



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 15, 2017**  
**BOARD ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 June 15, 2017, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, Holly Fluharty, Aaron Hawkins, Bill Holmes, John Myers, Deborah Prezioso, Budd Sapp, John Schirripa, Frank Washenitz, and Dixie Yann. Chris Courtney was present following the roll call. Bryan Towns was absent.

Others present were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, John Lympny, Tim Oxley, Al Skudzinskas and Debbie Stiles. Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President for Facilities; Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager; Tim McNeely, Athletic Director; RJ Gimbl, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; Cindy Curry, Assistant VP of HR; Jack Kirby, Associate Provost; Carolyn Fletcher, Director of Accounting; Monica Cochran, Director of Procurement; Amy Baker, Director of Marketing; Robynn Shannon, Director of Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness; Alicia Kalka, Director of Housing and Residence Life; Deb Hemler, Faculty; Steve Roof, Faculty; Al Magro, Faculty; and multiple nursing faculty: Veronica Gallo, Leia Bobo, Alexis Hicks, Theresa Jones, and Ashley Shroyer. Members of local media were in attendance as well.

B. Public Comment

Frank Washenitz reported that Veronica Gallo signed up for public comment.

Veronica Gallo discussed her concerns regarding the nursing faculty salaries.

C. Approval of Agenda

Aaron Hawkins made a motion to approve the agenda. Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

D. Approval of 2017-2018 Meeting Dates

Aaron Hawkins made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 meeting dates. Debbie Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 11, 2017**

Chris Courtney made a motion to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017. Frank Washenitz seconded. The motion passed.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Chair Yann advised that all board members should plan to attend the HEPC Summit on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> (6 training hours).
- B. She reminded everyone of the classified staff luncheon following the meeting.
- C. Chair Yann recognized the classified and non-classified staff members with 20, 25, and 30 years of service.
- D. The Chair also recognized Rachel Ball and John Myers – both will be leaving the board on June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. President Rose discussed that there is still no state budget; there has been discussion of cuts ranging from 2% to 13%.
- B. She also mentioned that Tuesday afternoon there was flooding on campus, especially the Locust Avenue parking area.
- C. President Rose advised the Ad Astra work continues; a report is expected any day. Dr. Lavorata will work with the deans and expects cost savings from this project.
- D. She also mentioned the numerous camps currently on campus and many to continue throughout the summer.
- E. President Rose advised of the HEPC meeting this Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### A. Foundation (RJ Gimbl)

RJ Gimbl, President and CEO of the Fairmont State Foundation, reported that this has been a record year with 4.5 million in gifts and pledges.

RJ discussed the Annual Fund which kicked off in late April with a mailing to the entire alumni base – which is now up to 30,000 with addresses. The mailing included a window decal to all alumni. After one month of the mail out, they have received over 105 gifts and \$12,000.

Mr. Gimbl stated that on the major gifts front they have received over \$45,000 in gifts and pledges towards the Maria Rose endowed scholarship.

RJ mentioned that their efforts continue to strengthen the database with another major project this summer to add alumni that are not in the system. They will also be upgrading the Blackbaud systems to a new web based platform that will enable easier use of the system and greater accessibility.

### 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 has two small punch list items remaining – the project will then be completed within the next week.

Turley Center and Wallman Hall will be receiving new roofs this summer.

Multiple paving projects will be taking place on campus this summer, beginning after July 4<sup>th</sup>.

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

Frank Washenitz questioned the Locust Avenue parking situation (flooding). Tom Tucker explained the situation and why the flooding continues to occur.

## VI. CONSENT AGENDA

John Myers moved to accept the following Consent Agenda:

A. Financial Reports for periods ending March 31, 2017 and April 30, 2017

Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

**VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)**

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

Dr. Lavorata introduced the proposal for approval.

Budd Sapp moved to approve the following:

- A. Approval for the Addition of an Optional Secondary Science Teacher Certification, Earth & Space Science (5-Adult)

Frank Washenitz seconded. The motion passed.

**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 that the Athletic Facilities Master Plan continues to move forward.

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

Dixie Yann reported that the Title IX Policy 30-day comment period had ended.

John Myers moved to approve the following:

- A. Approval of Title IX Policy

Chris Courtney seconded. The motion passed.

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

John Myers, Chair of the Enrollment/Housing-Student Life Committee gave a brief update.

Mr. Myers advised that enrollment is holding steady and housing is looking very positive.

Dr. Oxley is to provide an update at the next meeting in August.

**XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE (John Schirripa, Chair)**

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, provided a brief update.

Al Skudzinskas provided information regarding the multiple financial agenda items.

Bill Holmes moved to approve the following:

A. Approval of Capital Projects FY 2018

Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

Debbie Prezioso moved to approve the following:

B. Approval of Fund Manager Budget FY 2018

Bill Holmes seconded. The motion passed.

Budd Sapp moved to approve the following:

C. Approval of Chargeback Agreement FY 2018

John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

John Myers moved to approve the following:

D. Approval of 2018 Education and General (E&G) Budget

Debbie Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

Budd Sapp moved to approve the following:

E. Approval of Tuition Edits

Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

**XII. STUDENT HOUSING COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)**

Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Student Housing Committee, referred to the update previously given by Stephanie Slaubaugh.

**XIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)**

Dixie Yann discussed the timeline of the search committee and the presidential job description. Applications will be reviewed at the next search committee meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

Budd Sapp provided multiple updates/revisions to the Presidential job description.

Bill Holmes moved to approve the following:

- A. Presidential Job Description (as amended)

Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

Aaron Hawkins moved to approve the following:

- B. Board of Governors hire Dr. Steven Jones to serve as the Interim President of Fairmont State University beginning July 1, 2017 and ending December 31, 2017, pending approval of the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission.

Holly Fluharty seconded. The motion passed.

**XIV. NOMINATING COMMITTEE (John Myers, Chair)**

Dixie Yann referred to John Myers, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

John Myers moved to approve the following:

- A. Election of FSU Board of Governors' Officers – Remain the same

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

**XV. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Aaron Hawkins 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.”

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

Aaron Hawkins made a motion to rise from Executive Session. John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

After reconvening from Executive Session, Aaron Hawkins made a motion to approve the following:

A. University Terrace Change Order #10

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

Bill Holmes made a motion to approve the following:

A. Authorize Aaron Hawkins to represent the BOG to consult with council regarding University Terrace

Deborah Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

The Chair recognized Dr. Maria Rose for her many years in public education and service to Fairmont State University as she retires on June 30th. The Board also expressed their appreciation for her leadership as President and wished her well in her future endeavors.

#### XVI. ADJOURNMENT

John Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

 6/20/17 FSU Board of Governors' Chair  
Dixie Yann Date

 6/27/17 FSU Board of Governors' Secretary  
Aaron Hawkins Date