



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2012, 9:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chairman Ron Tucker convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University (FSU) Board of Governors on February 16, 2012, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Falcon Center, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

Present for the meeting were board members John Myers, Matt Jacques, Robert Mild, Mark Pallotta, Skip Tarasuk, Bryan Towns, Ron Tucker, Frank Washenitz, Scott Ullom, and Bob White. Board member Dixie Yann participated via conference call and Shirley Stanton was absent. Also in attendance were FSU Interim President Rose and President's Council members Ann Booth, Fred Fidura, Bill Finley, Christina Lavorata, Rick Porto, Quentin Johnson, and David Tamm.

At the request of Chairman Tucker, Judy Biafore conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. One member was absent and eleven members were present.

Chairman Tucker recognized past members Janet Crescenzi and Jim Kettering for their dedication and hard work and acknowledged them with Certificates of Appreciation from FSU and the Board of Governors. Jim Kettering was in attendance and was presented his certificate by Chairman Tucker.

Chairman Tucker welcomed and introduced new board members John Myers and Dixie Yann.

B. Public Comment

Skip Tarasuk reported that Jaci Webb-Dempsey, FSU Faculty Senate President, signed up for public comment. She requested that faculty be able to participate in the Presidential Search process. A letter was sent to Chairman Tucker to request that there be consideration to faculty schedules when bringing candidates on campus. Dr. Webb-Dempsey also requested to have a website with the credentials of all of the candidates.

C. Approval of Agenda

Bob Mild made a motion to approve the agenda. Matt Jacques seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 15, 2011

Scott Ullom moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 15, 2011. Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Chairman Tucker reported that a group of Intercollegiate Athletic Consultants will be on campus. These consultants will meet with students, faculty members, players, community members, and Board of Governors members. These folks will be here to lead the way from where we are to where we want to be.
- B. Chairman Tucker reported that the Legislature and Governor Tomblin passed a bill earlier this week that provides some relief for other post-employment benefits, which will relieve some of the financial liability that we have incurred because of OPEB.
- C. Chairman Tucker announced that this coming weekend will be the 20th Annual Leadership Conference sponsored by Student Affairs. Judge Michael Aloï will be one of the presenters.
- D. The new recruitment calling campaign has started. Students are being asked to complete applications.
- E. Chairman Tucker announced that FSU Accounting students are offering their services to help with tax preparation.
- F. Chairman Tucker shared the rest of the Basketball schedule, and encouraged the Board of Governors' members to attend these last games.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. President Rose reported that faculty members have already submitted 4-week grades. This initiative was formed a few years back in order to give students more time to take the needed steps to improve D's or F's in classes.
- B. She stated that we currently have two ROTC instructors on staff that are fully funded through a grant from the National Guard. We have 15 students enrolled in courses. These students may complete their first two years of classes here, then through a cross-town agreement with WVU, they will be able to complete these courses at WVU while remaining an FSU or Pierpont Student.
- C. President Rose stated that we are finalizing an articulation agreement with the West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine in Lewisburg. This is designed for pre-med, exercise science, chemistry majors among others. The Osteopathic school will be a good fit for our students.

- D. She mentioned that summer school schedules are now available, and we soon hope to offer year-round course schedules.
- E. President Rose said that we are working on our emergency preparedness procedures. A shelter-in-place drill was conducted in the fall. From this drill, we learned that several people did not receive the emergency text message until hours later. We have been working with the IT department on a solution, and they have identified a service provider called Connect Yard. This will make the emergency text system much more efficient.
- F. President Rose will attend the Higher Education Policy Commission Meeting this week and will send a summary in next week's weekly update.
- G. President Rose announced that the Men's Cross Country team has been named NCAA Division II Cross Country All-Academic Team, with a combined G.P.A. of 3.35
- H. President Rose also announced that Matt Wilmer has been named NCAA Division II Statistical Champion for punt returns.

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Foundation (Kim Pellillo)

President Rose reported that Kim Pellillo and Gary Bennett were attending an Executive Committee Meeting and were unable to attend this Board meeting. She reported that the Foundation recently welcomed four new members. They are Brent Skidmore, Blair Montgomery, William Holmes, and Craig Walker.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Skip Tarasuk moved to accept the following Consent Agenda as presented.

- A. Financial Reports (November 2011 and December 2011)
- B. Capital Projects FY 2012

Scott Ullom seconded. The motion passed.

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/ADMISSIONS

- A. Strategic Enrollment Planning Timeline – Information Only
- B. Chairman Tucker announced that this is an information only item and that Dr. Quentin Johnson, Senior Vice-President for Student Services and Enrollment Management is available to answer questions.

- C. Chairman Tucker asked for an update on enrollment. He also asked what the patterns are coming into the second semester. Dr. Johnson stated that we are slightly down this semester in returning students. The largest percentage of that decline was due to new Financial Aid Integrity guidelines that were mandated in July. The Satisfactory Academic Progress guidelines are stricter than in the past. We had 71 students who lost federal financial aid this semester. These students may return but must first sit out a semester, and pay out of pocket for a successfully completed semester of at least 12 hours. Dr. Rose has charged the retention committee to see how we need to engage students in a different way to enhance what we are currently doing to identify at risk students. He stated that part of the problem is when students drop below full-time status. The 4-week grade program that President Rose mentioned will help keep students accountable and successful in completing their courses.
- D. President Rose mentioned that students will begin pre-registering for the fall semester after spring-break. Through this process, the deans and faculty members will be notified of students who are not enrolled and will be asked to contact them before the students leave for the summer in hopes of getting them to register.
- E. Dr. Christina Lavorata gave an update on preparations for the upcoming Higher Learning Commission Accreditation visit and the accreditation process.

VIII. STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Skip Tarasuk, Chair)

Mr. Tarasuk asked Dr. Johnson to report on student housing and the Student Leadership Conference.

- A. Dr. Johnson reported that in the past, student housing has quickly filled, and we have had to house some students at the Red Roof Inn. These students became retention risks and many of them did end up leaving FSU. He said they are working with our current housing structure trying to find a way to keep students on campus. While working with residence life staff, Rick Porto, and the Physical Plant team, they came up with a model to triple students in some rooms, creating 80 new spots for students. He stated that we are at 97% capacity.
- B. Dr. Johnson announced that the Office of Student Activities is hosting the 20th Annual Student Leadership Conference, which is a statewide event.

IX. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mark Pallotta, Chair)

Mark Pallotta asked Rick Porto to introduce Stephanie Slaubaugh and Tom Tucker of the Physical Plant

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Rick Porto announced that Stephanie Slaubaugh and Tom Tucker have stepped up to fill in for Jim Decker who resigned in January. Stephanie is a FSU alum. She is working on projects connected to the FolkLife Center and the Byrd Center. She is also working to improve the website. Tom Tucker has been the Assistant Director of the Physical Plant and is now the Interim Assistant Vice President.

Rick Porto reported that there are four major capital projects that have been funded by HEPC bonds.

1. The library elevator project (\$2 million) has gone to bid to two vendors. Construction should start in April.
2. Wallman Hall will go to bid in early April with construction to begin in mid-May.
3. The Turley Center will probably go to bid in early May with construction beginning in July.
4. Hardway Hall will go to bid in June with construction to start in early August. All of our projects are on schedule and are fully funded.

Mr. Pallotta stated that the finance committee recommends the approval of the housing plan.

A. Approval of Housing Plan

Bob Mild made a motion to accept the Housing Plan. Scott Ullom seconded. The motion passed.

B. Initial Refunding Bond Resolution

Bryan Towns made a motion to accept the Initial Refunding Bond Resolution. Matt Jacques seconded. The motion passed.

X. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Ron, Tucker, Chair)

There were no items to bring forth by the Executive Committee.

XI. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Shirley Stanton, Chair)

There were no items to bring forth by the By-Laws Committee.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bob Mild made a motion to go into Executive Session, Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

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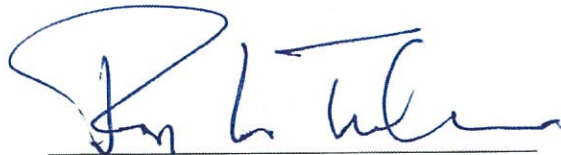
Bryan Towns made a motion to reconvene in open session. Scott Ullom seconded. The motion passed.

Scott Ullom made a motion to convene a meeting of the Presidential Search Committee on February 27, at 4:00 p.m. Matt Jacques seconded. The motion passed.

Skip Tarasuk made a motion to agree to hire a firm to complete the vetting process regarding the presidential search. Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Mark Pallotta moved to adjourn the meeting. Skip Tarasuk seconded. The motion passed.



Ron Tucker

FSU Board of Governors' Chairman



Robert Mild

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary