



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 18, 2015  
BOARD ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> FLOOR FALCON CENTER  
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, 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 June 18, 2015, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor 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 Holly Fluharty, Aaron Hawkins, Bob Mild, John Myers, Mark Pallotta, Ron Tucker, Frank Washenitz, and Dixie Yann. Kelly Humphreys participated by conference call. Chris Courtney was present after the roll call. John Schirripa and Bryan Towns were absent.

Also in attendance were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, Kaye Widney, Ann Booth, John Lympany, and Rick Porto. Assistant Vice President for Facilities, Tom Tucker, Construction Manager, Stephanie Slaubaugh, and Gary Bennett, Interim President of the Fairmont State Foundation, also attended.

B. Public Comment

Frank Washenitz reported no one signed up for public comment.

C. Approval of Agenda

Bob Mild made a motion to approve the agenda. Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

D. Approve 2015-2016 Meeting Dates

Mark Pallotta made a motion to approve the 2015-2016 Meeting Dates. Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2015**

John Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of May 14, 2015, and Dixie Yann seconded. The motion passed.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Chairman Tucker reported that since the Board of Governors' last meeting, FSU's School of Nursing held their Pinning Ceremony, and for the first time on the same evening, the conferring of degrees occurred. He said he was pleased to be able to participate in that event. Then on Saturday, the first commencement in the new Retton Arena was held. He thanked all who attended and thanked Dixie Yann for representing the Board of Governors.
- B. He stated that the BOG Executive Committee and BOG Finance Committee members met with the Higher Learning officials on May 18th. The University will have their report within six weeks.
- C. Chairman Tucker stated that the first term of summer school is more than half over and the second term begins on June 29<sup>th</sup> (2015). He said that in addition to our summer school students, the Campus is also filled with students participating in Falcon Camp, various sports camps, and Governor's Honors Academy.
- C. Chairman Tucker reminded everyone of the BOG Summit for all institutions in Charleston on August 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- D. He said the next Board of Governors' meeting will be August 20<sup>th</sup> and will be held in the Board Room.
- E. Chairman Tucker, on behalf of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors, presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Robert Mild, outgoing Board of Governors' faculty representative.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. President Rose, on behalf of Fairmont State University, presented Chairman Tucker with a token of thanks and appreciation for serving four years as Chairman of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors.

**V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Foundation (Gary Bennett)**

Gary Bennett, Chair and Interim President of the Fairmont State (FS) Foundation, reported that assets were \$22,384,000. Through May 31 (2015), Revenues were \$2,555,700, Expenses were \$1,804,127, and Net Income was \$751,600.

He said that they have provided scholarships to students in the form of endowments and impact scholarships totaling \$832,000. They have also given \$20,000 toward the renovation of the Feaster Center and \$4,000 in Faculty Awards. To attract the best students, they have also given \$25,000 to the FSAA (Fairmont State Athletic Association) and \$75,000 to the Financial Aid Office.

Mr. Bennett reported that they have also been involved with grants. He said the School of Education just received \$214,000 through the FS Foundation and that they just applied to the Bowers Foundation for a \$135,000 matching grant for the Peer Mentoring program which is a part of the Title III grant in the School of Business and the School of Science and Technology

He also said that they are in the process of applying for credits in the Neighborhood Investment Program (NIPS). This is the last year for this program and because it will have to be appropriated again by the Legislature, they will be contacting individuals for Letters of Support.

Mr. Bennett also said that the FS Foundation has begun their Annual Campaign and he shared the new mailing and campaign goals with the Board.

**B. 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-projects>.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Bob Mild moved to accept the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Financial Report (Month Ending (4/30/15))
- B. Capital Projects Update FY 2015

Dixie Yann seconded. The motion passed.

**VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (John Myers, Chair)**

John Myers stated there were no items to bring forth by the Academic Affairs Committee.

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

Frank Washenitz stated there were no items to bring forth by the Athletic Affairs Committee.

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

Dixie Yann, Chair of the Enrollment Committee, asked Kaye Widney, Vice President for Student Services, to provide an update. Ms. Widney reviewed the following report which was also distributed to the Board:

**FSU BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
ENROLLMENT/HOUSING/STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE  
SUMMARY REPORT  
June 18, 2015**

*Enrollment Activity Fall 2015*

- Enrollment for first time students continues to run ahead of last year-most recent report has 87 additional students compared to same time last year
- Summer Orientation events began last week and will continue through the remainder of this month and July-we have 325 reservations for upcoming events
- Retention Office is working with Provost and Deans to have "Registration Day" on July 21st to encourage returning students to work with advisors either on campus or through video chats

*Admissions/Recruitment Activities:*

- Recruitment and Alumni receptions were held in 6 cities throughout the spring-these were fairly well attended and allowed opportunity for new students and their parents to talk with alumni
- Admissions counselors are very involved with the Orientation events and are still meeting with potential students who come onto campus for visits/tours

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- Scholarship presentations were made in in 31 high schools by admissions counselors and alumni volunteers.

*Financial Aid/Scholarship Activity:*

- The number of entering PROMISE Scholarship recipients has been increasing since the inception of PROMISE Beyond Scholarship-we are projecting about 860 total PROM recipients on campus in 2015-16 (260 estimated entering freshmen)
- Federal Perkins loan Program is being phased out in 2015-16-the program has typically helped about 140 students with \$225,000 annually.

*Residence Life Update:*

- Fall Occupancy rate is currently at 86%--this is comparable to same time last year

*Other Student Services related activities:*

- Student Veterans Services is partnering with Vet Center in Morgantown to provide "readjustment counseling" services on campus starting this fall term.

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

Mark Pallotta, Chair of the Finance Committee, stated that the Finance Committee had met recently (June 8, 2015). He presented item A. listed below which results in some cost-saving changes. He then made a motion for the Board's approval.

**A. FY 2015 and FY 2016 Capital Projects Modification**

John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

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

**A. Housing Project Update**

No action was taken on the Housing Project Update.

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

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

