



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 16, 2017
BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Dixie Yann convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University (FSU) Board of Governors on February 16, 2017, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, and 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

At the request of Chair Yann, Serena Scully conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Rachel Ball, Chris Courtney, Holly Fluharty, Bill Holmes, John Myers, Deborah Prezioso, John Schirripa, Bryan Towns, Frank Washenitz, and Dixie Yann. Budd Sapp was present following the roll call. Aaron Hawkins was absent.

Others present were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, Ann Mazza, Tim Oxley, Al Skudzinskas and Debbie Stiles. Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President for Facilities; Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager; Tim McNeely, Athletic Director; Chad Fowler, Assistant Athletic Director; Ryan Courtney, Director of Internal Operations; Pat Snively, Director of Athletic Compliance; RJ Gimbl, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; Carolyn Fletcher, Director of Accounting; Monica Cochran, Director of Procurement; Robin Yeager, Director of the Falcon Center; and Suttle & Stalnaker representatives Chris Deweese and Sarah Crouse. Members of local media were in attendance as well.

B. Public Comment

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

C. Approval of Agenda

John Myers made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Courtney seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 8, 2016

Bryan Towns made a motion to approve the minutes of December 8, 2016. Bill Holmes seconded. The motion passed.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Chair Yann gave special thanks for RJ Gimbl and Gary Bennett in regards to the \$2.55 million Schoolnic gift.
- B. Last week there was a Graduate Studies fair on campus. This week there was a Career Fair which included over 80 employers.
- C. Chair Yann reminded everyone that there is one remaining home basketball game on February 25th.
- D. The Chair reminded everyone of the next BOG meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 9:00.

IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- A. President Rose mentioned the upcoming Campus Visitation Day on March 25th.
- B. She also discussed that Fairmont State is participating in a project with the HEPC. It is an initiative focused on strategic course scheduling and resource allocation. Fairmont State will submit five years of course scheduling data and Ad Astra Information Systems will analyze the data and provide feedback.
- C. President Rose mentioned the tracking of current bills in the legislature.
- D. She also mentioned that she and other regional college and university Presidents met with the House and Senate Education and Finance Chairs last week for what was a very productive meeting.
- E. President Rose invited everyone to visit the Folklife Center and view the current interdisciplinary exhibit focused on West Virginia plants.

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Foundation (RJ Gimbl)

RJ Gimbl, President and CEO of the Fairmont State Foundation, reported that the 2016 annual fund hit approximately \$168,000 with \$64,000 of that total being unrestricted. Participation totaled 510 donors with 25% of those being first time donors.

Mr. Gimbl stated that on the major gifts front they are currently working on setting their goals for this year. They are setting very high goals which include more face to face meetings.

RJ mentioned the \$2.55 million Schoolnic Gift as well as the \$468,000 endowment from the Wendell Hardway estate.

Mr. Gimbl also discussed the Title III Grant. They are currently in year 5 and have reached the \$75,000 obligation.

The 2017 class campaign is underway in its brick campaign. To date, 135 bricks have been sold out of the 300 brick goal.

B. Construction Project Updates (Tom Tucker and Stephanie Slaubaugh)

Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager, gave an update on the various projects that are currently underway and have recently been completed on campus.

University Terrace is current working on Phase 2 – demolition and parking; digging has commenced for the retaining wall as well as still working on the punch list to be completed for the ribbon cutting on April 4th.

The MS4 Project is still underway. They are working with the City of Fairmont on the rehabilitation project for a local stream.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

John Myers moved to accept the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Financial Reports for periods ending November 30, 2016 and December 31, 2016

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)

Mr. Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee was absent, but Dr. Christina Lavorata, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, give a brief update.

Dr. Lavorata provided some exciting current and upcoming events and activities:

- Fairmont State is sending four students to the Model United Nations project in New York City

- We have three students who work in the OSIX Lab who will be going to Charleston to present for Undergraduate Research Day at the Capitol
- A mathematics student who wrote and received a grant for the National Science Foundation has been invited to present in California
- Two full-time academic advisors have been invited to present at a national conference in Georgia
- There are currently 14 students enrolled in the weekend nursing program
- One part-time music instructor was invited to perform at Carnegie Hall
- Fairmont State will be hosting the regional spelling bee on campus in March

VIII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Frank Washenitz, Chair)

Frank Washenitz, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, asked that Tim McNeely, Athletic Director, give an update for the Athletic Affairs Committee.

Mr. McNeely discussed the upcoming Mountain East Conference. The girls' basketball team will play on Thursday, March 2nd and the boys' team will play on Friday, March 3rd.

Fairmont State may potentially be hosting the first round of the NCAA tournament on the second weekend of March. All tickets will be general admission.

The RFP is continuing to move forward for the athletic facilities master plan.

The Retton Arena renovations payback schedule is in year three and is currently ahead of schedule.

Athletics is currently working on a plan for the anniversary of the national championship football team; Fall 2017 will be the 50th year. The plans will involve players, families, cheerleaders, coaches, and anyone who has been involved over the years.

Tim McNeely also mentioned that the spring sports are off to a great start.

IX. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)

Dixie Yann reported that the By-Laws committee has not met but will try to meet prior to the April board meeting.

X. ENROLLMENT/HOUSING-STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (John Myers, Chair)

John Myers, Chair of the Enrollment/Housing-Student Life Committee asked that Tim Oxley, Interim Vice President of Student Services, give an update for the Athletic Affairs Committee.

Dr. Oxley provided an update on enrollment: The current headcount of students for spring 2017 is 3,648 – down 3.2% from this time last year. Board members requested more information which Dr. Oxley will prepare and provide to the board.

Maroon and White Day is scheduled for March 25th. There are 75 students and 175 guests already registered for the event.

Housing for spring 2017 has been a little below expectations with 971 occupied out of 1192 beds. But, 60% of the total occupancy for fall 2017 has already been assigned.

Dr. Oxley provided information from the office of Assessment & Planning for student athletes. The report included GPA for each sport, men vs. women sports, and mean and median of GPA for all athletes. The board requested the same information be provided for each academic department.

Robin Yeager was present to discuss the Campus Solicitation Policy. The policy was discussed and a request was made for updating wording in a few areas of the policy.

Chris Courtney moved to approve the following:

- A. Campus Solicitation Policy Draft for 30-Day Comment Period

Deborah Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE (John Schirripa, Chair)

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced two representatives from Suttle & Stalnaker to present the Auditor's Report.

Chris Deweese and Sarah Crouse were present from Suttle & Stalnaker to discuss the Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2016. Sarah Crouse presented the report.

Budd Sapp moved to approve the following:

- A. Independent Auditor's Report for the Year Ending June 30, 2016

Deborah Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

John Schirripa provided a brief update of the Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee met on January 26th. At that meeting, Stephanie Slaubaugh gave an update on construction projects and Suttle and Stalnaker was there to discuss the audit.

XII. STUDENT HOUSING COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)

Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Student Housing Committee, was absent. Dixie Yann advised the Student Housing Committee has not met.

XIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)

Dixie Yann reported that the Executive Committee has not met.

XIV. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

John Schirripa made a motion to go into Executive Session “Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss personnel matters as well as to discuss the purchase, sale or lease of property, advance construction planning, the investment of public funds or other matters involving commercial competition.”

Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

John Schirripa made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

After reconvening from Executive Session, John Schirripa made a motion to approve the following:

- A. University Terrace Change Order #8

Bill Holmes seconded. The motion passed.

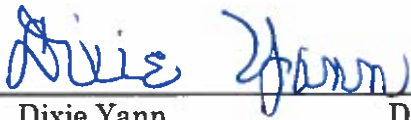
Budd Sapp made a motion to approve the following:

- A. Give Chair Yann authority to finalize search procedures for the Presidential Search as discussed in Executive Session.

Bill Holmes seconded. The motion passed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Budd Sapp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.



Dixie Yann

Date

FSU Board of Governors' Chair

Absent

Aaron Hawkins

Date

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary