



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**DECEMBER 8, 2016**  
**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 December 8, 2016, beginning at approximately 3:00 p.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, Deborah Prezioso, Budd Sapp, John Schirripa, and Dixie Yann. Chris Courtney and Bryan Towns participated by conference call and Frank Washenitz was present following the roll call. John Myers was absent.

Others present were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, John Lympany, 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; RJ Gimbl, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; Cindy Curry, Assistant VP of HR; Sharon Boni, Dean, School of Nursing; Tanya Rogers, Associate Dean, School of Nursing; Richard Harvey, Dean, School of Business; Amantha Cole, Director of Planning and Grants; Alicia Kalka, Director of Housing and Residence Life; Marah Fluharty, Residence Hall Specialist; Amy Baker, Director of Marketing; Donna Long, English Faculty; John O'Conner, Drama/Theatre Arts Faculty; Albert Magro, Biology Faculty; Galen Hansen, Physics Faculty; Charles Shields, Criminal Justice Faculty; and Porter Stiles, also attended. Members of local media were in attendance as well.

**B. Public Comment**

There were four people signed up for public comment.

1. Donna Long – Representing Faculty Senate  
Dr. Long presented a petition with 79 signatures requesting there be additional faculty included on the presidential search committee; the petition requested 3 additional faculty members.
2. John O'Connor – Representing Himself  
Dr. O'Connor voiced his concerns regarding the presidential search process and the lack of campus involvement as well as transparency in the process.
3. Galen Hansen – Representing Himself  
Dr. Hansen expressed his concerns regarding the presidential search process and the importance of the faculty in respect to shared governance. Dr. Hansen expressed his feeling that the faculty can provide insight from previous searches.
4. Albert Magro – Representing Himself  
Dr. Magro stated his concerns regarding the presidential search process and made two requests. Dr. Magro requested that BOG members meet with faculty during faculty development week. Dr. Magro also requested an electronic form of communication be started to allow faculty/staff/students input in the process.

C. Approval of Agenda

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

## II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 20, 2016

Budd Sapp made a motion to approve the minutes of October 20, 2016. Rachel Ball seconded. The motion passed.

## III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Chair Yann thanked the following individuals for their time and effort to the flood relief in southern West Virginia: Porter Stiles, who initiated the idea to donate appliances from College Park; Alicia Kalka, Tim Oxley and all residence life staff; Tom Tucker, Stephanie Slaubaugh and all physical plant staff, as well as the TKEs.
- B. Chair Yann reminded everyone of the All Boards Social and basketball game following the BOG meeting.
- C. The Chair reminded everyone of the next BOG meeting on Thursday, February 16th at 9:00.

#### **IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. President Rose reported that the WVHEPC approved a number of measures at the November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. Several of the measures are currently out for a 30 day public comment period. Some of the items out for comment are: changes to the Promise Scholarship program, changes to the policy for dealing with the organization of schools and colleges within universities, West Virginia Higher Education grant program, residency requirements for admissions and fees, changes in the research trust corporation reporting, changes in the reauthorization for institutions, and monitoring and discontinuation of academic programs.
- B. She also mentioned the human resources report card was presented at the HEPC meeting. Trish Clay reported that of the 19 institutions, there are over 12,280 employees; 5,000 of those are classified staff members and 1,700 are non-classified staff members.
- C. President Rose also mentioned that there is a new proposed Mercer scale that is up for review and consideration. HEPC is thinking it could be implemented as soon as July of 2017.
- D. She also mentioned that the HEPC approved a list of capital projects that all of the institutions have on their lists for the upcoming year.

#### **V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

##### **A. Constituent Report (Tanya Rogers)**

Tanya Rogers, Associate Dean, School of Nursing, provided an informative report regarding the School of Nursing.

Recently, at the West Virginia State Board of Nursing meeting one of the high level staff members advised that Fairmont State has the biggest (or close to the biggest) undergraduate nursing school in the state – neck and neck with WVU.

The part-time weekend program is beginning in January.

Over the next year, the nursing program will be preparing for their national accreditation visit that will take place in 2018.

The current retention rate for the nursing program is 80%. Along with retention, the ASN and BSN graduates also have very high job placement rates.

The nursing program recently began offering a part-time option as well as offering every class every semester to make the program more flexible for students.

Dr. Rogers also presented a few of the challenges that the program is currently facing. Recruiting and retaining qualified faculty is a current challenge and is being attributed to faculty salaries. Students with an associate's degree can enter the field and begin in a salary range of \$65,000 - \$68,000 a year. The beginning salary of a master's degree prepared faculty start out at \$45,000. Dr. Rogers also discussed the challenge of recruiting qualified students.

#### B. Foundation (RJ Gimbl)

RJ Gimbl, President and CEO of the Fairmont State Foundation, reported that the 2016 annual fund is in progress and continues to gain momentum with over \$50,000 received in gifts to date this calendar year. 275 donors have participated in the annual fund this year (up over 100 from 2015). Of those donors, half are first time annual fund donors and a quarter made their first gift to FSU this year.

Mr. Gimbl stated that on the major gifts front they continue to be out visiting current and prospective donors. They have received gifts for three new endowed scholarships this year and one pledge to increase a current scholarship by \$50,000.

The Foundation has four pending grant requests for the Title III federal match and hopes to have a response to all by December 31<sup>st</sup>.

RJ advised that the Foundation received their NIP allocation in the amount of \$25,000 this year and all of those credits have been awarded or are waiting on the gifts to come in.

The 2017 class campaign is underway in its brick campaign. They are planning to create a sidewalk on the north side of the Falcon Center that leads towards housing buildings. They want to create a common area for students to gather.

#### C. Constructor 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.

The Jaynes Hall and Falcon Center projects have been completed.

University Terrace building three was completed and opened with students moving in the week before Thanksgiving.

College Park apartments E, F, and G have been demolished. The abatement of apartments A, B, C, and D was completed this morning. Power is to be turned off next week.

## **VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Bill Holmes moved to accept the following Consent Agenda:

- A. Financial Reports for periods ending August 31, 2016, September 30, 2016 and October 31, 2016

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 thanked everyone that was able to attend the November Faculty Senate meeting and discussed some of the events that have taken place in Academic Affairs over the last month.

Post-election seminar was recently held on campus for students. Faculty members and counselors were there to talk to students.

The School of Nursing currently has 10 applications for their new weekend program.

The School of Education had their yearly holiday party and raffled off handmade craft items. They raised \$750, of which 50% is going toward the local soup opera and 50% is going to the Clendenin area to assist flood victims.

Master of Architecture program recently had their master's level students present projects, all of which were targeted to revitalizing downtown Fairmont. Local community members and government officials were invited as well.

Last weekend the 1<sup>st</sup> Lego League which was sponsored by Science & Technology was held on campus and had a great turnout. We had student groups participating from as far away as Wisconsin.

Dr. Oxley discussed the 2016 Update and Report for the Institutional Compact and shared his feelings that progress is being made. Dr. Oxley expressed his confidence that the initiatives are helping with retention.

HEPC will provide feedback and there will be a time for our response.

Budd Sapp moved to approve the following:

- A. 2016 Update and Report of the Institutional Compact

Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

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

Frank Washenitz, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, asked that Chad Fowler, Assistant Athletic Director, give an update for the Athletic Affairs Committee.

Mr. Fowler advised the \$1,000 Club just finished its third year. They have reached over \$450,000.

He also provided a summary of accomplishments of the football, volleyball, swimming, and basketball teams.

Frank Washenitz commended the fundraising efforts of Tim McNeely and Chad Fowler.

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

Dixie Yann reported that the By-Laws committee would be meeting in January.

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

John Myers, Chair of the Enrollment/Housing-Student Life Committee, was absent.

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

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, introduced the new VP of Admin and Fiscal Affairs, Al Skudzinskas. John then provided a brief update.

The Finance Committee met on November 16<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting, Tom Tucker gave an update on construction projects, Tim Oxley gave an interesting presentation on the Promise Beyond Scholarship, Debbie Stiles presented the August, September and October financial reports, and an audit update was given.

Bill Holmes moved to approve the following:

- A. Approval of Promise Beyond Scholarship Updates

Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

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

Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Student Housing Committee, thanked Stephanie and Tom for all of their hard work on the University Terrace project.

Aaron Hawkins deferred the remainder of his discussion until Executive Session pursuant to §6-9A-4-2b of the West Virginia code.

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

Dixie Yann reported that the Executive Committee met in November and reviewed and approved the presidential search job description. The job has been posted.

**XIV. 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."

Bill Holmes seconded. The motion passed.

Budd Sapp made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Frank Washenitz seconded. The motion passed.

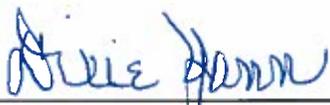
After reconvening from Executive Session, Aaron Hawkins made a motion to approve the following:

A. University Terrace Change Order #6

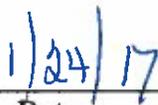
Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

**XV. ADJOURNMENT**

Bill Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.



Dixie Yann



Date

FSU Board of Governors' Chair



Aaron Hawkins



Date

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary