



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 14, 2016  
BOARD ROOM, 3<sup>RD</sup> 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 April 14, 2016, 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 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, Frank Washenitz, and Dixie Yann. Chris Courtney was present following the roll call. Bryan Towns and Ron Tucker were absent.

Others present were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, Ann Mazza, Tim Oxley, and Debbie Stiles. Sharon Boni, Dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health Administration; Robert Mild, Interim Dean School of Fine Arts, Deanna Shields, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts; Carolyn Crislip-Tacy, Dean of the School of Education; Tim McNeely, Athletic Director; Dr. Jack Kirby, Associate Provost and Director of Graduate Studies; Teresa Weimer, Financial Aid Director; Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President for Facilities; Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager; and RJ Gimbl, President of the Fairmont State Foundation, also attended.

B. Public Comment

Frank Washenitz reported that no one had signed up for public comment.

C. Approval of Agenda

John Schirripa made a motion to approve the agenda. Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

- D. She also said that a successful campus visitation was held a few weeks ago and orientations for new students will take place now throughout the summer. She also said that there will be twenty-three students from Webster County on campus visiting the School of Education Teacher Cadet Program.
- E. President Rose encouraged all to attend some of the celebrations of student success and also Commencement.

V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Constituent Reports (Joey Simmons, Student Report)

Joey Simmons, a senior Chemistry major, gave the constituent report this meeting for the students. He is active as a Physics Peer Mentor, has conducted undergraduate research, and has been involved with the American Chemical Society chapter on campus. He spoke of the excellent student/professor relationships he has had at FSU and that everyone makes sure he gets the help he needs to succeed. Joey will be attending Medical School at Marshall University this fall.

B. Foundation (RJ Gimbl)

RJ Gimbl, President and CEO, of the Fairmont State Foundation, reported that were 2.23 (million dollars in assets) for the fiscal year which is 1.06 million (dollars) ahead of last year and 60 thousand (dollars) ahead without the BrickStreet donation.

He said that there will be a mailing to about 27 thousand alumni concerning the "re-start" of the Fairmont Fund which encourages unrestricted giving to the University.

He commented that since the last BOG meeting, they received one major gift donation which was for the School of Education and that they are working on a proposal for a Title III match (grant) that is due May 1<sup>st</sup> and will be awarded in mid-June.

Mr. Gimbl thanked Student Government president Mitch Moore and all members of that group for their hard work on the class campaign. He also thanked MVB Bank for their support in matching the funds the students raise.

He said that in this recent Legislative session, the NIP (Neighborhood Investment Program) was approved for the next five years and that the Charleston event (during the Mountain East Tournament) went well considering it involved a lot of first time givers.

John Myers moved to accept the following:

Approval of the following Program Reviews: Master of Education, Bachelor of Arts in Communication Arts, Bachelor of Arts in Spanish, Bachelor of Arts in Theatre Arts, Bachelor of Science in Allied Health Administration, Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education, Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science and Bachelor of Science in Psychology

Budd Sapp 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 stated that part of the Athletic Master Plan was to analyze the upgrade of the athletic facilities. He said they are in the process of analyzing the athletic facilities, including the Feaster Center, parking, the upper and lower level fields and that RFI (Request for Information) and/or RFP (Request for Proposal) have been done for plans to be made more modern and spacious which helps to compete more on a national level.

Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> is the All Sports Celebration. This event replaces the Scholarship Banquet and will be held in the Feaster Center. They are seeking sponsorships and will not sell tickets. This event is about student athletes and their accomplishments.

Mr. McNeely reported that the annual golf tournament sponsored by MVB Bank is May 13<sup>th</sup> and that spring sports are underway with men's tennis, women's tennis, and baseball.

He stated that the Commissioner's Cup will be awarded after the end of the spring semester. He said FSU finished eighth last year and hopes that standing improves this year.

Also, Budd Sapp thanked Tim McNeely and his staff who recently met with Faculty. Dr. Sapp also reminded all that next Saturday (April 23<sup>rd</sup>) there is an Alumni on the Road event and (FSU's) baseball team has a double header at the Bridgeport Recreational Complex. He also stated that there is a Leadership Marion event on Monroe Street the same day to honor all non-profits in the area.

***Enrollment/ Retention Activity (current students):***

- Registration for Summer 2016/Fall 2016 has been underway since March 28th
- A "Majors Market" was held April 4th and 69 students attended; 13 students took action on site to declare or change major.

***Financial Aid/Scholarship Activity:***

- Award letters for entering freshmen have been going out since mid-March; 772 students have been notified of aid packages
- Returning students will be notified early next week and will include departmental scholarships

***Residence Life Update:***

- Fall 2016 Occupancy rate is currently 68%; 814 students have been assigned
- Compares to 64% at this time last year with 721 students assigned

***Other Student Services related activities:***

- Career Development Center and Alumni Association hosted "Falcon2Falcon" event at downtown location on April 7th; 55 alumni and current students attended for this opportunity to meet/network with members of the Falcon Family
- Career Development Center has held 4 workshops on resume writing and interview skills this month
- Registrar has been working on making the online degree audit tool, "DegreeWorks", more robust and useful to students and advisors for advising purposes.
- Commencement will be May 14th; 547 students have applied for graduation and 350 are expected to attend the ceremony

**XI. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Mark Pallotta and John Schirripa, Co-Chairs)**

Mark Pallotta, Co-Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met on April 4<sup>th</sup> (2016) and approved the network upgrade at Bryant place. There will be cost savings for this project because it can be done in conjunction with the (new) University Terrace system.

Aaron Hawkins made a motion to approve the following:

-Approval of Bryant Place – Network Upgrade Project

John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

John Myers made a motion to approve the following:

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Mark Pallotta

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Date

FSU Board of Governors' Chair

*Absent*

Ron Tucker

Date

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary