

**Fairmont State
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MINUTES
October 2, 2003**

1. Call to Order

A meeting of the Fairmont State Board of Governors was held on October 2, 2003 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Merchant Street property. Present at the meeting were Board Members: Janice Denison, Jim Estep, Heather Garrison, Jim Griffin, Dick Martin, Larry Mazza, Connie Moore, Diana Phillips, Jason Raimy and Phil Reale, Absent was: Bob Kittle. Also in attendance were President Dan Bradley, Michael Belmear, Mike Burns, Fred Fidura, Mort Gamble, Sarah Hensley, Larry Lawrence, Blair Montgomery, Rick Porto and Maria Rose.

Committee meetings were held prior to the business meeting.

Chairman Griffin called the meeting to order.

2. Award Recognition of Toni Riley “WV NCAA Woman of the Year”

3. Approval of the Minutes

Phil Reale moved approval of the minutes of August 14, 2003. Connie Moore seconded the motion. Motion carried.

4. President’s Report

President gave report to the Board.

5. Constituent Reports

Allen Colebank reported for the Faculty Senate.

Blair Montgomery substituted for Vickie Findley with the report of Faculty Assembly.

Beverly Jones reported for the Classified Staff Council.

Jason Raimy reported for Student Government.

6. Finance Report

Rick Porto gave report to the Board.

7. Committee Reports

Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee

The committee brought before the Board for approval the following proposals:

1) RESOLVED that the Fairmont State Board of Governors wishes “University” status for Fairmont State College and instructs the President to submit a letter of request to that effect to the Higher Education Policy Commission in time to be considered at the commission’s meeting in December 2003. Motion carried.

2) RESOLVED that it is the intent of the Fairmont State Board of Governors to prohibit outside vendors from soliciting on Fairmont State property. This includes all outside vendors. Tabled for additional discussion.

Phil Reale moved that the Board of Governors adopt a policy that prohibits the solicitation of students by any credit extending agency on campus. Diana Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

3) RESOLVED that the Fairmont State Board of Governors approve a Graduate Emphasis in Special Education – Multi-Categorical as part of the existing Master of Education Degree. Motion carried.

4) RESOLVED that the Fairmont State Board of Governors approve an intent to plan a Graduate Reading Specialist Emphasis as part of the existing Master of Education Degree. Motion carried.

5) RESOLVED that the Fairmont State Board of Governors approve an intent to plan a “Stand-Alone” Master of Arts in Teaching with Two Options. Motion carried.

Finance, Personnel, Facilities, External Relations Committee

The committee brought before the Board for approval the following proposals:

1) RESOLVED that the Fairmont State Board of Governors approves of the college proceeding with the condemnation of the following two properties - 1200 Locust Avenue – 1204 Locust Avenue. Motion carried.

2) RESOLVED that the Fairmont State Board of Governors approves the addition of the Braxton County Center to the Fairmont State 10 year facilities master plan. Motion carried.

Community and Technical College Programs and Off-Campus Service Committee

The committee recommended to the Board approval of the program reviews with the discontinuation of the Avionics Line Maintenance certificate and the Avionics Maintenance associate degree. Motion carried.

8. Committee of the Whole

2004 Meeting Schedule was accepted.

9. Old Business

Dick Martin gave a report for the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee would like to recommend that an Audit Committee be established that is independent of the Finance, Personnel, Facilities, External Relations Committee. Motion carried. Those serving on that committee are Dick Martin, Larry Mazza and Janice Denison Staff members include: Rick Porto and Dan Bradley.

10. New Business

1. Reminder of Board of Governors Workshop, in Charleston, on October 10, 2003.
2. Resolution from Fairmont State regarding budget cuts. Phil Reale moved adoption of the following resolution as read orally and subject to editing changes:

BE IT RESOLVED, that:

The Board of Governors of Fairmont State College finds that any additional reduction of state appropriations in higher education funding for Fairmont State College, and Fairmont State Community and Technical College, and their programs, will work to the detriment of the State of West Virginia and particularly the citizens of north central West Virginia by diminishing the colleges' ability to prepare a work force for a rapidly diversifying economy in the colleges' service area, by reducing Fairmont State College's capacity to improve teacher quality for public school systems, by limiting access to higher education, and denying residents of north central West Virginia a fair opportunity for obtaining a state-supported higher education at a reasonable cost.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that:

The Board of Governors of Fairmont State College endorses a public policy of no further reallocations of state appropriations away from higher education and that said Board of Governors commits to a process of collaboration and cooperation with state leaders and policy makers to evaluate state revenue sources, study and make recommendations for new or increased revenue sources for state government, as well as to study and recommend means by which additional efficiency and economy may be implemented in West Virginia higher education that does not reduce Fairmont State College's and Fairmont State Community and Technical College's ability to maintain their respective efforts at addressing the higher education needs of north central West Virginia

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that:

The Board Chair, and the President of the College, or their designees, are authorized to convey the action of the Board to the constituencies of the institution, being the faculty, students and classified staff, the Governor of West Virginia, members of the West Virginia Legislature, and such other persons and organizations as may be in a position to urge the adoption of the policy recommended in this resolution.

Larry Mazza seconded. Motion carried.

11. Executive Session

Phil Reale moved that the Board go into executive session pursuant to WV code 6-9A-4b-2A, to discuss a personnel matter. Larry Mazza seconded the motion. Motion carried.

At the conclusion of the executive session, a motion was made by Phil Reale and seconded by Connie Moore to reconvene in open session.

Phil Reale moved that the Board accept the annual evaluation of President Bradley as submitted and represented by the Executive Committee of the Board and further that the chair appoint a committee for the purpose of working with the President to refine the terms of an extended contract and generally study levels of compensation for the future of the President. Connie Moore seconded. Motion carried.

Jim Griffin appointed Phil Reale, Heather Garrison and Larry Mazza to serve on the evaluation committee.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Jim Griffin, Chair