

Fairmont State University Board of Governors – Executive Committee
Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at 9:00am
Teams
Meeting Minutes

Present: Michael Davis, Jennifer Kinty, Jason Pizatella, Gina Fantasia, Wendy Adkins, Brian Selmeski, George Wolf, Janna Bredeson, Spencer Flanagan, John Nisbet, Cheryl Lewis

Absent: none

Call to Order

Chair Jennifer Kinty called the December 10th Executive Committee meeting to order at approximately 9:02am.

Bookstore Proposal

- Michael Davis will present the bookstore proposal at the December 17, 2024, BOG meeting
- Spencer Flanagan presented a PowerPoint on the bookstore proposal, covering various topics:
 - Intent
 - Transition Fairmont State University Bookstore to Self-Operation Spirit Store & Online Textbook Vendor
 - Currently bookstore managed by Follett Higher Ed Group, LLC. Emergency contract ends on 5/31/25 with no renewal option.
 - Intended Changes
 - Spirit Store Transition: Move to an in-house model to control merchandise offerings, opportunity to expand print services and increase revenue
 - Textbook Operations: Shift to a virtual vendor through a structured Request for Proposal (RFP) process to ensure seamless integration and enhance accessibility.
 - Benefits to University
 - Increased revenue opportunities
 - Increased benefit to university with expanded services and accessibility
 - Increased benefit for students (job opportunities & increased access to textbooks.
 - Timeline
 - RFP process for online textbook vendor will begin early January to ensure time for faculty adoption process for textbooks.

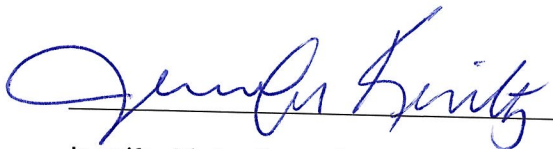
- Full implementation of spirit store takes effect June 1, 2025
- Conclusion
 - Intent to transition has been presented to faculty senate and president's cabinet
 - Received input from students on spirit store
 - All constituencies provided positive feedback on initiative

Executive Session

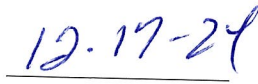
- Chair Kinty made a motion to go into executive session, pursuant to West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(11) to discuss pending litigation and West Virginia Code §6-9A-4(b)(6) to discuss material the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy.
- Jason Pizatella made a motion to rise from executive session. Chair Kinty seconded. The motion passed.
- Chair Kinty advised that no action or votes were taken in executive session.

Adjournment

Chair, Jennifer Kinty, adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:33am



Jennifer Kinty, Committee Chair



Date