&TC students.

VIII. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Jennifer Kinty, Chair)

Jennifer Kinty, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the Finance Committee met on August 9, 2022. Ms. Kinty stated the committee discussed the funding formula and a more detailed financial review at the program level. Ms. Kinty asked Ms. Christa Kwiatkowski, CFO, to provide a brief update.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided a summary of the May 2022 and June 2022 financials, which were provided in the board packet.

David Goldberg made a motion to accept the following:

A. Financial Reports for the periods ending, May 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022

Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised the audit is underway and will be issued in mid-October by the deadline. She also advised state appropriations were increased, but those dollars are budgeted for employee salary increases.

Dr. Phillips advised Fairmont State has reached an agreement with Pierpont on a fee for service plan for the Aerospace Center. Additionally, an agreement was reached on an amendment for shared use space. Pierpont will be responsible to pay \$450,000 this academic year. Pierpont must notify Fairmont State by December 2022 of intent going forward. From there, negotiations will begin for the next academic year. Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised that Pierpont is up to date on fee for service payments and that the first half of the debt payment is expected by October 1st.

X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Pizatella advised that the Executive Committee met August 4, 2022. The committee discussed the ongoing lease extension and fee for service agreement with Pierpont Community and Technical College (Pierpont) at Fairmont State's Robert C. Byrd National Aerospace Education Center as well as the ongoing Presidential Search Committee process.

Mr. Pizatella also advised that he spoke on behalf of the institution at the Legislative Post Audits Subcommittee meeting in July along with Dr. Kathleen Nelson, Interim President of Pierpont, to provide a current status of the Pierpont and Fairmont State separation agreement.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to bring to the board.

XI. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jason Pizatella made a motion to go into Executive Session Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), (b)(9) and (b)(12) to discuss personnel matters and all pending litigation.

David Goldberg seconded. The motion passed.

David Golberg made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

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

XII. ADJOURNMENT

David Goldberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.



08-25-2022

FSU Board of Governors' Chair

Rusty Hutson

Date



8/25/2022

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary

Jason Pizatella

Date