



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES
MAY 11, 2017
BOARD ROOM, 3RD 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 May 11, 2017, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 3rd 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, John Myers, Deborah Prezioso, Budd Sapp, John Schirripa, Bryan Towns, Frank Washenitz, and Dixie Yann. Chris Courtney was present following the roll call.

Others present were President Rose and President's Council members Christina Lavorata, Ann Mazza, Tim Oxley, Al Skudzinkas and Debbie Stiles. Tom Tucker, Assistant Vice President for Facilities; Stephanie Slaubaugh, Construction Manager; Erin Taylor, Student Intern; Tim McNeely, Athletic Director; Chad Fowler, Assistant Athletic Director; Ryan Courtney, Director of Internal Operations; Cindy Curry, Assistant VP of HR; Monica Cochran, Director of Procurement; Richard Harvey, School of Business Dean; Amy Baker, Director of Marketing; Robynn Shannon, Director of Institutional Assessment and Effectiveness; Alyssa Welling, 2017-2018 Student BOG Representative; Galen Hansen, Faculty; Concrete Canoe team members and faculty/staff: Tabitha Lafferre, Tia Como, and Rosetta Kolar. Members of local media were in attendance as well.

B. Public Comment

Frank Washenitz reported that Galen Hansen had signed up for public comment.

Galen discussed his opinion of the Open Meetings Law and how it pertains to the Board of Governors and the Presidential Search.

C. Approval of Agenda

Bryan Towns made a motion to approve the agenda. Bill Holmes seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 10, 2017 AND APRIL 20, 2017

John Myers made a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2017 and April 20, 2017. Deborah Prezioso seconded. The motion passed.

III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Concrete Canoe Team

Tabitha Lafferre, ASCE faculty advisor and civil engineering faculty member, introduced the members of the concrete canoe team who were present.

Hannah Workman, team member, discussed the competition. Hannah gave a breakdown of the different categories and judging portions, the weight they hold, and the importance of each category.

Ms. Lafferre then discussed the history of the canoe team and some of the schools that compete against Fairmont State.

Fairmont State has now won regionals 14 years in a row.

B. Introduction of new BOG Student Representative – Alyssa Welling

Rachel Ball, current BOG student representative, introduced Alyssa Welling, BOG student representative for the 2017-2018 academic year.

Alyssa is a junior, a double major, in Exercise Science and Business.

IV. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Frank Washenitz, Chair)

Tim McNeely, Athletic Director, gave an update for the Athletic Affairs Committee.

Mr. McNeely advised that this was the most successful year in athletics since joining the NCAA and one of the most successful in Fairmont State's history.

Recently, the men's tennis coach, Kyle Hoffman, was named Atlantic Region Coach of the Year by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Also, men's baseball coach, Phil Caruso, was named Coach of the Year by the Mountain East Conference.

Ryan Courtney presented information on the EADA report. Mr. Courtney commented that although the expenses continue to grow, the revenue continues to exceed those expenses. Mr. Courtney also discussed the financial aid and scholarship amounts given out to student athletes.

John Myers requested that the scholarship information provided in the EADA report be broken down by sport and supplied to the BOG members.

Bryan Town requested a comparison of information provided in the report to other institutions in the MEC as well as other top athletic programs.

V. BY-LAWS COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)

Dixie Yann presented the proposed revisions to the operating procedures.

One amendment was changing the chair term from 4 years to 2 years.

The second amendment was to the list of committees to reflect the current BOG committees. The Academic Affairs Committee was inadvertently left off of the draft of the procedures; that committee will be added back in.

Budd Sapp made a motion to approve the By-Laws Operating Procedures, as amended.

Chris Courtney seconded. The motion passed.

VI. STUDENT HOUSING COMMITTEE (Aaron Hawkins, Chair)

Aaron Hawkins, Chair of the Student Housing Committee, gave a brief housing update.

The parking areas have been completed and will be available for graduation this Saturday. The paving of those lots will be completed this summer.

VII. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Dixie Yann, Chair)

Dixie Yann reported that the search firm for the Interim President and Permanent Presidential positions has been hired. After reviewing RFPs, AGB was selected.

Budd Sapp made a motion to take a brief recess for the 'Put a Brick On It' Dedication. Aaron Hawkins seconded. The motion passed.

VIII. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSIONS

Aaron Hawkins made a motion to go into Executive Session "Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4-2b to discuss personnel matters."

John Myers seconded. The motion passed.

Aaron Hawkins made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Bryan Towns seconded. The motion passed.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Bill Holmes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Budd Sapp seconded. The motion passed.

 6/9/17 FSU Board of Governors' Chair
Dixie Yann Date

 6/1/17 FSU Board of Governors' Secretary
Aaron Hawkins Date