THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

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**Minutes of the Meeting of January 16, 2015**

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, January 16, 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 1:06 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Battle, Mike

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Fiorina, Carly, Vice Rector

Funkhouser, Joseph

Gilliam, Leslie

Hutchinson, Lucy

Rainey, Don

Rexrode, David

Rice, Edward

Thomas, Mike, Rector

Thompson, Fred

Scala, David, Student Member 2014-15

Harper, Donna, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

DuVal, Barry

Cuevas, Pablo

**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, Bill, Associate Director, Communications & Deputy Spokesperson

McGraw, David, Speaker, Faculty Senate

Wheeler, Susan University Counsel

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, the minutes of the September 26, 2014 meeting and the Executive Committee meeting held on November 1, 2014 were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advancement Committee**

Mrs. Leslie Gilliam, Chair, presented the report of the Advancement Committee. The minutes of the September 26, 2014 meeting were approved. (Attachment A)

Mrs. Gilliam reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. The Duke Club has raised $1.03 million toward the FY15 goal of $2.2 million;
2. The Development report indicated through December 31, 2014, committed funds raised to date total $5.17 million for FY15;
3. The Madison Trust hosted its first event where 12 teams of faculty and staff pitched innovative ideas for a field of 18 donors;
4. The Madison Vision Tour is underway and four new collateral pieces where shared with the committee; and
5. The new digital magazine app for the *Madison* was presented.

On motion of Mrs. Gilliam, seconded by Mrs. Fiorina, the Advancement report was accepted.

**Athletics Committee**

Mr. Mike Battle, Chair, presented the report of the Athletics Committee. The minutes of the September 26, 2014 meeting were approved. (Attachment B)

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

1. An update on the sports program;
2. The final draft of the athletic strategic plan was presented; and
3. The conceptual plans for the new Convocation Center were presented along with the fundraising goals to initiate the project.

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

**Audit Committee**

Mr. Fred Thompson, Chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee. The minutes of the September 26, 2014 meeting were approved. (Attachment C)

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

1. Mr. Dave Hulvey, Assistant Vice President for Information Technology, provided information regarding a recent security incident and measures taken to strengthen network security; and
2. An update on the work of the JMU Compliance Committee was provided.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Gilliam, 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 September 26, 2014 meeting were approved. (Attachment D)

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

1. On motion of Mrs. Evans-Grevious, seconded by Mrs. Carly Fiorina, approved the Executive Leadership Master of Business Administration graduate program.
2. Heard the first reading for creating individual majors from existing concentrations for theatre, musical theatre and dance
3. Dr. Mark Warner, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and University Planning and Dr. Jerry Benson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs presented information on the Engaged University Council
4. Heard reports from the student member to the board, the Student Government Association, and the Faculty Senate.

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

#### Finance and Physical Development Committee

Mr. Don Rainey, Chair, presented the report of the Finance and Physical Development Committee. The minutes from the September 26, 2014 meeting were approved. (Attachment E)

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

1. The financial report was reviewed and the revenue and expenditures were appropriate for the first five months;
2. Information related to the Auxiliary Services Reserve account was shared and it was noted this account is audited on an annual basis by the state auditors;
3. Mr. John Knight, Assistant Vice President for Finance, presented a review of the University debt portfolio for 2015;
4. On motion of Mr. Rainey, seconded by Mr. Bolling, approved the following 2015 Summer Tuition and Fees:

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|  | **Summer 2015** |
| **Tuition and E&G Fees (per credit hour)** |  |
| Virginia Undergraduate | $312 |
| Non-Virginia Undergraduate | $845 |
| Virginia Graduate | $411 |
| Non-Virginia Graduate | $1,085 |
| **Student Services Fee (per credit hour)** |  |
| Virginia Undergraduate | $23 |
| Non-Virginia Undergraduate | $23 |
| Virginia Graduate | $23 |
| Non-Virginia Graduate | $23 |
| **Room & Board (per week)** |  |
| Room | $100 |
| Board | $107 |

1. Ms. Diane Stamp, Assistant Vice President for Budget Management and Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration & Finance provided an overview of the findings and recommendations of the Joint Legislative and Audit Review Committee’s (JLARC) higher education study on costs.
2. Mr. Dale Hulvey, Assistant Vice President for Information Technology, briefed the committee regarding a recent security incident.

On motion of Mr. Rainey, seconded by Mrs. Gilliam, the Finance and Physical Development report was accepted.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

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

1. December commencement;
2. Higher education costs and outcomes related to federal initiatives;
3. The Engaged University Council;
4. Vision Tour events sharing The Madison Plan;
5. The University’s Title IX efforts;
6. Valley Scholars program;
7. The Marching Royal Dukes trip to Italy where Mr. Scott Rikkers, Director of the Marching Royal Dukes, shared his perceptions of the experience; and
8. Recent recognitions for the University.

**CAREER AND ACADEMIC PLANNING**

Mrs. Mary Morsch, Director and Ms. Denise Rudolph, Associate Director presented information on the office and role of internships. (Attachment G)

**GOVERNOR’S BUDGET**

Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, presented information on the Governor’s budget and efficiencies currently implemented by the university. (Attachment H)

Rector Thomas then called for the board to move into Closed Session. Mrs. Fiorina 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 award of tenure to faculty members;

2) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711-A-3 of the Code of Virginia to discuss the acquisition/disposal of real property; 3) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A-7 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel and be briefed by staff members/consultants pertaining to litigation.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Battle 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

Fiorina, Carly

Funkhouser, Joseph

Gilliam, Leslie

Hutchinson, Lucy

Rainey, Don

Rexrode, David

Rice, Edward

Thomas, Mike

Thompson, Fred

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

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

On motion of Mr. Rainey, seconded by Mrs. Fiorina, approved the purchase at 40 East Fairway Ave. at a purchase price of $371,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Rainey, seconded by Mrs. Fiorina, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

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Mike Thomas, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary