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**Minutes of the Meeting of April 7, 2017**

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, April 7, 2017 in the Festival Conference and Student Center Board Room on the campus of James Madison University. Mrs. Vanessa Evans-Grevious, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Battle, Mike

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa, Rector

Grass, Jeff

Gray, Matthew

Herod, Maribeth

Jankowski, Maria

Johnson, Deborah

Major, Lara

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike

Welburn, Craig

Okafor, Adaoma, Student Member 2016-17

Harper, Donna, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Hutchinson, Lucy

**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

Wyatt, Bill, Senior Director of Communications & University Spokesperson

Burnett, Audrey, Speaker, Faculty Senate

Wheeler, Susan, University Counsel

The Rector acknowledged Adaoma Okafor for her involvement this past year and thanked Dr. Burnett for her time and commitment to the faculty senate and her valued leadership. She also thanked Matt Mueller for his role as Student Government Association President although he was not in attendance. The Rector also acknowledged John Rothenberger for receiving the Carrier Distinguished Alumni Award.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Battle, the minutes of the January 13, 2017 meeting were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advancement Committee**

Mr. Warren Coleman, presented the report of the Advancement Committee. The minutes of the January 13, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment A)

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

1. Ms. Cynthia Cline, Director, Major Gifts, reported on the fundraising dollars to date;
2. Mr. Bryan Allen, Assistant Athletic Director, Major Gifts, reported on the Duke Club fundraising;
3. Mr. David Taylor, Senior Director of Advancement Marketing, presented the new digital case for scholarship giving;
4. Mr. Martin O’Donoghue, Director for Prospect Research, Mr. Thomas Schaeffer, CEO, JMU Foundation, and Ms. Cassie Henry, Assistant Director, Gifts and Records, reported on the matching gift program;
5. Ms. Gretchen Armentrout, Associate Director, Direct Response, reported on JMU’s second Giving Day held on March 14th; and
6. Ms. Sheila Smith, Associate Vice President, Campaign Management and Mr. David Taylor provided an update on the fundraising efforts for the College of Business Learning Complex.

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Bolling, the Advancement report was accepted.

**Athletics Committee**

Mr. Mike Battle, Chair, presented the report of the Athletics Committee. The minutes of the January 13, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment B)

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

1. Mr. Jeff Bourne, Director of Athletics, provided the update of fall sport achievements and the spring sports that are performing well;
2. Mr. Justin Jannuzzi, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development, was introduced;
3. Mr. John Knight, Assistant Vice President for Finance, reviewed the Independent Auditors report regarding the Schedule of Athletic Revenues and Expenses for the Intercollegiate Athletic program;
4. Ms. Jennifer Phillips, Associate Athletic Director for Compliance/Senior Women’s Administrator, reviewed the Title IX report from Helen Grant Consulting;
5. Mr. Bryan Allen, Assistant Athletic Director, Major Gifts, provided a fundraising update; and
6. Mr. Ty Phillips, Assistant Athletics Director, provided an update on the facilities plan for athletics.

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 January 13, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment C)

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

1. Mr. Al Bartholet, WMRA station manager, discussed the results of the WMRA financial audit conducted by PB Mares, CPAs; and
2. Ms. Rebecca Holmes, Director of Audit and Management Services, provided a status report on the annual internal audit plan and reviewed mandatory disclosures required by the Institute of Internal Auditors.

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

**Education and Student Life**

Mrs. Deborah Johnson, Chair, presented the report of the Education and Student Life Committee. The minutes from the January 13, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment D)

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

1. Dr. Sharon Lovell, Dean of the College of Health and Behavioral Studies and Dr. Jamie Frye, Associate Professor, Health Sciences, presented the second reading on the proposed transition of the bachelor’s degree in Athletic Training to a master’s degree;
2. On motion of Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, approved the transition of the Athletic Training to a Master’s program and cohort tuition effective the summer of 2020; and
3. Heard updates from the Graduate Student Association; Student Member to the Board; Student Government Association; and the Faculty Senate.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rice, 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 January 13, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment E)

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

1. Mr. John Knight, Assistant Vice President for Finance, reviewed the financial report and indicated the University’ revenue and expenditure were appropriate for the period July 1, 2016 through February 28, 2017;
2. Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration, gave an update on the 2017 General Assembly session;
3. Mr. King presented the proposed 2017-18 tuition and fees;
4. The committee heard presentation on two functions that will convert to electronic processes;
5. The committee was briefed on an upgrade to the University’s emergency notification system; and
6. Ms. Towana Moore, Associate Vice President for Business Services, and Ms. Jini Cook, Director of Real Property, gave a presentation on the rental properties that JMU owns and leases.

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. Introduced Heather Coltman who will begin at JMU in July as the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs;
2. Dr. Chris Arndt has been named the Interim Dean of the College of Arts and Letters;
3. Reminded the board that the University Commencement ceremony will be held on Friday, May 5th at 3:00 pm with Mr. Arthur Moats as the commencement speaker;
4. Madison Hall has opened and houses Admissions, The Graduate School, Office of Access and Inclusion, Title IX, Valley Scholars, Center for Global Engagement and Physics;
5. An exhibit on the works of Ben Shahn was on display in Duke Hall;
6. Hosted the Cultivating the Globally Sustainable Self Summit;
7. Engagement continues with educators from Kosovo;
8. Aly Remtulla presented an address on Islam in America;
9. The Madison Vision Series hosted Mary Ellen Callahan who presented on Cybersecurity and Privacy;
10. Meetings with SRI and city/county administrators to discuss future collaborations;
11. Hosted a statewide conference on drone technology;
12. Blue Vigil was named a top 40 “Best University Startup in 2017”;
13. An interdisciplinary, team-taught course called Hacking 4 Defense worked to solve problems identified by the Defense Department;
14. GO Virginia Regional Council met for the first time;
15. The search is near completion for the new Executive Director for the Center for Civic Engagement; and
16. A proposal has been developed for a new Campus Compact for VA that JMU would host.

**ENGAGEMENT FELLOWS**

Dr. Rhonda Zingraff, Associate Dean and Director for the Institute for Innovation in Health and Human Services, and Claudia Salvador and Madeleine Ross, Engagement Fellows presented information on their experiences this past year. (Attachment G)

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE**

Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance presented an update on the General Assembly session. (Attachment H)

**2017-18 TUITION AND FEES**

Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance presented the proposed tuition and fees for 2017-18. (Attachment I) On motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mr. Grass, approved the following annual tuition and fees:



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| **GRADUATE  (Per Credit Hour)** |  |
| **Virginia** | **$473** |
| **Non-Virginia** | **$1,231** |

Rector Evans-Grevious then called for the board to move into Closed Session. Mr. Coleman 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 in Harrisonburg; 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 Ms. Jankowski and the Board moved into closed session.

Following the closed session, Mrs. Evans-Grevious 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

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Funkhouser, Joseph

Grass, Jeff

Gray, Matthew

Jankowski, Marie

Johnson, Deborah

Rexrode, David

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike

Welburn, Craig

Mrs. Evans-Grevious then asked if there were any motions to come forward.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Herod, approved the personnel action report.

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mrs. Herod, approved the purchase of property at 593 University Boulevard for a price of $1,519,383.

The Rector announced the members of the Nominating Committee:

Deborah Johnson, Chair

Jeff Grass

Mike Thomas

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Thomas, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 pm.

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Vanessa Evans-Grevious, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary