THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting of February 17, 2022**

The Governance Committee of the James Madison University Board of Visitors met on Thursday, February 17, 2022 in the Festival Conference and Student Center at James Madison University.   
Jeff Grass, chair, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**PRESENT:**

Falcon, Chris

Grass, Jeff, Chair

Harper, Donna, liaison

Herod, Maribeth

Major, Lara, ex officio

Warden, Kathy

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alger, Jonathan President

Tompkins Johnson, Deborah

Knight, Jack, Legal Counsel

On motion by Kathy Warden, seconded by Maribeth Herod, approved the minutes of the November 18, 2021 meeting.

**Board Self-Evaluation Process**The committee discussed the board self-evaluation that is required for the institution’s SACSCOC accreditation. Legal counsel is reviewing options for conducting the evaluation and the committee will continue to work on the self-evaluation process.  
  
**Nominating Committee Recommendation**  
The committee provided recommendations for the Nominating Committee for the Rector’s consideration.  
  
**Executive Committee Composition**

The committee reviewed the composition of the Executive Committee based on the revisions to the Board Manual. The committee recommends the Executive Committee be comprised of the Rector, Vice Rector and three committee chairs selected by the Rector. In addition, a past Rector could serve as an ex-officio member. This will formally be presented at the April board meeting.  
  
**Qualifications and Competencies of Board Members**Documents from other institutions were reviewed and the committee will develop a draft to share with the board in April.

**Board Member Professional Development**

The committee reviewed the current status of the board members participation in professional development activities and all board members are in good standing. The annual retreat will also include such opportunities.

**Strategic Trends and Opportunity Assessment**The “strategic review of trends and long-term goals” was discussed to determine the best approach to meet this committee purpose. Further discussion will take place at the annual retreat scheduled for April 23.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:32 pm.

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Jeff Grass, Chair

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary