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**Minutes of the Meeting of November 9, 2018**

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, November 9, 2018 in the Festival Conference and Student Center Board Room on the campus of James Madison University. Mrs. Maribeth Herod, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:12 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Jankowski, Maria  
Johnson, Deborah  
Major, Lara, Vice Rector  
Ragon, Maggie  
Rothenberger, John

Warden, Kathy

Battle, Mike  
Evans-Grevious, Vanessa  
Gadams, Frank

Grass, Jeff

Gray-Keeling, Matthew  
Herod, Maribeth, Rector  
Welburn, Craig

Harper, Donna, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Hutchinson, Lucy

Thomas, Mike

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alger, Jonathan, President

Coltman, Heather, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

King, Charles, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance

Langridge, Nick, Vice President for University Advancement

Miller, Tim, Vice President for Student Affairs

Wyatt, Bill, Senior Director of Communications & University Spokesperson

Wheeler, Susan University Counsel

The Rector recognized the participants of the IMPACT leadership program in attendance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Rothenberger, seconded by Mr. Battle, the minutes of the September 14, 2018 were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academics and Student Life Committee**

Mrs. Lara Major, Chair, presented the report of the Academics and Student Life Committee. The minutes from the September 14, 2018 meeting were approved. (Attachment A)

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

1. Dr. Heather Coltman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, gave an update on the activities of academic affairs;
2. Dr. Tim Miller, Vice President for Student Affairs, gave an update on the activities within student affairs;
3. On motion of Mrs. Major, seconded by Ms. Jankowski, approved the revisions to the Faculty Handbook;
4. On motion of Mrs, Major, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, approved the Open Educational Resources resolution;
5. Dr. Julie Sanford, Director for the School of Nursing, presented an overview of the school;
6. Dr. Breyette Lorntz Covington, Instructor in Health Sciences and Dr. Cathy McKay, Assistant Professor in Kinesiology, presented information related to the two mini-grants they received from the Faculty Senate;
7. Ms. Valerie Schoolcraft, Director for the Office of Disability Services, shared the mission and programs associated with the office; and
8. Heard reports from the speaker of the faculty senate; student representative to the board, student government association president.

On motion of Mrs. Major, seconded by Mr. Battle, the Academics and Student Life report was accepted.

**Advancement Committee**

Mr. John Rothenberger, presented the report of the Advancement Committee. The minutes of the September 14, 2018 meeting were approved. (Attachment B)

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

1. Mr. Justin Jannuzzi, Senior Associate Athletic Director for Development, and Mr. Jeff Gilligan, Associate Vice President for Development, shared information on the athletic, annual giving and major gift fund-raising efforts to date;
2. Dr. Nick Langridge, Vice President for Advancement and Mr. Andy Perrine, Associate Vice President for Communications and Marketing, recapped the October 26th launch of the Unleashed comprehensive campaign;
3. Dr. Heather Coltman, Dr. Mike Busing, Interim Dean of the College of Business, and Mr. Patrick McQuown, Executive Director for the Center for Entrepreneurship, explained the impact of the gift by the Gilliam family to name the Leslie Flanary Gilliam Center for Entrepreneurship at JMU; and
4. Ms. Emma Maynard, Assistant Director for the Madison Network, and Mr. John Meck, Director of Corporate Relations, described The Madison Network and the Madison Champions.

On motion of Mr. Rothenberger, seconded by Mrs. Major, the Advancement report was accepted.

**Athletics Committee**

Mr. Craig Welburn, Chair, presented the report of the Athletics Committee. The minutes of the September 14, 2018 meeting were approved. (Attachment C)

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

1. Mr. Jeff Bourne, Director of Athletics, provided a sports update;
2. Mr. Kevin White, Associate Athletics Director, and Dr. Roger Soenksen, Faculty Athletics Representative, offered an overview of the Student-Athlete Senior Exit Interview Process;
3. Ms. Jennifer Phillips, Associate Athletics Director for Compliance/Student-Athlete Services/Senior Women’s Administrator, provided a student-athlete academic update;
4. Mr. Stephen LaPorta, Assistant Athletics Director for Compliance, updated the committee on the recent NCAA legislation related to men’s basketball; and
5. Mr. Justin Jannuzzi, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development, shared a fundraising update and a draft of the proposed new benefit structure.

On motion of Mr. Welburn, seconded by Mrs. Major, the Athletics report was accepted.

There was no Audit Committee meeting.

#### Finance and Physical Development Committee

Mr. Mike Battle, substituting for the Chair, presented the report of the Finance and Physical Development Committee. The minutes from the September 14, 2018 meeting were approved. (Attachment D)

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

1. Mr. Mark Angel, Assistant Vice President for Finance, reviewed the quarterly financial review;
2. Mr. Charlie King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, briefed the committee on the Level III delegated authority;
3. Mr. Lee Eshleman, Traffic Demand Manager at JMU, gave a presentation on the University’s transportation program;
4. Mr. King discussed the possibility of an open comment period regarding tuition and fees.

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

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

1. The university successfully launched the public phase of its $200 million comprehensive campaign during Homecoming;
2. Joseph (’76, ‘77M) and Pamela Craun (’77) Damico have donated $1 million to create an endowed chair in the Exceptional Education program;
3. Eric (’91) and Lara Parker (’92) Major have donated to name the College of Business’ laboratory for Innovation, Collaboration, Creativity and Entrepreneurship;
4. The Gilliam family has committed to a $5.2 million gift to name the Center for Entrepreneurship in honor of the late Leslie Flanary Gilliam (’82), a former member of the Board of Visitors and co-founder of Women for Madison;
5. The university will hold a number of regional campaign events in areas including Richmond, Atlanta, Washington, DC, Baltimore, Northern Virginia and New York;
6. A groundbreaking ceremony was held during Homecoming for the new College of Business Learning Complex;
7. The university has begun the process of updating the current strategic plan which culminates in 2020;
8. JMU hosted the Engagement for the Public Good conference at the Hotel Madison Nov. 7-9;
9. Best-selling author John Grisham hosted author and musician James McBride at the inaugural John Grisham Writer’s Hour in October;
10. The Madison Vision Series recently hosted two former members of Congress, one Democrat and one Republican, to discuss the current political climate;
11. JMU’s partnership with the Republic of Kosovo continues to flourish through mutual exchanges of administrators, faculty and alumni, and the attendance of JMU leaders at an innovation conference in Kosovo;
12. Volleyball is currently tied for first place in the CAA;
13. Women’s soccer was the regular season CAA champion and coach Josh Walters was named CAA Coach of the Year. Five players earned All-CAA honors;
14. Men’s soccer was the regular season CAA champion and will host the CAA tournament. Coach Paul Zazenski was named CAA Coach of the Year while nine players earned All-CAA honors;
15. Searches for deans of the College of Business, College of Education, and Libraries and Educational Technology are progressing;
16. The Virginia Council of Presidents expects issues of affordability and access to be prominent in the General Assembly; and
17. JMU was named the most recommended university in the United States by the *Times of Higher Education / Wall Street Journal* based on a national survey of more than 200,000 students.

**COLLEGE OF HEALTH AND BEHAVIORAL STUDIES**

(Attachment F)

Dr. Sharon Lovell, Dean of the College of Health and Behavioral Studies, presented information about the college and its programs. Dr. Kelly Atwood, faculty member and students: Claire Gallaher, Sarah Lanyi, and Brooke Thompson shared their experiences.

**LEVEL III MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT**

Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, explained the opportunities with the Level III delegated authority and reviewed the management agreement.

On motion of Mr. Battle, seconded by Mr. Grass, approved the management agreement and resolution for the Level III delegated authority.

Rector Herod then called for the board to move into Closed Session. Mrs. Major 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 faculty members, university administrators and appointees;

2) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia, to discuss the acquisition of real property located in Harrisonburg, Virginia; and

3) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.7 of the Code of Virginia, to consult with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation.”

The motion was seconded by Mrs. Evans-Grevious and the Board moved into closed session.

Following the closed session, Mrs. Herod 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:**

Johnson, Deborah  
Major, Lara, Vice Rector  
Ragon, Maggie  
Rothenberger, John

Warden, Kathy  
Welburn, Craig

Battle, Mike  
Evans-Grevious, Vanessa  
Gadams, Frank

Grass, Jeff

Gray-Keeling, Matthew  
Herod, Maribeth, Rector  
Jankowski, Maria

Mrs. Herod then asked if there were any motions to come forward.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Evans-Grevious, approved the personnel action report.

On motion of Mr. Battle, seconded by Ms. Jankowski, approved the purchase at 705 Oak Hill Drive for $278,500.

On motion of Mr. Battle, seconded by Mr. Grass, approved the purchase at 217 Port Republic Road for $150,000.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Major, seconded by Mr. Rothenberger, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 pm.

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Maribeth Herod, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary