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Fitchburg State University

Minutes

Board of Trustees and Fitchburg State Foundation joint meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday January 23, 2018 at 8:00 AM

Location
Landry Arena, 1000 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, MA 01420

Notice of a Meeting of the Fitchburg State University Board of Trustees
Tuesday, January 23, 2018, at 8:00 a.m. at the Landry Arena, 1000 John Fitch Highway, Fitchburg, MA 01420

This meeting with be a joint meeting with the Fitchburg State University Foundation

Trustees Present
A. Cochran, C. Stimpson, D. Nieto, D. Phillips, D. Tiernan, F. O'Donnell, L. Barrieau

Trustees Absent
A. Clementi, C. Stover, D. Irving, G. Rodriguez-Parker

Trustees who arrived after the meeting opened
C. Stimpson

Ex Officio Members Present
R. Lapidus

Guests Present

Cathy Canney, Chris Hendry, Cindy Carroll, Eric Gregoire, G. Doiron, Jay Bry, Jessica Murdoch, John Mahan, Laura Bayless, Marilyn Siderwicz, Martin F. Connors, Jr., Mary Beth McKenzie, Richard Healey, Scott Healey, Steve Swartz, Tony Emerson, Tony Mercadante

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance and Guests

B. Call the Meeting to Order

D. Phillips called a meeting of the board of trustees of Fitchburg State University to order on Tuesday Jan 23, 2018 at 8:13 AM.

C. Public Comments

There were none.

D. Approve Minutes from the Board of Trustees November 14, 2017 meeting - VOTE (11-17/18)

A. Cochran made a motion to approve minutes from the Board of Trustees on 11-14-17 Board of Trustees on 11-14-17.
L. Barrieau seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

E. Approve minutes from the Fitchburg State Foundation Oct. 4, 2017 Meeting

T. Mercadante made a motion to approve the minutes from the Fitchburg State Foundation University Board meeting on October 4, 2017. S. Foster seconded the motion. The Foundation Board VOTED to approve the motion.

II. Strength and Conditioning

A. Presentation by Dr. Danielle Wigmore and Dr. Jeff Godin, Exercise & Sport Science Department

C. Stimpson arrived.
President Lapidus expressed the desire to have the meeting at the Landry Arena so both boards could see the newly renovated space. He asked for the Exercise and Sports Science and Athletics Departments to present at this meeting as the facility will play a significant part of their program moving forward.

Dr. Danielle Wigmore, Chair, Exercise and Sports Science Department introduced herself. She provided background on what line of work students get into when they graduate. The department wanted to provide students a more in depth program in

Strength and Conditioning. The Landry Arena is now a place to train these students. Dr. Wigmore stated that she is excited about the collaboration with Athletics.

Dr. Godin, Associate Professor, and Head Strength & Conditioning Coach presented a power point. He provided background on how he came to work at Fitchburg State. He provided history on the progression of the Exercise and Sports Science Department. (Attached) The department is thankful to have a space to create meaningful preparation for its students. Fitchburg State alums have done well in this program and have secured impressive jobs in their respective fields. The university now has the fitness technology software found at top schools.

B. Presentation by Ms. Sue Lauder, and Mr. James McGuire, Athletics

Ms. Sue Lauder, Director of Athletics, introduced herself. She stated the Landry Arena would allow university teams to practice in a space that is specific to their needs. She explained how the space would be used by Athletics. In the event of inclement weather, the different sports teams would be able to practice indoors.The Recreation Center has been overused by the Athletes which displaced other students. Fitchburg State now has an advantage as none of our sister schools have in indoor facility like this. It is believed that this uniqueness will provide recruiting advantage. Ms. Lauder stated that the Athletics and Exercise and Sports Science Departments have a great relationship. She next introduced James McGuire, Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach.

James McGuire expressed his gratitude to present at this meeting. He explained what they do specifically in Strength & Conditioning. He presented a power point. (Attached) He talked about three software programs that students will use that are state-of-art.

There was a discussion on student injuries, equipment, coaching staff, and measuring success. There will be an opportunity for Board members to tour the facility and to use the equipment in the future.

III. Alumni Relations

A. Presentation by Mr. Christopher Hendry, Vice President of Institutional Advancement

Chris Hendry presented a quick overview of the Alumni Association. He presented a power point. (Attached) He said that a majority of our alumni live a few hours from Fitchburg State University. He presented and discussed statistics. He discussed the importance of a strong Alumni program. Alumni engagement really helps with fundraising he said. A Student Government Association liaison sits on the Alumni Board to help us understand and connect with students. He explained a recent meeting at Endicott College to review their Alumni mentoring program. The university is excited to see how we can get an Alumni mentoring program here. He stated he would be remiss if he did not ask Board members to consider a gift to the institution. The university coaches do a great

deal of fundraising, and they need help. The Alumni Office had planned a day of giving in collaboration with Sue Lauder and Athletics that was successful.

IV. Notifications

A. Personnel Actions (N04-17/18)

The personnel actions were presented for informational purposes.

V. President's Report

A. Opening of the Spring Semester

President Lapidus said the semester started smoothly and uneventfully. Enrollment continues to look good but, is slightly down, typical of spring semester. The university has a diverse array of programming scheduled for this semester.

B. Update on Collective Bargaining

Collective bargaining contracts are still being negotiated. The Presidents met and have encouraged teams to expedite the process. It is hoped that progress on all three contracts will be forthcoming.

C. Winter Commencement

The Winter Commencement held in December was a great evening despite the weather challenges. The President encouraged the Board to participate in the future ceremonies.

D. Theatre Block

The president discussed the Theatre Block event to be held on January 31 with Secretary Ash and collaborators with the city.

E. Search Update

There are a number of searches going on.

F. DHE Trustee Conference March 1, 2018

The annual DHE Trustees conference will take place again this year in Westborough. He encouraged all Board members to attend.

G. News Articles

The news articles were included for informational purposes.

VI. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

C. Stimpson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
A. Cochran seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
D. Phillips