



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 7, 2022
BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV
WEBEX MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair David Goldberg convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on July 7, 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 Goldberg, Serena Scully, Chief of Staff, 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. Wendy Adkins, Rusty Hutson, Jennifer Kinty, Deborah Prezioso, Jason Pizatella, Jay Puccio and Kevin Rogers were present via WebEx. Maiya Bennett was absent.

Others present were Executive Leadership Team members Greg Bamberger, Ken Fettig, Dr. Joseph Han, Christa Kwiatkowski, Jeff McCormick, Dr. Cailey Murray, and Dr. Dianna Phillips. Others present included Dr. Tim Oxley, Dean, College of Business and Aviation; Dr. Amanda Metcalf, Dean, College of Education and Human Performance; Joel Kirk, Chief Flight Instructor; Rae Dyer, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; Tim Liebrecht, Director of Development for the Fairmont State Foundation; Alicia Kalka, AVP of Enrollment and Housing; Hannah Mersing, Assistant Director of Communication; Susan Ross, Executive Director of Academic Programs; Eli Dozer, Upcoming Student Board Representative; Ashley Maxey, Director of Human Resources; Robin Yeager, Director of the Falcon Center; Spencer Flanagan, Assistant Director of the Falcon Center; Tresa Weimer, AVP of Student Success; and members of the local media.

B. Public Comment

Serena Scully advised that no one signed up for public comment.

C. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to approve the agenda. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2022; MAY 18, 2022 AND JUNE 10, 2022

Jason Henderson made a motion to approve the May 5, 2022; May 18, 2022 and June 10, 2022 meeting minutes. Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Provost's Report

Provost Phillips advised that an academic programming letter was received from HEPC. They are asking for information on four programs: A.S. in Architectural Engineering Technology, A.S. in Electronics Engineering Technology, B.A. in Spanish, and B.A. in Music. Two of the programs (Architecture and Music) have already been discontinued. The Spanish program was recently reviewed. The Electronics Engineering Technology program will be reviewed this fall. The discussion will take place in the Academic Affairs committee and will be brought to the Board. The response is required to HEPC by October.

Dr. Phillips advised that there have been several meetings regarding the Police Academy in the last few weeks. The academy will be launched in the spring.

Dr. Phillips also advised that the Governors Honors Academy is finishing their second week on campus. There are over 80 students on campus. Fairmont State will be hosting the Academy for the next two years.

B. Foundation Update – Tim Liebrecht

Mr. Tim Liebrecht, Director of Development, gave an update on behalf of Nic Oxley from the Fairmont State Foundation.

Mr. Liebrecht advised that Rae Dyer has accepted the role of President of the Fairmont State Foundation. Ms. Dyer has 20 years of experience in non-profit organizations.

Mr. Liebrecht provided the following financial information:

- FY 2022 (unaudited) investments were 35.1 million
- FY 2022 gifts and donations were just over 3.2 million
- FY 2022 scholarship payout was \$1,689,533
- FY 2022 there was an investment loss of 1.5 million
- Upcoming year scholarship payment is 1.25 million

Mr. Liebrecht advised that the athletic facility proposal has been completed. The proposal will go to athletics and URM later today.

The Falcon Day of Giving is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th with a goal of \$350,000.

IV. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Wendy Adkins, Chair)

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, advised that the Academic Affairs Committee has not met and asked that Dr. Dianna Phillips provide an update.

Dr. Phillips advised that the only informational item was the HEPC memorandum that was received, which was discussed in the Provost's Report.

V. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Jason Pizatella, Chair)

Jason Pizatella, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee met on May 26, 2022 and asked that Mr. Greg Bamberger provide an update.

Mr. Bamberger provided some athletic updates:

Fairmont State finished in third place in the 2021-2022 MEC Commissioners Cup.

Athletics has added full-time coaches, as well as readjusted scholarship allocation. These items are in the strategic plan.

Effective this week, 3 new assistant athletic trainers have been hired. We now have 4 full time athletic trainers.

3 weeks from today, the football team will report to campus.

Janet Floyd, Faculty Athletic Representative, put together a student athlete exit survey. Only 27 of 63 responded, but the results were very positive.

VI. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Deborah Prezioso, Chair)

Deborah Prezioso, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised that the Bylaws Committee did not meet and asked Cailey Murray, Assistant General Counsel to give an update.

Cailey Murray advised that 30-day public comment period for Policy 8: Social Justice has ended and there were not comments received.

Dr. Fantasia advised she has received concerns from faculty and requested that the concerns be discussed at an upcoming Bylaws Committee meeting.

The policy repeal request will be held to address the potential concerns.

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 June 14th and asked Mr. Ken Fettig, Vice President for Student Success, to provide an update.

Mr. Ken Fettig shared the following information:

A slide of definitions was shared to ensure everyone understands the terms that are being used in reports and updates.

For Fall 2022, submitted applications are down approximately 3% compared to prior year, completed applications are up approximately 8% compared to prior year. Admits and new student enrolled numbers are up from this time last year. Depending on the day reporting, admits are up approximately 8% compared to prior year and new student enrollments are up 20+%.

Currently, the College of Science and Technology is leading the way with the most applications by College.

Currently, 230 more freshmen have been admitted at this point in time compared to this time last year.

New student orientations have been very well attended; 928 students have registered for orientations.

Sarah Elizabeth Sakaguchi, Coordinator of EPICS, International Students and Programs began over the last few weeks.

The Fall 2023 application has been opened. This is the earliest that the application has been opened.

Housing occupancy for fall 2022 is down 3%. This is the first year that Pierpont students will not be housed on our campus.

Rusty Hutson advised that we really need to take a hard look at how the numbers are going to be moving forward and budget on those numbers.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Rusty Hutson, Chair)

Rusty Hutson, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the Finance Committee met on June 8th and asked Mrs. Christa Kwiatkowski, CFO, to provide a brief update.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided a summary of the March and April financials, which were provided in the board packet.

Deborah Prezioso made a motion to accept the following:

A. Financial Reports for the periods ending March 31, 2022, and April 30, 2022

Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided information regarding the debt service coverage. David Goldberg requested that the bond disclosure certificate be presented to the finance committee in spring 2023, once it is uploaded.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided information regarding the fiscal year 2023 unrestricted education & general budget. Dr. Phillips advised that there is money going forward for strategic capital purchases, including support for the Aviation program.

Jason Henderson made a motion to accept the following:

B. FY23 Unrestricted Education & General Budget

Deborah Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided information regarding the fiscal year 2023 unrestricted fund manager budget.

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to accept the following:

C. FY23 Unrestricted Fund Manager Budget

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided information regarding the fiscal year 2023 auxiliary budget.

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to accept the following:

D. FY23 Auxiliary Budget

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

IX. NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Kevin Rogers, Chair)

Kevin Rogers, Chair of the Nominating Committee, advised that the Nominating Committee met on May 12th and discussed/agreed on a new slate of officers for the upcoming year. The committee included Kevin Rogers, Jason Henderson and Jennifer Kinty.

Kevin Rogers made a motion to accept the below Board of Governors' Officers:

Rusty Hutson – Chair
David Goldberg – Vice-Chair
Jason Pizatella – Secretary

Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. David Goldberg, Rusty Hutson, and Jason Pizatella abstained. The motion passed.

X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Goldberg advised that the Executive Committee has not meet.

X. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to bring to the board.

XI. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deborah Prezioso 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 the separation agreement with Pierpont CTC, the Interim President's contract, personnel matters, and all pending litigation.

Jason Pizatella seconded. The motion passed.

Rusty Hutson made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

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

Chair Goldberg advised that there was discussion regarding the completion of the agreement with Pierpont regarding their extension, which will be a minimum of one year. Management will work with Pierpont to ensure the agreement is solidified.

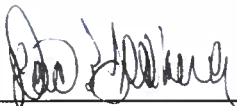
Mr. Goldberg also advised there was discussion of Dr. Phillips Interim President contract. Rusty Hutson, Council and Dr. Phillips will resolve the Interim President contract prior to the July 18th start date.

Mr. Goldberg also advised that pending litigation was discussed.


Chair Goldberg advised that a meeting will be scheduled later this month to solidify the Interim President's contract.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.



David Goldberg 7/15/2022 FSU Board of Governors' Chair
Date



Deborah Prezioso 7/21/2022 FSU Board of Governors' Secretary
Date