

**Fairmont State University Board of Governors – Executive Committee**  
**Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 9:00am**  
**WebEx**  
**Meeting Minutes**

WebEx: Rusty Hutson, David Goldberg, Dr. Dianna Phillips, Jon Dodds, Wendy Adkins, Dr. Gina Fantasia, Emily Swain, Dr. Charles Shields

Absent: Jason Pizatella

**Call to Order**

Rusty Hutson called the February 8<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meeting to order at approximately 9:00am.

- Dr. Phillips provided an update on legal counsel.
  - Cailey Murray is working part-time and the institution has Steptoe and Johnson under contract.
  - The search for legal counsel is underway. Jason Pizatella is chairing the search committee with Ashely Maxey acting as co-chair. The committee hopes to have a candidate identified by the end of March.
  - David Goldberg requested the Board of Governors review potential candidates for the position. Dr. Phillips indicated there will be open forums for each finalist.
  
- Dr. Phillips provided an update on recruitment and enrollment.
  - Overall enrollment is up overall 3.7%
  - The Board noted retention efforts must be increased and supported.
    - Dr. Fantasia noted data is much more available now with the Office of Institutional Effectiveness fully staffed.
    - Dr. Phillips noted plans are underway to support retention efforts in the academic units through the Provost's Office as well as hiring a retention officer in Student Success.
  
- Dr. Phillips reported Pierpont has indicated they would like to remain in the Aviation Center. Dr. Phillips also noted Pierpont is aware that Fairmont State would like to have dedicated space in the Center for the flight program.
  - David Goldberg requested additional information on the status of Pierpont's building construction.
  
- Dr. Phillips provided budget update.
  - Dr. Phillips noted revenue is tracking ahead.
  - Dr. Phillips noted the budget stabilization initiative is moving forward.
  
- Dr. Phillips reported the State of the University address is planned for tomorrow for faculty and staff.

- Dr. Charles Shields provided Board of Governors members with an update of the presidential search process.
- Dr. Phillips informed the Board that a new student BOG member was elected, Richard Austin. He will be sworn in at the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. A new advisor has also been selected for the organization.
- Fairmont State will host the Game Changer event on campus on February 21<sup>st</sup> for area high school students.

### **Adjournment**

Chairman Hutson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:51



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Rusty Hutson, Committee Chair

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