

**Fairmont State College
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES
January 15, 2002**

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Fairmont State College Board of Governors was held on January 15, 2002, at 3:00 p.m. in the Fireside Room. Present at the meeting were Board Members: Janette Albert, Stephen Brooks, James Griffin, Robert Kittle, Ann Lester, Dick Martin, Larry Mazza, Connie Moore, Phil Reale, and Michael Vetere. Also in attendance were Dan Bradley, President, Michael Belmear, Fred Fidura, Mort Gamble, Larry Haffner, Sarah Hensley, Larry Lawrence, Blair Montgomery, Rick Porto, and Denise Whittaker in addition to faculty and staff representatives.

Committee meetings were held prior to the business meeting.

Chairman Brooks called the meeting to order. He briefly clarified the duties of the committees for the Board and reiterated that the Full Board will make all final decisions with information brought from the different committee reports.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Reale moved approval of the minutes of November 8, 2001. Mr. Kittle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3. Financial Report

Rick Porto distributed a financial report handout, using the new Banner System, to the Board for their review. Rick also introduced his Business Office personnel who are involved with the implementation of the Banner System.

4. President's Report

Dr. Bradley announced that the FSC Cheerleaders recently competed in the National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida and took first place for the second year in a row. A recommendation was made to recognize the group at the next meeting.

Dr. Bradley reported that in the next couple of weeks an RFP for a criteria developer for the parking garage and residence halls will be generated. Design-Build should save the College considerable time and money. A request needs to be made to the WVHEPC to transfer all the land associated with Fairmont State College to the Governing Board. The current plan is that the bonds will be issued by the Fairmont Building Commission. Hopefully, Fairmont State can go forward with the bonding by

April 1, 2002. FSC is currently looking for a location to house an Outreach Center in downtown Fairmont. A couple of different facilities are being considered.

Dr. Bradley introduced and welcomed two new employees: Tim Oxley, Director of the Caperton Center and Dr. Janet Perry, Director of Quality Improvement. The President invited the Board of Governors to a reception for Mr. Oxley, scheduled for Tuesday, January 22nd , 4:30 – 6:30 p.m., at the Caperton Center.

The Chancellor, with direction from SB 703 , is in the process of developing a tuition and fees policy that is generating a great deal of controversy. This subject will be addressed again at the policy meeting in Charleston this week. The Chancellor is suggesting that tuition be tied to peer institutions.

Dr. Bradley reported a problem with response time to requests from the Policy Commission regarding reports and positions. There is often not enough time to bring items before the Board for review.

The President has been meeting with people regarding formation of the President's Advisory Committee on Equity and Diversity with regard to recruiting minority faculty, staff and students.

Dr. Bradley referred to Tab 2 in reference to the "university" status for West Virginia colleges. Criteria is currently being developed using Maryland's policy as a guide.

Legislature is likely to approve \$125,000,000 in bonds for the universities and colleges with FSC getting approximately 12 1/2 million for facility improvements for an Engineering Tech Building; an elevator for Hunt-Haught Hall and removal of the bridge; the Library addition inner campus project; and the Performing Arts Center.

5. Committee Reports

Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee

Mr. Martin reviewed the committee's recommendation on the following proposals: **RESOLVED**, That the Fairmont State College Board of Governors approve the Graduate Programs and Proposals and direct the President to so inform the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. After discussion the recommendation was approved.

RESOLVED, That the Fairmont State College Board of Governors approve the proposed Procedures and Guidelines for Conducting Program Reviews and direct the President to so inform the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. After discussion the recommendation was approved.

RESOLVED, That the Board accept the report on initial offering of five discrete master's level courses by Fairmont State College. After discussion the recommendation was approved.

The committee brought to the Fairmont State College Board of Governors for discussion a draft policy for the use of alcohol at college events. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting to solicit comments from the campus community. A suggestion was made to place the policy on the college web site for more accessible comment possibilities.

The committee brought to the Fairmont State College Board of Governors for discussion the changes regarding the requirements for Admission Standards.

Finance, Personnel, Facilities, External Relations Committee

Mr. Brooks reviewed the committee's recommendation on the following proposals:

RESOLVED, That the Fairmont State College Board of Governors approve the acquisition of properties for the purpose of implementing the facilities Master Plan. After discussion the recommendation was approved.

RESOLVED, That the Fairmont State College Board of Governors request that the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission transfer all real property associated with Fairmont State College to the Board of Governors and direct the President to so inform the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission. After discussion the recommendation was approved.

RESOLVED, That the Fairmont State College Board of Governors approve Fairmont State College's Ten-Year Campus Master Plan. After discussion the recommendation was approved.

RESOLVED, That the Fairmont State College Board of Governors approve the establishment of a relationship with the City of Fairmont Building Commission to facilitate the sale of bonds. The purpose of this partnership is to provide favorable bond rating and rates. After discussion the recommendation was approved. The committee noted that a draft Phased Retirement Plan is currently open for public comment.

Community and Technical College Programs and Off-Campus Service Committee
Mr. Griffin gave an overview of a couple of new items. Blair Montgomery gave a brief report regarding the plans for market analysis. The other item is the acquisition of property in East Fairmont. Discussion followed.

6. Constituent Reports

Allen Colebank gave brief remarks regarding Faculty Senate.

Vickie Findley shared the purposes of the Faculty Assembly.
Sharon Glasscock brought greetings from the Classified Staff Council.
Janette Albert gave a report regarding the activities of the Student Government.

7. Committee of the Whole

Old Business

Received a response from the Chancellor's office regarding approval of Policies 1-4 and 6-8.

New Business

Recommended that the need for more turn around time with the Policy Commission be addressed by the President to the Chair of the Commission.

Mort Gamble referred to the latest brochures being used for the annual fund effort and reported that this year's FSC Foundation Annual Fund Campaign has raised \$266,000, up more than \$47,000 over last year. The goals that were recommended by Goettler Associates were to strengthen the annual fund and to implement, with the President's help, a Leadership Awareness Program.

Mr. Brooks reported that there have been two vacancies on the Board since July 1. Contact with the Governor's office has informed us that two appointments will be confirmed and the Governor will be issuing a press release in the very near future.

Dr. Bradley reported that North Central Association will make a visit on February 11 and 12, to give us authority to offer degree programs at the Aerospace Center and to allow us to offer full degree programs at outreach sites.

Wheeling Symphony will be here on Friday, January 25, 2001. If tickets are needed, contact Sherrie.

8. Executive Session

Mr. Brooks entertained a motion to go into Executive Session for a personnel matter. Mr. Reale moved that we go into executive session pursuant of §6-9A-4 (b)-(2)(A) of the WV State Code with the purpose of discussing a personnel issue.

Mr. Kittle seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of executive session, the Board reconvened in open session and the following action was taken:

9. Personnel Issue

Mr. Reale moved the adoption of the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the Board modify the existing contract for President Bradley to the extent that he be allowed to depart from participation in PEIA and in lieu thereof that additional compensation be provided for him to cover the cost of comparable insurance that he presently has available to him through the State of Montana.

Mr. Griffin seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Brooks gave a reminder of the future meeting dates: February 28, April 11, June 13. Committees at 2 p.m. and full board meeting at 3 p.m.

Dr. Bradley reported that the future Financial Reports would probably be as much as six weeks out of date because of turn around time. Reports would be generated only once a month. Rick will run an unofficial report a day or two before we send agenda booklet out to everyone.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Stephen Brooks
Board of Governors Chairman