



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 19, 2021
CONFERENCE ROOMS, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV
WEBEX MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair David Goldberg convened a meeting of the Fairmont State University Board of Governors on August 19, 2021, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Rooms, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, at 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia, and via WebEx.

Note: With this meeting being conducted in person and via WebEx, there was no way to ascertain all other participants but the following Fairmont State Board of Governors members, and Fairmont State University administrators, staff, and faculty participating via WebEx or present included:

At the request of Chair Goldberg, Serena Scully, Chief of Staff, conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Jon Dodds, David Goldberg, Dr. Gina Fantasia, Jason Henderson, Jennifer Kinty, Jason Pizatella, Deborah Prezioso, and Kevin Rogers. Wendy Adkins, Maiya Bennett, Rusty Hutson, and Jay Puccio were present via WebEx.

Others present were President Martin and President's Executive Leadership Team members Greg Bamberger, Lyndsey Dugan, Ken Fetting, Dr. Dianna Phillips, Dr. Joy Hatch, Merri Incitti, Christa Kwiatkowski, and Dr. Jacqueline L. Sikora. Others present included Dr. Amanda Metcalf, Dean, College of Education; Dr. Laura Clayton, Dean, College of Nursing; Tim Oxley, Dean, College of Business and Aviation; Gary Bennett, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; Alicia Kalka, Executive Director of Residence and Student Life; Jessica Sharps, Executive Director of University Relations; Hannah Mersing, Assistant Director of Communications; Kaylyn Christopher, Social Media, and Digital Content Specialist; Renee Allison, Fairmont State Foundation; Marissa Mauro, Fairmont State Foundation; Robin Yeager, Director of Falcon Center; Delegate Guy Ward, House of Representatives Member, District 50; and Monte Williams, External Counsel.

B. Public Comment

Serena Scully advised that no public comment had been received or requested.

C. Approval of Agenda

Deborah Prezioso made a motion to approve the agenda. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JUNE 17, 2021

Jason Pizatella made a motion to approve the minutes of June 17, 2021. Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

III. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Jason Pizatella, Chair)

Jason Pizatella, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee met on July 29 and asked that Mr. Greg Bamberger provide an update.

Mr. Bamberger provided an update on newly hired personnel and the status of current open positions.

Kernell Borneo – Women's Soccer

Kaylyn Christopher – Men's and Women's Cross Country

Travis Hinkle – Volleyball

Colin Johnston – Wrestling

Danielle Cutri – Acrobatics and Tumbling

Matt Yurish – Baseball (Dave Carpenter, assistant)

Sabrina Buhagiar – Men's and Women's Swimming

Mr. Bamberger advised on current vacant athletic training positions. In response to questions from the Board, Mr. Bamberger advised the goal is four full-time athletic trainers.

Mr. Bamberger advised that athletic-based COVID protocols are still being finalized. The NCAA has given some recommendations, but many decisions are being created by each institution in collaboration with their local health department.

Mr. Goldberg inquired about the early ticket sales for football. Mr. Bamberger advised that sales have been pretty good up to this point.

Mr. Bamberger provided an update on the master plan. He advised there have been meetings to discuss the next steps, including Christa Kwiatkowski, CFO, Stephanie DeGroot, Thrasher Engineering, and the Fairmont State University Foundation.

IV. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Deborah Prezioso, Chair)

Deborah Prezioso, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised that the Bylaws Committee met on July 27 and mapped out a plan for future updates of existing rules and discussed the development of new rules that have been recommended/suggested by the HEPC. Mrs. Prezioso advised the Bylaws Committee will have a more detailed update at the next meeting.

V. ENROLLMENT, HOUSING & STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Jay Puccio, Chair)

Jay Puccio, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, advised that the Enrollment Committee met on August 4 and asked Mr. Ken Fettig, Vice President for Student Success, to provide an update.

Mr. Ken Fettig shared the following information:

Currently, there are 842 students assigned in housing; there is 71.5% occupied based on 1176 capacity, and 79.6% occupied based on 1058 configuration.

Mr. Fettig advised that there are currently no active COVID cases in the residence halls. There are zero quarantine cases.

Mr. Goldberg inquired about contact tracing. Mrs. Alicia Kalka and Dr. Sikora advised on the University's contact tracing and personnel.

Mr. Fettig advised that currently, 68% of students in housing have been vaccinated. Dr. Fantasia asked if there are opportunities on campus for students to get vaccinated. Dr. Sikora advised that vaccination clinics are being held on campus; Chief Swain shared that there was one held last Thursday, and one is being held today; all happening in the Student Health Center.

Mr. Fettig discussed a new initiative – Housing Ambassadors. Students will be given a small stipend to keep their rooms neat and tidy, and those rooms will be used for student tours, for students and parents to view what rooms look like in the different residence halls.

Student Life has an average of two programs per week scheduled for the Fall 2021 semester to get and keep students involved and engaged. There were 1,200 total attendees for the Welcome Weekend events, which were well attended.

Homecoming is scheduled for October 7 through October 9.

Mr. Goldberg asked to see trends in our enrollment numbers compared to other institutions. Mr. Fettig and Ms. Merri Incitti advised that they would provide the comparisons based on census data which will be available after HEPC validates all data submitted in October.

Mr. Fettig showed a sample video personalized by Dr. Martin, which was forwarded to all students who had been admitted. The President recorded over 1685 videos, which welcomed each student by name and provided them information about completing enrollment.

VI. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Rusty Hutson, Chair)

Rusty Hutson, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the Finance Committee met on August 10 and asked Mrs. Christa Kwiatkowski, CFO, to provide a brief update.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided a summary of the May and June financials.

Mr. Goldberg inquired about the lease for Charles Pointe. Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised the original lease was for five years, which expires December 2022.

Jason Pizatella made a motion to accept the following:

A. Financial Reports for the periods ending May 31, 2021, and June 30, 2021

Kevin Rogers seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised that the bond refunding went very well, and the results were better than anticipated. The bonds were priced on July 13, and the final closing was on July 27. The University refunded \$32M of 2012 bonds and reissued \$26.305M in 2021 bonds; achieved \$5.627M in savings over the next 11 years remaining on debt service.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided an update regarding the separation from Pierpont:

- The Caperton Center and adjoining property was transfer to Pierpont on July 6, 2021;
- Fairmont State's interest in the Braxton facility was transferred through the OASIS system in June 2021;
- Pierpont turned over the agreed upon Locust Avenue spaces on June 30, 2021;
- The Fee for Service was executive on July 1, 2021, and Pierpont's July payment has been received;
- The institution's capital funds transfer was completed on June 29, 2021; and
- The institution's special appropriation of \$500,000 was received from the State.

The CARES Act (student portion) received a total of just over \$8.5M. As of today, 2,736 students have applied for the remaining funds. In addition, almost 1,200 students have agreed to apply those funds to their outstanding balance.

The CARES Act (institution portion) received just under \$11M. There is currently around \$8M remaining.

Mr. Hutson inquired about cash on hand days. Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised 194 days for Unrestricted and 245 days for Auxiliary.

Mr. Hutson advised that the Finance Committee discussed hiring a Governmental Affairs liaison for up to \$50,000/year.

Kevin Rogers made a motion to accept the following:

- B. Modification of FY22 Central E&G Budget for the purpose of hiring a Governmental Affairs Liaison

Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

Jay Puccio abstained.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (David Goldberg, Chair)

David Goldberg, Chair of the Executive Committee, advised that the Executive Committee met on August 11, 2021, and discussed correspondence that he received from a former employee.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. President Martin provided an update and expressed her appreciation to faculty, staff, and students for the first two weeks of class. She noted the excitement to be back on campus was evident. The students being back on campus and enjoying the experience has been great to witness.

Dr. Martin advised that she was happy to share that Mr. Gary Bennett has again been appointed as the President of the Fairmont State Foundation.

President Martin shared documented accolades with all board members. There are two areas that are not reflected, the year-end financial position of the University and the days cash on hand. Those figures will be added to the accolades provided to the auditors and calculated by the CFO.

President Martin advised that her office is coordinating legislative programming.

Welcome receptions are scheduled on campus for the two new superintendents, Dora Stutler (Harrison County) and Donna Hage (Marion County).

President Martin asked Chief Swain to give an update regarding Emergency Management.

Chief Swain advised that on August 10, the University announced a plan on how the University would follow the DHHR map, requiring masks and other increased COVID protocols when the county map is orange or red.

Chief Swain advised that he would be meeting next week with the local health department so the University can keep a process going throughout the semester.

Chief Swain advised that vaccine boosters will be available on campus – once approved and available.

B. Mr. Gary Bennett, President of the Fairmont State Foundation, gave an update.

The Foundation received a \$250,000 gift to provide scholarships for first-generation students. The first payment of \$50,000 has been received.

The Foundation continues to work in the area of planned gifts. A planned gift of \$175,000 was recently received.

The Foundation recently received notice that they will be receiving a percentage of an IRA from an estate.

The Foundation assisted the University in completing the GEAR Up grant and committed funds for the grant.

The Day of Giving is scheduled for October 28. The goal for the Day of Giving is \$325,000. Currently, matches and commitments have already been made for \$72,500.

Mrs. Jennifer Kinty inquired about the status of hiring a new development employee for the Foundation. Mr. Bennett advised that the position should be posted next week.

IX. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deborah Prezioso made a motion to go into Executive Session Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), and (b)(12) to discuss confidential and deliberative matters regarding personnel matters related to correspondence received by the chair and advice and counsel by the General Counsel regarding the board process.

Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer Kinty made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Kevin Rogers seconded. The motion passed.

Chair Goldberg advised that no action or votes were taken in executive session. However, there was a discussion with external counsel about the letter that Chairman Goldberg received.

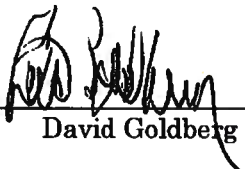
Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to accept the following:

- A. Approve the engagement of Monte' Williams with Steptoe and Johnson for their review of the correspondence and observations raised that were shared with the Chairman.


Deborah Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Jason Pizatella made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rusty Hutson seconded. The motion passed.



David Goldberg 9/8/21 FSU Board of Governors' Chair
Date



Deborah Prezioso 9/11/21 FSU Board of Governors' Secretary
Date