



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
APRIL 18, 2013, 9:00 A.M.  
BOARD ROOM, FALCON CENTER  
1201 LOCUST AVE., 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 April 18, 2013, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the 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 Bryan Foley, Matt Jacques, Bob Mild, John Myers, Mark Pallotta, Bryan Towns, Ron Tucker, Frank Washenitz, Bob White, and Dixie Yann. Chris Courtney was present after the roll call and board member Shirley Stanton was absent. Also in attendance were President Rose and President's Council members Ann Booth, Fred Fidura, Rick Porto, and Kaye Widney, Athletic Director Tim McNeely, and FSU Classified Staff Council Chair Chris Daniels.

B. Public Comment

Frank Washenitz reported that Shawn Rafferty, newly elected Student Body President, signed up for public comment.

Mr. Rafferty introduced himself and stated he was recently elected Student Body President. He also stated that Student Government was rebuilding and would now be more of a student representative organization. Chairman Tucker acknowledged him and expressed that the Board will support and help the students in any way that they can.

C. Approval of Agenda

Bob Mild made a motion to approve the agenda. Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

Matt Jacques moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2013. Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

**III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- A. Chairman Tucker stated that there are a number of award ceremonies that will be held through the end of the semester and he urged Board members to attend if at all possible.
- B. Chairman reminded everyone that Commencement is scheduled for May 11, 2013, at 1:00 p.m. He also stated that all Board members are invited to a brunch at the Shaw House beginning at 11:00 a.m. The speaker will be Dr. Paul Hill (Chancellor) of the Higher Education Policy Commission.
- C. He also reported that the Fishing Falcons will be participating in the national competition April 19 through April 21 in Rogers, Arkansas and that the Concrete Canoe team won its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive regional championship and will compete in the national competition in June.
- D. Chairman Tucker informed the group that there would be a tour of the Turley Center immediately following the meeting.

**IV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- A. President Rose introduced FSU's new Athletic Director, Tim McNeely. She also discussed bills related to higher education that were presented in this Legislative Session including the Outcomes Based Funding Model, SB 444, and the bill relating to Veterans' advocates.
- C. President Rose reported that the University is working with PikeWood Creative to update the image video and commercial and FSU Board of Governors' Student Representative, Bryan Foley, is one of the individuals in the video.
- D. She reported that new Student Orientations begin this Saturday and will continue throughout the spring and summer.
- E. She also stated that construction on the offices and heating and cooling in Hardway Hall will begin soon in the President's area. Individuals will be moving to temporary space and notices will be sent out as soon as those moves take place.
- F. President Rose said she had received the Higher Learning Commission Final Comprehensive Evaluation Report. She stated that all requirements of the Commission had been met on all criteria and it was a good report. President Rose also said that the University received continued accreditation.
- G. President Rose also answered a question concerning cost savings from BOG Member Mr. White. President Rose indicated that there are some changes about to occur with the Community College so the Deans have been instructed not to fill any tenure-track positions. She also stated that there will be other savings in the area of personnel and that a restructuring plan is taking place at this time that will also produce savings.

**V. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**A. Foundation (Will Armistead)**

Mr. Will Armistead reported for the Fairmont State Foundation. He stated the financial position of the FS Foundation through March 31, 2013, is as follows:

Total Assets of \$14,776,922  
Total Gifts \$1,252,132  
Total Revenue \$1,401,614  
Total Gifts in Revenue \$2,653,746  
Scholarships Awarded \$811,270  
Operating and Fund Expenses \$261,944 and \$734,334  
Net Assets Increase \$846,198

He also gave updates on the Neighborhood Investment Program and stated that they had received an additional \$24,635 in tax credits.

The Fairmont State Foundation has also received new donations to support student scholarship and achievement in several areas. An endowment has been formed to assist a senior student with independent study or undergraduate research and three other endowments have been formed for students participating in programs in the School of Education, School of Business, and the Department of Criminal Justice. A trust was also received recently to support students in the School of Business as well as two impact (cash) scholarships to assist students in athletics and ROTC.

He stated that letters were supplied to each of the Deans to invite their donors to the award ceremonies of each of the schools. The Foundation will also have representatives to attend these ceremonies.

Mr. Armistead also gave details of the upcoming 51<sup>st</sup> (Athletic) Scholarship Banquet to be held on May 4 in the Falcon Center and the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual MVB Golf Tournament to be held on May 17 at Bridgeport Country Club.

**B. Construction Updates (Tom Tucker)**

Mr. Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President of Facilities, presented each Board Member a construction update sheet on the Wallman Hall mechanical & electrical upgrades, the Turley Center renovation, and the Hardway Hall renovations. This information and weekly updates may also be found on the website at <http://www.fairmontstate.edu/adminfiscalaffairs/physical-plant>.

He also stated that there would be a tour of the Turley Center after this Board of Governors' meeting.

**VI. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mark Pallotta moved to accept the following Consent Agenda as presented.

**A. Financial Reports (ending 1/31/13 and 2/28/13)**

Dixie Yann seconded. The motion passed.

**VII. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS/ADMISSIONS (John Myers, Chair)**

John Myers, Chair of the Academic Affairs/Admissions Committee, requested that Provost Lavorata give a brief overview of the Program Reviews to be approved and then he moved to accept the following:

**A. Approval of Bachelor of Science Program Reviews in Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, and Forensic Science**

Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

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

Frank Washenitz, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee reported that the Athletic Affairs Committee had met and that President Rose and Athletic Director Tim McNeely also attended. He then reported that the Women's Swim team has been recognized nationally for their academic achievement by attaining an overall 3.0 grade point average.

Mr. Washenitz stated that the Men's Swim team had a great season as well and also reported that the men's and women's basketball teams and the volleyball team also had outstanding seasons. He reported that Coach Woodman, the men's football coach, has already raised approximately \$25,000 and that the softball teams are doing very well also.

**IX. BOG OPERATING PROCEDURES COMMITTEE (Ron Tucker, Chair)**

There were no items to bring forth by the BOG Operating Procedures Committee.

**X. ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE (Bob White, Chair)**

**A.** Kaye Widney, Vice President for Student Services, reported for the Enrollment Committee. She provided a handout to the Board and gave an update on all aspects of the Fall 2013 term including registration activity for returning and new students, scholarship offers, inquiry/application funnel reporting, and recruiting activities. Ms. Widney also provided information on the Campus Visitation day that was held on March 23, 2013.

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

Mr. Mark Pallotta, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Finance Committee met and discussed the reduction in State funding which is the cause for FSU to increase tuition. He stated that the Finance Committee agreed that the increase was justified and that the increases over the past 3 years have been minimal – only averaging 1% per year.

Mr. Matt Jacques moved to accept the following as presented:

**A. Tuition and fee request for FY 2014**

Mr. Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. John Myers moved to accept the following as presented:

**B. Approval of Press Box Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) Replacement**

Mr. Matt Jacques seconded. The motion passed.

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

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

**XIII. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Bob Mild made a motion to go into Executive Session “Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4 to Discuss the purchase, sale or lease of property, advance construction planning, the investment of public funds, or other matters involving commercial competition”. Mark Pallotta seconded. The motion passed.

Bryan Towns made a motion to reconvene in open session. Bryan Foley seconded. The motion passed.

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

John Myers made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

  
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Ron Tucker

FSU Board of Governors' Chairman

  
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Robert Mild

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary