



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
FEBRUARY 21, 2013, 9:00 A.M.  
BOARD ROOM, FALCON CENTER  
1201 LOCUST AVE., FAIRMONT, WV

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. Roll Call**

Chairman Ron Tucker convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University (FSU) Board of Governors on February 21, 2013, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Falcon Center, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

At the request of Chairman Tucker, Judy Biafore conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members John Myers, Matt Jacques, Mark Pallotta, Chris Courtney, Bryan Towns, Ron Tucker, Bob White, Bryan Foley, and Dixie Yann. Secretary Robert Mild was present after the roll call and board members Shirley Stanton and Frank Washenitz were absent. Also in attendance were President Rose and President's Council members Ann Booth, Fred Fidura, Rick Porto, and Kaye Widney. Athletic Director Rusty Elliott and FSU Classified Staff Council Chair Chris Daniels.

**B. Public Comment**

Chris Courtney reported that no one signed up for public comment.

**C. Approval of Agenda**

Matt Jacques made a motion to approve the agenda. Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 13, 2012**

Dixie Yann moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on December 13, 2012, with one typo correction (should be the word were instead of where) on page 6, section G. Bob White seconded. The motion passed.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A.** Chairman Tucker announced that Cary Holladay will be the Artist in Residence for this year and that there will be a reception to honor the Artist in Residence on Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Shaw House.

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- B. Chairman Tucker also gave an update on the basketball playoffs and the WVIAC Tournament that begins on February 26<sup>th</sup>. There will be an Alumni Reception at the Embassy Suites in Charleston on February 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 5:30 p.m.
- C. Chairman Tucker reported that Dr. Greg Noone from the College of Liberal Arts is a finalist for the West Virginia Professor of the Year Award. The winner of this award will be announced on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Charleston.
- D. He also stated that Spring Break is the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> this year and that over Spring Break, Honors, French, Business, and Architecture students will travel to Paris.
- E. Chairman Tucker also thanked the Board of Governors' Committees who have met since the last BOG meeting and he also thanked them for the important work that they do.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. President Rose reported that Fairmont State's Nursing licensure passage rates are the highest of the Associate Degree nursing students in the State and that the passage rate is 96.88%.
- B. She also reported that John Thompson, who is FSU's consultant for the IBM initiative, will be on campus in the next couple of weeks. In addition to the good progress on this project, the Open Source Intelligence Exchange (OSIX) Program recently received a monetary contribution from Lockheed Martin. The grant received for this program is now within \$2,000 of the \$100,000 match. Lockheed Martin has interviewed several FSU students and has hired some students as full-time employees and interns.
- C. President Rose stated that the West Virginia Legislature began its session on February 13 and because of the allocations to financial aid, FSU's budget cuts have increased from 7.5% to 8.94%, making our budget reduction increase from 1.4 to almost 1.6 million dollars for the upcoming year. She also stated that the outcomes-based funding legislation is progressing and anticipates that it will be introduced to the full Legislature soon. Also, Fairmont State University will participate in the Higher Education Day at the Legislature on March 21, 2013.

**V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Foundation (Gary Bennett)

Mr. Will Armistead reported for the Fairmont State Foundation. He stated the financial position of the FS Foundation through January 31, 2013 is as follows:

Total Assets of \$14,252,952  
Total Gifts \$1,122,000  
Total Revenue \$1,600,000  
Total Gifts in Revenue \$2,128,418  
Scholarships Awarded \$750,584,  
Operating Expenses \$201,893  
Fund expenses \$692,268  
Net Assets Increase for the Period \$155,423

Mr. Armistead also invited all in attendance to the Sergeant Todd May gift dedication ceremony on March 5, 2013, in the Falcon Center Board Room at 5:00 p.m. when the Monongalia Co. Sheriff's Association will make an endowed gift in honor of Todd May.

**B. Construction Updates (Tom Tucker)**

Mr. Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President of Facilities, presented each board member a construction update sheet on the Wallman Hall Mechanical & Electrical upgrades, the Turley Center Renovation, and the Hardway Hall Renovations. This information and weekly updates may be also be found on the website at <http://www.fairmontstate.edu/adminfiscalaffairs/physical-plant>. He also stated that they have begun working on compiling an updated capital projects list.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Dr. Bob Mild moved to accept the following Consent Agenda as presented.

**A. Financial Reports (ending 11/30/12 and 12/31/12)**

Mr. Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

**VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/ADMISSIONS (John Myers, Chair)**

John Myers, Chair of the Academic Affairs/Admissions Committee, stated there were no items to bring forth by the Academic Affairs/Admissions Committee.

**VIII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Frank Washenitz, Chair)**

President Maria Rose reported for Frank Washenitz, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee.

**A. She stated that the men's basketball team was ranked #3 in the Atlantic Region Poll for Men's College Basketball. This ranking helps make up the Division II, NCAA Basketball Tournament.**

- B. President Rose reported that men's basketball player Isaac Thornton was named Co-WVIAC Player of the Week and swimmers Kathryn Saurborn and David Dent have advanced to the NCAA swim finals.

The men's locker room will be dedicated soon. Meetings are being held concerning the renovation of the women's locker room and construction will begin soon. She also stated that basketball playoff games will be held on campus this Monday and Tuesday.

President Rose stated that this is the last year for the West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WVIAC) and that the new conference has been approved by the membership committee and is called the Mountain East Conference.

**IX. BOG OPERATING PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (Ron Tucker, Chair)**

Chairman Tucker stated there were no items to bring forth by the BOG Operating Procedures Committee.

**X. ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE (Bob White, Chair)**

- A. Mr. Bob White, Chair of the Enrollment Committee, reported that the Enrollment Committee has been reviewing areas causing enrollment to decline. He then introduced Kaye Widney, Vice President for Student Services, to explain the federal regulations and the impact the standards have on student completion rates.

**XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mark Pallotta, Chair)**

Mr. Mark Pallotta, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met January 25, 2013. The staff in Vice President Porto's office presented financial comparisons with several other institutions in the State and Fairmont State is very sound financially. Also discussed was the one room schoolhouse and the possibility of obtaining a grant from the Bowers Trust to help with renovations. Mr. Pallotta also reported that plans for the Housing Master Plan are moving forward.

- A. Mr. Pallotta introduced Cindy Curry, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources to discuss the revision of Policy #12 Phased Retirement.

Ms. Curry stated that the Public Comment Period ended January 28, 2013, and one comment was incorporated into the revised policy. John Myers made a motion to approve the revision of Board of Governors' Policy #12 Phased Retirement and Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

**XII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Ron, Tucker, Chair)**

Chairman Tucker stated there were no items to bring forth by the Executive Committee.

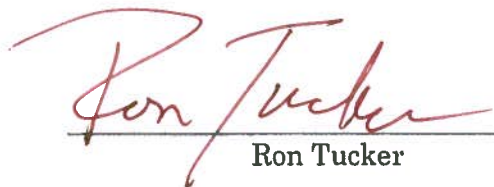
**XIII. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bob Mild made a motion to go into Executive Session "Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss Personnel Issues". Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

Bob Mild made a motion to reconvene in open session. Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

Mark Pallotta made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris Courtney seconded. The motion passed.

  
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Ron Tucker

FSU Board of Governors' Chairman

  
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Robert Mild

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary