



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF GOVERNORS
MEETING MINUTES

MAY 5, 2022

BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV
WEBEX MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair David Goldberg convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on May 5, 2022, beginning at approximately 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room, 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, Dr. Gina Fantasia, David Goldberg, Jason Henderson, Jennifer Kinty, Deborah Prezioso, Jay Puccio, and Kevin Rogers. Wendy Adkins, Rusty Hutson, and Jason Pizatella were present via WebEx. Maiya Bennett was present following roll call.

Others present were President Martin and President's Executive Leadership Team members Greg Bamberger, Ken Fettig, Dr. Joseph Han, Dr. Stephanie Harrod, Dr. Joy Hatch, Merri Incitti, Christa Kwiatkowski, Dr. Cailey Murray, and Dr. Dianna Phillips. Others present included Dr. Laura Clayton, Dean, College of Nursing; Dr. Tim Oxley, Dean, College of Business and Aviation; Dr. Amanda Metcalf, Dean, College of Education and Human Performance; Joel Kirk, Chief Flight Instructor; Gary Bennett, President of the Fairmont State Foundation; Jessica Sharps, Executive Director of University Relations and Marketing; Alicia Kalka, AVP of Enrollment and Housing; Hannah Mersing, Assistant Director of Communication; Chuck Shields, Faculty Senate President; Susan Ross, Executive Director of Academic Programs; Mac Cassell, College of Business and Aviation faculty member; and members of the local media.

B. Public Comment

Serena Scully advised that one person signed up for public comment.

Dr. Cassell expressed his support and commended President Martin for her leadership. He outlined the results achieved during President Martin's tenure, including the unprecedented financial condition of the University

C. Approval of Agenda

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to approve the agenda, in an amended order. Kevin Rogers seconded. The motion passed.

D. Approval of 2022-2023 Meeting Dates

Dr. Gina Fantasia suggested amending the schedule to include a board meeting every month.

Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to approve the 2022-2023 meeting dates, with additional one-hour monthly meetings scheduled. Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Deborah Prezioso made a motion to approve the February 17, 2022 meeting minutes. Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. President's Report

President Martin introduced Stephanie Harrod, VP of Human and Legal Affairs & General Counsel, and Jeffrey McCormick, Chief of Police and provided a brief background on their achievements prior to joining Fairmont State

Dr. Martin also thanked Mrs. Lyndsey Dugan for all of her work over the years. Mrs. Dugan increased the visibility of the University, and is credited with the marketing strategies currently used. She also designed the current University logo

President Martin thanked Maiya Bennett for her time on the board and presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Maiya introduced Elijah Dozer, the new Board of Governors student representative who will begin serving this summer.

B. Foundation Update – Gary Bennett

Mr. Gary Bennett, Interim President of the Fairmont State Foundation, thanked the Board of Governors and President Martin for allowing him to speak at the Friday commencement ceremony and expressed his gratitude for receiving the honorary degree.

Mr. Bennett shared the search for a new President is still ongoing.

Mr. Bennett advised that the Foundation awarded over \$1 million in scholarships this year.

Mr. Bennett discussed the inquiry of increasing the spend from the Foundation, explaining that the spend could not come from principal dollars.

IV. FINANCE COMMITTEE (Rusty Hutson, Chair)

Rusty Hutson, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the Finance Committee met on April 12th and asked Mrs. Christa Kwiatkowski, CFO, to provide a brief update.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided a summary of the January and February financials, which were provided in the board packet.

David Goldberg asked if there was a concern about meeting the bond requirements. Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised there was no concern.

Rusty Hutson inquired about the days cash on hand. Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised the days cash on hand is currently 211 days, and the current E&G and fund manager cash balance for the calculation is \$29.6M.

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

A. Financial Reports for the periods ending January 31, 2022, and February 28, 2022

Kevin Rogers seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided information regarding the request for fiscal year 2023 tuition and fees.

Maiya Bennett made a motion to accept the following:

B. FY23 Tuition and Fees

Jay Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski provided information regarding the capital projects request, provided in the board packet.

Jon Dodds made a motion to accept the following:

C. Capital Projects

Jennifer Kinty seconded. The motion passed.

Mrs. Kwiatkowski advised that the student portion of the HERF federal dollars has been fully expended and provided an update on the status of the institutional portion of the funds and expected future use.

V. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE** (Wendy Adkins, Chair)

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, advised that the Academic Affairs Committee met on March 21st and asked that Dr. Dianna Phillips provide an update.

Dr. Phillips shared the following news.

- A collaboration between the College of Education and the College of Science and Technology resulted in a grant (WV-INBRE) that has allowed the purchase of a new body scanner
- The College of Nursing received a \$1 million grant
- Joel Dugan, College of Science and Technology faculty, was chosen by the WV Coal Mine Wars museum to paint a mural in Mingo County

Dr. Phillips presented the program reviews for the accredited programs.

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

1. Program Review – A.S., B.S., and M.Arch in Architecture

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

2. Program Review – B.S. in Occupational Safety

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

3. Program Review – M.Ed. in Multi-Categorical Special Education

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

4. Program Review – M.Ed. in Reading Specialist

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

5. Program Review – Master of Arts in Teaching

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Phillips presented the program reviews for the non-accredited programs.

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

1. Program Review – B.S. in Graphic Design

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

2. Program Review – M.Ed. in Digital Media, New Literacies and Learning

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

3. Program Review – M.Ed. in Professional Studies

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

4. Program Review – M.Ed. in Exercise Science

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

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

5. Program Review – M.S. in Criminal Justice

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Phillips presented the program reviews that are provided for one-year reports.

Deborah Prezioso made a motion to accept the following:

6. Program Review – B.A. in Spanish (One Year Report)

Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

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

7. Program Review – B.A. in Communication Arts (One Year Report)

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Gina Fantasia commended Dr. Phillips for the smooth process for program reviews this year and for putting together an academic affairs committee meeting that allowed full discussion of the programs up for review.

Dr. Phillips presented the curriculum proposal for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing. This new program will be a traditional one, with face-to-face delivery.

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

- F. Curriculum Proposal for Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Dr. Phillips presented the request for the discontinuation of the A.S. Degree in Architectural Engineering Technology program.

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

G. Discontinuation of the A.S. Degree in Architectural Engineering Technology

Jon Dodds seconded. The motion passed.

Jennifer Kinty inquired how many students are currently in the program. Dr. Phillips advised there are two who are in a teach-out mode.

Dr. Phillips advised that the plans for the Police Academy are moving forward. The credit bearing component of the academy will be supervised by the academic division. The target launch for the program is Spring 2023.

VI. BYLAWS COMMITTEE (Deborah Prezioso, Chair)

Deborah Prezioso, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised that the Bylaws Committee met on March 9th and March 23rd and discussed the website listing of policies and Policy 8: Social Justice. Mrs. Prezioso advised that all policies are listed on the website, with another page added that lists all historical policies (rescinded, repealed, etc.). Mrs. Prezioso also advised that the Delegation of Authority was added to the website.

Mrs. Prezioso advised that policies GA-01 and GA-06 were created and approved by the Board last year. Both of those policies combined replaced Policy 8.

Kevin Rogers made a motion to accept the following:

A. 30-Day Public Comment for Repeal of Policy 8: Social Justice

Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

VII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Jason Pizatella, Chair)

Jason Pizatella, Chair of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee did not meet and asked that Mr. Greg Bamberger provide an update.

Mr. Bamberger provided some athletic team news:

- The acrobatics and tumbling team made it back to the national tournament in Oregon
- The softball team will be attending the MEC tournament
- The men's tennis team was selected to participate in the NCAA regionals
- The baseball team is having an outstanding season so far and has qualified for the MEC tournament

Mr. Bamberger provided a strategic plan update. Athletics continues to review personnel needs and consider potential changes to add full-time coaches and support personnel.

David Goldberg inquired about the athletic trainer situation. Mr. Bamberger advised that one hiring proposal is currently submitted to hire a gentleman from the Morgantown area. Bob Cable is also still interviewing other candidates to make an additional hire.

VIII. 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 April 6th and asked Mr. Ken Fettig, Vice President for Student Success, to provide an update.

Mr. Ken Fettig shared the following information:

For Fall 2022, the submitted applications, completed applications, admits, and new student enrolled numbers are up from this time last year. Depending on the day and metric, that increase is about 10-12%. However, total enrollment numbers (including current and returning) are down 4% from Spring 2021 to Spring 2022, or down 6.8% for the same time period removing dual enrollment student counts.

78% of applications for Fall 2022 are from in-state students.

Shared information regarding highlights of the strategic initiatives focus areas for enrollment management.

Over 400 guests attended Maroon and White Day in April 2022. Fall 2021 Maroon and White Day hosted over 300 guests.

Retention is looking positive. The Navigate platform (student success platform) should assist in increasing retention.

IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair Goldberg advised that the Executive Committee met on April 5th and discussed many topics, including Pierpont CTC, committee reports, and employment issues.

X. NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Goldberg appointed a nominating committee to make their recommendation at the next board meeting. The committee members are Kevin Rogers (chair), Jennifer Kinty, and Jason Henderson.

Mr. Goldberg advised that Rusty Hutson, Deborah Prezioso, and himself have all served two, one-year consecutive terms.

XI. POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Deborah Prezioso made a motion to go into Executive Session Under the Authority of West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(9) and (b)(12) to consider matters involving or affecting the purchase, sale or lease of property, advance construction planning, the investment of public funds or other matters involving commercial competition, which if made public, might adversely affect the financial or other interest of the state or any political subdivision and to discuss strategic planning regarding Pierpont CTC, FSU personnel and contractual matters and all pending litigation.

Jay Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

Kevin Rogers made a motion to rise from Executive Session. Dr. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.


Chair Goldberg advised that no action or votes were taken in executive session.

Chair Goldberg advised that there was discussion regarding the President's contract and the letter of correspondence received from the Chairman of the Pierpont Board of Governors.

Chair Goldberg advised that a meeting will be scheduled later this month to resolve the President's contract.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

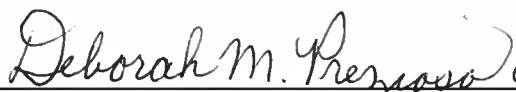
Dr. Gina Fantasia made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Maiya Bennett seconded. The motion passed.



David Goldberg

6/1/2022
Date

FSU Board of Governors' Chair



Deborah Prezioso

6/17/22
Date

FSU Board of Governors' Secretary