



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 17, 2015
BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chairman Mark Pallotta convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University (FSU) Board of Governors on December 17, 2015, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia.

At the request of Chairman Pallotta, Judy Biafore conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Holly Fluharty, Aaron Hawkins, Kelly Humphreys, John Myers, Mark Pallotta, Budd Sapp, John Schirripa, Bryan Towns, and Dixie Yann. Frank Washenitz participated by conference call. Chris Courtney and Ron Tucker were absent.

Others present were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, Ann Mazza, Tim Oxley, Kaye Widney, John Lympany, and Debbie Stiles. Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President for Facilities, Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager, Robert Mild, Interim Dean for the School of Fine Arts, and RJ Gimbl, President of the Fairmont State Foundation, also attended.

B. Public Comment

John Myers reported that Robin I. Gomez signed up for public comment.

Mr. Gomez said that he is the new city manager for the City of Fairmont and that he came to today's meeting to introduce himself and become acquainted and show support for Fairmont State University.

Chairman Pallotta then presented Mr. Gomez with a welcome gift from the FSU Board of Governors and Fairmont State University.

C. Approval of Agenda

Bryan Towns made a motion to approve the agenda. Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

II. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT (Item III. on the Agenda)

- A. Chairman Pallotta stated that another semester is coming to an end and the holiday season is upon us. He thanked all the Board of Governors' members the President, and the Fairmont State University faculty and staff for making this a successful semester.
- B. He stated that the partnership with Fairmont Regional Medical Center and FSU's Falcon Camps is continuing and expanding. He said last year that Fairmont Regional Medical Center presented a check to FSU in the amount of \$10,000 to be used for Marion County students to attend Falcon Camp. Chairman Pallotta reported that because of the success of these camps, they recently increased their donation to \$20,000 for this summer.
- C. Chairman Pallotta wanted to mention again that BrickStreet (Insurance Company) was on campus and presented the University with a donation for student scholarships. He thanked BrickStreet again and commended them for being a great community partner. He said that they have also helped other institutions throughout the State and was grateful for their support of student scholarships.
- D. Chairman Pallotta invited all BOG members to attend the Marion County Chamber of Commerce Legislative Breakfast on January 8th at 8:30 a.m. in Colebank Hall.
- E. Chairman Pallotta announced that the Board had completed their annual review of Dr. Rose and that she met or exceeded all expectations of the Board. On behalf of the BOG, he also thanked her for her total commitment, dedication, support, and love she provides the University.
- F. Chairman Pallotta ended his report by wishing everyone a great holiday with family and friends and a prosperous 2016.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Item IV. on the Agenda)

- A. President Rose welcomed those in attendance and wished all to enjoy the Holiday Season with family and friends.
- B. She stated that this fall semester had been busy with lots of sesquicentennial celebrations, the Hardway Hall 100th Birthday Celebration, the re-dedication of the one-room schoolhouse, the Time Capsule Dedication Ceremony, and other Homecoming activities.

- C. President Rose reported that progress has been made in many areas this past year. She said that lots of academic units have reached specialized accreditation and that the School of Business was reaccredited. Also, the Regional ACBSP (The Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs) Conference was held here on campus. And the School of Nursing had a reaccreditation visit.
- D. She said that progress had been made on the Higher Learning Commission Self Study and Strategic Planning. Physical Plant has completed a lot of repairs on buildings plans to do more in the upcoming months. Much progress has been made with the new construction. She also said there have been many successes with many of the Athletic teams, Lots of student and faculty successes and awards. There have been collaborative agreements with other institutions and the public schools and there has been increased fund raising.
- E. She said that Chancellor of the (HEPC) Higher Education Policy Commission has announced an initiative to double the number of degrees produced by 2025 to an additional 40,000 degrees. This will be done within the University system in conjunction with the Community College System.

President Rose said that in the past five years, FSU has been able raise the attainment level for WV citizens to some post-secondary degree - from 26.7 to 29.99%. The HEPC is working hard on initiatives such as "15 to Finish" which is having a positive impact on the success rate for all of FSU's current students.

She said that she is looking forward to a challenging 2016 and vowed to work harder to make Fairmont State a stronger institution and ready ourselves for the next 150 years.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 22, 2015 (Item II. on the Agenda)

Budd Sapp made a motion to approve the minutes of October 22, 2015, and Dixie Yann seconded. The motion passed.

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Constituent Reports

Priscilla Steed, Administrative Assistant in the College of Liberal Arts, gave the report for Classified Staff which included an overview of her job and the various changes that have occurred in the department since she became an employee twenty-six years ago.

B. Foundation (RJ Gimbl)

RJ Gimbl, President and CEO, of the Fairmont State Foundation extended Holiday Greetings and thanked all for their patience during their period of transition.

He reported that The Annual Fund is approaching \$40,000 for the calendar year. He also said that a mailing was sent out to constituents across the country and that there will be 19,000 broad based email solicitations sent out asking for a general gift for the Foundation.

Mr. Gimbl stated that a major cash gift of \$100,000 was received this quarter and that it is to be used at the President's discretion. He also said that three commitments of \$25,000 were received – two are for The Next 150 Campaign, and the other one is a cash gift for the Larue Math Award (in existence for over 30 years) which now makes it endowed.

He also said that two commitments for \$25,000 were received - one for scholarships and one for The Next 150 Campaign. He said the highlight was the \$1,000,000 commitment from BrickStreet and that The Next 150 Years Campaign will end the year with approximately \$235,000 in gifts and pledges.

He said for 2016, the focus will include instituting the annual fund campaign and creating a culture of giving with Alumni by reintroducing donor recognition groups including Annual Giving, Cumulative Giving, and one for Planned Giving.

Mr. Gimbl also stated that they are working with the senior class to start a Class Gift Campaign for the 2016 class.

He said they will strive to elevate their profile locally and have more collaboration across the State, work with the alumni Association regarding events and initiatives, and continue to build relationships with campus constituents such as deans and directors to have a more collaborative fundraising effort.

Mr. Gimbl announced that Jessica Sell (new FS Foundation Director of Development) was recently hired. She is from Barrackville (WV) and is also working on her Master's in Education degree here at Fairmont State. He also thanked President Rose, members of the President's cabinet, and faculty leaders for welcoming him and bridging the relationship with the Foundation.

C. Construction Project Updates (Tom Tucker)

Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager, gave an update on the various projects that are currently underway on campus. Weekly updates are available online at: <http://www.fairmontstate.edu/adminfiscalaffairs/physical-plant/construction>.

VI. CONSENT AGENDA

Aaron Hawkins moved to accept the following Consent Agenda:

A. Financial Reports (8/31/15, 9/30/15, and 10/31/15)

John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (John Myers, Chair)

There were no items to bring forth by the Academic Affairs Committee, but John Myers, Chair of that committee, asked Dr. Christina Lavorata, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs to provide an update.

Dr. Lavorata thanked the BOG for volunteering their time to help us analyze how we conduct University business.

She stated that Faculty sponsored a Legislative Roundtable a few weeks ago that included eight representatives from three different counties. She reported the following good news and excellent work of students and faculty:

-Kylie Ford – won the WV Student Achievement in Art Education

-Jenniver Yeardon LeJune – was named WV Art Educator of the Year

-FSU's Theatre Department– Best program in the State of WV

-Music – Messiah had about 400 community members in two counties to participate for two performances

-College of Science & Technology –FSU was recently the site of the Math Field Day for Marion County Schools

-On Art Student and Two Art Grads – Work is on display at Tamarack

-\$10,000 Grant – from Dominion Foundation for the Solar Energy Project Research

-School of Nursing – Dr. Sharon Boni, Dean, working on an initiative to help our community produce more nurses

-School of Education – Dr. Carolyn Crislip-Tacy- Working to create Autism Support Program

Dr. Tim Oxley gave a brief update on the Institutional Compact and then John Myers moved to accept the following report:

A. The 2015 Update and Report for the Institutional Compact

John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

VIII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Frank Washenitz, Chair)

Frank Washenitz, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, complimented the Athletic Department on their successes this past year and for especially engaging the community. He then asked Chad Fowler, FSU's Assistant Athletic Director, to give an update.

Mr. Fowler stated that the \$1,000 Club is in its 3rd year. He stated that the first year there were 79 members and the second year had 116 members. He said that this has generated \$315,000 and every team has benefited from these dollars.

He said that the football team's season ended on a high note and that the volleyball team ended up 2nd in the conference. The men's basketball team is now 8-1 and 8th in the country. The women's basketball team is 7-3. Mr. Fowler reported that FSU recently had two players of the week for the conference.

IX. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Ron Tucker, Chair)

There were no items discussed concerning this committee.

X. ENROLLMENT/HOUSING-STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)

Dixie Yann, Chair, had no items to bring forth by the Enrollment/Housing-Student Life Committee.

XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mark Pallotta, Chair)

Mark Pallotta, Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, asked that Dr. Carolyn Crislip-Tacy (Interim Dean for the School of Education) explain the Autism Individualized Mentoring and Support Program

John Schirripa made a motion to approve the following:

A. Approval of Autism Individualized Mentoring and Support Program (AIMS) Program Fee

Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

When the Executive Session ended (please see item XIV below), Aaron Hawkins made a motion to approve the following:

B. Approval of Housing Project Design Review

John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

XII. STUDENT HOUSING COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)

Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Student Housing Committee, deferred until Executive Session due to issues related to advance construction planning and pursuant to §6-9A-4-2b of the West Virginia Code.

XIII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Mark Pallotta, Chair)

Chairman Pallotta stated the Executive Committee planned to meet the second week of January (2016).

XIV. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dixie Yann made a motion to go into Executive Session "Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to discuss property issues.

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.


Dixie Yann made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

After reconvening, Aaron Hawkins made a motion to approve the Housing Project Design Review and the Housing Apartment Project Budget Update (change order #3).

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

John Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

 2-18-16 FSU Board of Governors' Chair
Mark Pallotta Date

Absent FSU Board of Governors' Secretary
Ron Tucker Date