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**Minutes of the Meeting of October 9, 2015**

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, October 9, 2015 in the Festival Conference and Student Center Board Room on the campus of James Madison University. Mr. Mike Thomas, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:02 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Battle, Mike

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Funkhouser, Joseph

Grass, Jeff

Gray, Matthew

Hutchinson, Lucy (arrived late)

Jankowski, Maria

Johnson, Deborah

Rexrode, David

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike, Rector

Welburn, Craig

Smith, Robert, Student Member to the Board

Harper, Donna, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

None

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alger, Jonathan, President

Benson, A. Jerry, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

King, Charles, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance

Langridge, Nick, Vice President for University Advancement

Warner, Mark, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and University Planning

Wyatt, William, Senior Director of Communications & University Spokesperson

Burnett, Audrey, Speaker Pro Tempore, Faculty Senate

Wheeler, Susan, University Counsel

The Rector welcomed the new board members. The Rector also recognized the members of IMPACT3 in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser, seconded by Mr. Battle, the minutes of the June 5, 2015 meeting were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advancement Committee**

Mr. Warren Coleman, Chair, presented the report of the Advancement Committee. The minutes of the June 5, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment A)

Mr. Coleman reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. Mr. David Biancamano, Associate Athletic Director, provided information on the Duke Club fundraising efforts for FY16 showing the total is head of last year; and Mr. Jeff Gilligan, Associate Vice President for Development indicated funds raised for Annual Giving, Individual Major Gifts, Organizational Gifts, and Planned Giving are at an all time high;
2. Mr. Andy Perrine, Associate Vice President for Communications and Marketing and Mr. Randy Budnikas, Online Marketing Manager, reported a new version of the university’s website was introduced in July; and
3. On motion of Warren Coleman, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the board approved the creation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Campaign Planning.

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mrs. Evans-Grevious, the Advancement report was accepted.

**Athletics Committee**

Mr. Mike Battle, Chair, presented the report of the Athletics Committee. The minutes of the June 5, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment B)

Mr. Battle reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. Mr. Jeff Bourne, Athletics Director, provided an update on the fall sports;
2. Ms. Jennifer Phillips, Associate Athletic Director, provided an overview of student-athlete academics, sharing NCAA data;
3. Mr. David Biancamano, Associate Athletic Director, provided an update on fundraising discussing the capital campaign for the Convocation Center and efforts to increase giving to the Duke Club; and
4. Mr. Geoff Polglase, Deputy Athletic Director, updated the committee on the progress in meeting accountability measures for the seven themes of the athletics strategic plan.

On motion of Mr. Battle, seconded by Mr. Rice, the Athletics report was accepted.

**Audit Committee**

Mr. Edward Rice, Chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee. The minutes of the June 5, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment C)

Mr. Rice reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. Mrs. Becky Holmes, Director of Audit and Management Services, presented the annual report for 2014-15;
2. The committee reviewed the Internal Audit Plan for 2015-16; and
3. The 2015-16 Internal Audit Budget was reviewed and approved by the committee.

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Audit report was accepted.

**Education and Student Life**

Mrs. Vanessa Evans-Grevious, Chair, presented the report of the Education and Student Life Committee. The minutes from the June 5, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment D)

Mrs. Evans-Grevious reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. On motion of Mrs. Evans-Grevious, seconded by Mr. Funkhouser, the board approved the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Design;
2. Dr. Bradley Newcomer, Director of the Honors Program, shared a brief history of the Honors Program and the planning process and timeline for transitions to the Madison Honors College;
3. Dr. Rich Harris, Mr. Jeremy Hawkins, Ms. Misty Newman, and Mr. Devin Joseph, Center for Service Learning, provided an overview of JMU’s upcoming alternative break trip to New Orleans marking the 10th anniversary of the Katrina service trip; and
4. Heard reports from the Student Member to the Board, Student Government Association President, and the Faculty Senate Speaker.

On motion of Mrs. Evans-Grevious, seconded by Mr. Battle, the Education and Student Life report was accepted.

#### Finance and Physical Development Committee

The Honorable William Bolling, Chair, presented the report of the Finance and Physical Development Committee. The minutes from the June 5, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment E)

Mr. Bolling reported on the following from the committee meeting:

1. Reviewed the 2014-15 financial report provided to the committee on a quarterly basis;
2. Mr. John Knight, Assistant Vice President, presented the 2014-15 Receivable Write-Offs report;
3. On motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mr. Rice, the board approved the easement to Verizon Wireless to upgrade electric utilities to Lakeview Hall;
4. Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, discussed the 2016-18 biennial budget requests submitted by the university; and
5. Mr. King and Ms. Towana Moore, Associate Vice President for Business Services, shared the capital projects for 2015-16.

On motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Finance and Physical Development report was accepted.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Alger presented information on the following: (Attachment F)

1) The University received 25,090 applications for the Class of 2019, which is projected to be  
 4,380 students; they represent 32 states, the District of Columbia and 46 countries;

2) Introduced Dr. Adam Murray, Dean of Libraries and Educational Technologies; Dr. Jie Chen,   
 Dean of the Graduate School; Dr. Bradley Newcomer, Director of the Honors Program; and   
 Dr. Marcia Blaine, ACE Fellow;

3) The Apartments on Grace Street opened this fall for students;

4) The Veterans’ Center, located in Wilson Hall, opened on September 11;

5) The Valley Scholars welcomed the second class of 35 8th grade students;

6) Recognized the Roberts Endowment Gift for Faculty Support;

7) Informed the board that the Alison Parker Memorial Fund has received donations totaling  
 nearly $180,000 from more than 1,000 donors;  
 8) The National Center for Pathways recognized JMU as one of 25 institutions providing a strong   
 orientation for STEM students;  
 9) The Madison Singers performed in Washington, DC and in Philadelphia with Josh Groban;

10) The JMU Office of Public Safety achieved a perfect re-accreditation from the Virginia Law   
 Enforcement Professional Standards Commission;

11) The president participated in the Virginia Governor’s Higher Education Presidents’ Summit on   
 the Service Year and the Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference; and

12) JMU signed an MOU with the Republic of Kosovo to exchange students and teachers.

**ENGAGED LEARNING**

Dr. Judy Dilts, Associate Dean in the College of Science and Math and Mr. Dietrick Maune, Associate Dean in the College of Arts and Letters, presented an update on the activities of the Engaged Learning Committee of the Engaged University Council. (Attachment G)

**CAMPUS SAFETY PLAN**

Mrs. Donna Harper, Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management, presented the Comprehensive Safety Plan as required by the Code of Virginia for approval by the board.

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Campus Safety Plan (Comprehensive Safety Plan) was approved.

**JLARC RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mrs. Donna Harper, Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management, presented the seven recommendations from the JLARC reports requiring board attention. (Attachment H)

**SIX YEAR PLAN**

Dr. Mark Warner, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and University Planning; Dr. Jerry Benson, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; and Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance presented the Six Year Plan. On motion of Mr. Funkhouser, seconded by Mr. Battle, the Six Year Plan was approved. (Attachment I)

Rector Thomas then called for the board to move into Closed Session. Mr. Bolling made the following motion:

“I move the Board go into closed session to discuss the following matters: 1) pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A-1, to discuss personnel matters involving promotions, retirements, hiring, resignations, salary adjustments, and status changes of various faculty members, administrators and appointees; as well as the performance of specific individuals; 2) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A-29 to discuss the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds; 3) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A-7 to consult with legal counsel and be briefed by staff members/consultants pertaining to litigation; and 4) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711-A-3 to discuss the acquisition/disposal of real property.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Rexrode and the Board moved into closed session.

Following the closed session, Mr. Thomas then stated the following:

**During the closed session, the board discussed only matters lawfully**

**exempted from open meeting requirements and only those types of matters**

**identified in the motion for the closed session.**

**RECORDED VOTE: the following is an affirmative recorded, member by**

**member vote:**

Battle, Mike

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Funkhouser, Joseph

Grass, Jeff

Gray, Matthew

Hutchinson, Lucy

Jankowski, Maria

Johnson, Deborah

Rexrode, David

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike, Rector

Welburn, Craig

Mr. Thomas then asked if there were any motions to come forward.

On motion of Mr. Rexrode, seconded by Mr. Funkhouser, approved the personnel action report.

On motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mr. Battle approved the purchase at 1001 Forest Hill Road at a purchase price of $500,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mrs. Evans-Grevious, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

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Mike Thomas, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary