



FAIRMONT STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 23, 2024  
BOARD ROOM, 3RD FLOOR FALCON CENTER  
1201 LOCUST AVENUE, FAIRMONT, WV  
TEAMS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. Roll Call

Chair Jennifer Kinty convened the Fairmont State University Board of Governors meeting on October 23, 2024, beginning at approximately 9:01 a.m. in the Board Room, 3rd Floor Falcon Center, at 1201 Locust Avenue, Fairmont, West Virginia, and via Teams.

**Note: With this meeting being conducted in person and via Teams, 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 Teams or present included:**

At the request of Chair Kinty, Cheryl Lewis, Executive Assistant to the President and Board of Governors, conducted a roll call of the Board of Governors. Present for the meeting were board members Jennifer Kinty, Jason Pizatella, Jason Henderson, Gina Fantasia, David Goldberg, Jon Dodds, Lance Puccio, John Schirripa, Drew Paton and Riley Neal. Wendy Adkins was present via Teams. Kevin Rogers was absent.

Others present were President Michael Davis and President's Executive Leadership Team members Greg Bamberger, Athletic Director; Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Success; George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management; Dr. Dianna Phillips, Provost and VP of Academic Affairs; John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance & Administration/CFO; and Dr. Brian Selmeski, Chief of Staff. Others present included Dr. Timothy Oxley, Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs; Dr. Susan Ross, Associate Provost of Academic Affairs; Dr. Mary Sortino, Dean of Graduate Studies; Dr. Heath Howard, Executive Director of Institutional Research; Jeremiah Kibler, Director of Housing & Resident Life; Alicia Kalka, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management; Dr. Amanda Metcalf, Dean of the College of Education, Health and Human Performance; and Anne Bolyard, President of Fairmont State Foundation.

## B. Public Comment

Chair Jennifer Kinty acknowledged that no public comments were submitted to the BOG members through the public comment email. Cheryl Lewis, Assistant to the President and Board of Governors, confirmed that there were no public comments submitted.

## C. Approval of Agenda

David Goldberg moved to approve the agenda. John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

## II. APPROVAL OF AMENDED MINUTES OF JUNE 13, 2024

Gina Fantasia moved to approve June 13, 2024, amended minutes. David Goldberg seconded. The motion passed.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 28, 2024

Gina Fantasia moved to approve August 28, 2024, minutes. Jason Henderson seconded. The motion passed.

## III. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

### A. President's Report

Dr. Michael Davis presented information on the following:

- Presidential Communications: editorials, interview, social media
- Presidential Engagement
- Presidential Speaker Series
- Sponsored Programs
- Fighting Falcons

### B. Foundation Update

Dr. Anne Bolyard presented information on the following:

- Fiscal Year-to-Date Financial Milestones
- FY2025 Successes: Soar Tour 2024 Charleston, SC, 2024 Homecoming, 2024 Hall of Fame Banquet
- Looking to the Future Updates: Scholarship and Stewardship Banquet (11/1/24), Donor Appreciation Brunch (11/2/24), Deadline for Preliminary Interest for Fairmont State University Special Plates (2/5/25), Soar Tour 2025 (2/25), Day of Giving (2/27/25)
- Day of Giving 2025 Updates
- Goals: Fundraising and Day of Giving

**IV. ENROLLMENT, HOUSING & STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE (Jason Pizatella, Chair)**

Jason Pizatella, Chair of the Enrollment, Housing & Student Life Committee, advised that the committee met on October 10, 2024.

Dr. Janna Bredeson, Vice President of Student Affairs, provided an update on Student Affairs.

George Wolf, Vice President of Enrollment Management, provided information on the following:

- Fall 2024 New Student Undergraduate Enrollment
- Fall 2024 Total Undergraduate Enrollment

**V. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

John Schirripa, Chair of the Finance Committee, advised that the Finance Committee met on October 9, 2024.

John Nisbet, Interim Vice President of Finance and Administration/CFO, provided information on the following:

- Examples of "General" E&G, Fund Manager, Auxiliary, Cash Reserves, Capital Projects
- FY25 Budget YTD Report
- Cash Reserves Update
- Metro Tuition Rate
- Finance Office Updates: FY24 Financial Audit, CampusWorks, FY26 Operating and Capital Budget Calendar, Tuition Setting, Financial Forecasting Development

David Goldberg moved to approve tuition rate.

- Move out-of-state tuition to \$13,064 required tuition and fees for the academic year.
- Out-of-state tuition would be increased in year two to recoup costs from the first year and stabilize revenue projections for future years.

Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

**VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Wendy Adkins, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, advised that the Academic Affairs Committee met on October 9, 2024.

Dr. Dianna Phillips introduced the new Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Mary Sortino



Dr. Dianna Phillips provided information on the following:

- 2024-2025 Program Review Cohort
- Program Review Council Charge
- 2024-2025 Program Review Council
- Academic Affairs Restructuring Work Group Charge
- Academic Affairs Restructuring Work Group Members
- Academic Affairs Operations Platform-Coursedog

#### **VII. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Greg Bamberger, Ex-Officio of the Athletic Affairs Committee, advised that the Athletic Affairs Committee did not meet in October.

#### **VIII. BYLAWS COMMITTEE**

Gina Fantasia, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, advised the committee met on September 23, 2024, and October 7, 2024.

Jason Pizatella moved to approve the posting of public comment to repeal policy 50 "Policy on Policies" and the adoption of policy 1.1 "Adoption, Amendment, or Repeal of BOG Policies." Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

#### **IX. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Chair Kinty advised that the Executive Committee met on October 15, 2024.

Dr. Brian Selmeski, Chief of Staff, presented the Strategic Vision & Approach to Implementation Planning and provided the following information:

- Committee Guidance, Members and Vision
- Data Collection Timeline & Methods
- Analysis & Drafting
- Approval & Next Steps

Jason Pizatella moved to approve Strategic Vision. Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

#### **X. NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Kinty announced the appointment of the Audit Committee, which consists of the Executive Committee Members and the Chair of the Finance Committee.

#### **XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Jason Pizatella moved to approve going into executive session, pursuant to:

- WV Code §6-9A-4(b)(10) to consider an honorary degree
- WV Code §6-9A-4(b)(11) to consider pending litigation

David Goldberg recused himself from the discussion.

- WV Code §6-9A-4(b)(2)(A), to consider matters arising from the appointment, employment, retirement, promotion, transfer, demotion, disciplining, resignation, discharge, dismissal or compensation of a public officer or employee

Lance Puccio seconded. The motion passed.

David Goldberg moved to approve to rise from executive session. Gina Fantasia seconded. The motion passed.

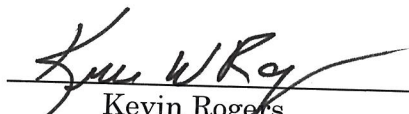
Jason Pizatella moved to approve the Honorary Degree. Gina Fantasia seconded.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

John Dodds made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Schirripa seconded. The motion passed.

  
Jennifer Kinty  
Board of Governors' Chair

12-17-24  
Date

  
Kevin Rogers  
Board of Governors' Secretary

12/13/24  
Date