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THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY

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

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, February 9, 2018 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 1:00 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Battle, Mike

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren, Vice Rector

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa, Rector

Grass, Jeff

Gray-Keeling, Matthew

Herod, Maribeth

Jankowski, Maria

Johnson, Deborah

Major, Lara

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike

Welburn, Craig

Kaufmann, Eric, Student Representative 2017-18

Harper, Donna, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

Hutchinson, Lucy

**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

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

Wyatt, Bill, Senior Director of Communications & University Spokesperson

Burnett, Audrey, Speaker, Faculty Senate

Wheeler, Susan University Counsel

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Mrs. Herod, seconded by Mrs. Johnson, the minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advancement Committee**

Mr. John Rothenberger, presented the report of the Advancement Committee. The minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment A)

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

1. Ms. Debbie Jordan has been hired as the Assistant Vice President for Advancement Information Services;
2. Mr. Jeff Gilligan, Associate Vice President for Development, reported that $12.3 million were committed through February 7, 2018;
3. Mr. Justin Jannuzzi, Senior Associate Athletics Director for Development, reported the Duke Club annual fund has $1.2 million given to date;
4. Dr. Nick Langridge, Vice President for Advancement, outlined the impact of the new tax bill on donors;
5. Ms. Sheila Smith, Associate Vice President for Campaign Management, provided an overview of the priorities in the comprehensive campaign;
6. Mr. Andy Perrine, Associate Vice President for Communications and Marketing, provided an update on the development of the branding process; and
7. Mrs. Sherry King, Director of Parent Relations, shared information on the Parent’s Council 40th Anniversary Gala.

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

**Athletics Committee**

Mr. Craig Welburn, Chair, presented the report of the Athletics Committee. The minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment B)

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

1. Mr. Jeff Bourne, Director of Athletics, recognized Head Women’s Field Hockey Coach, Christy Morgan, Head Men’s Soccer Coach, Tom Foley, and Head Women’s Cross Country Coach, Dave Rinker, on their respective CAA Coach of the Year honors;
2. Mr. John Knight, Assistant Vice President, Finance, presented a summary of the findings from the recent APA Audit conducted on the JMU Athletics Program, a report required by the NCAA;
3. Mr. Geoff Polglase, Deputy Director of Athletics, provided a summary of the judicial violations, sanctions and disciplinary actions incurred by student-athletes for 2016-2017;
4. Ms. Jennifer Phillips, Associate A.D. for Compliance/Student-Athlete Services/SWA, offered an update on the reporting process for any claims of discrimination, sexual harassment and/or assault at JMU;
5. Ms. Meredith Crawford, Assistant A.D., Student-Athlete Leadership Program, provided an overview of the recently-established Student-Athlete Leadership Program; and
6. Mr. Justin Jannuzzi, Senior Associate A.D. for Development, offered a fundraising update.

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

**Audit Committee**

Mr. Jeff Grass, Chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee. The minutes of the November 10, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment C)

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

1. Ms. Susan Wheeler, University Counsel, and Ms. Becky Holmes, Director of Audit and Management Services, reported on the work of the University Compliance Committee during 2017, and discussed priorities for 2018 and emerging compliance topics.

On motion of Mr. Grass, seconded by Mrs. Herod, 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 November 10, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment D)

Mrs. Johnson reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:  
 1) The Graduate Certificate in Cyber Intelligence (online) presented the first reading;

1. Dr. Jim McConnel, Associate Vice President for Student Affairs and Mrs. Donna Harper, Vice President for Access and Enrollment Management shared how student development theories are used by student affairs personnel; and
2. Heard reports from the Student Representative to the Board, the President of the Student Government Association, and the Speaker of the Faculty Senate.

On motion of Mrs. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Education and Student Life report was accepted.

#### Finance and Physical Development Committee

Mrs. Maribeth Herod, Chair, presented the report of the Finance and Physical Development Committee. The minutes from the November 10, 2017 meeting were approved. (Attachment E)

Mrs. Herod reported on the following from the committee meeting:

1. Mr. John Knight, Assistant Vice President for Finance, reviewed the financial report;
2. Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, presented requests for two easements with the City of Harrisonburg for (1) 214 square foot variable-width easement along the northwestern side of South Main Street and (2) 2867 square foot variable-width easement across the intersection of South Main Street and Bluestone Drive to support traffic signal upgrades;

On motion of Mrs. Herod, seconded by Mr. Grass, approved the easements to the City of Harrisonburg.

1. Mr. King gave an update on Governor McAuliffe’s 2018-2020 budget recommendations;
2. Ms. Towana Moore, Associate Vice President for Business Services, gave a report on the university’s capital outlay program;
3. Mr. Rick Larson, Assistant Vice President for Human Resources, Training and Performance, briefed the committee on the processes and policies associated with salary administration;
4. Ms. Towana Moore, and Ms. Jini Cook, Director for Real Property and Space Management, gave a presentation on properties the university has purchased since 1996; and
5. Mr. King announced that Mr. John Knight will be retiring August 1, 2018.

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

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

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

1. December Commencement had 770 undergraduates and 149 graduate students and their families attend;
2. In-state applications are up 6.9% and out-of-state applications are up 9%;
3. JMU received the Award for Sustained Excellence in Assessment from the National Institute for Learning Outcomes Assessment;
4. Mr. Alger participated on a panel centered on free speech issues at the Council on Foreign Relations meeting;
5. Introduced Drita Kadriu, the first international ACE Fellow;
6. Shared information regarding the training and programs for Sexual Misconduct;
7. Lynn Pasquerella, President for the Association of American Colleges and Universities will be the next Madison Vision Series presenter;
8. School of Music will hold a concert at National Presbyterian Church on February 18th;
9. Giving Day will be held on March 13th;
10. Bill Bolling will be speaking on March 15th as part of the Democracy in Peril Series;
11. The Stewardship Luncheon will be held on March 16th with the Alumni Awards Dinner following;
12. Jim Acosta, Senior White House Correspondent, will be speaking on April 5th;
13. Gave an update on the current administrative searches underway;
14. Betty Coe Cinquegrana estate gift provides for a chair for Ethics and Leadership in Business, Presidential Chair for Teaching Excellence, Entrepreneurship, Ethics and Leadership Scholarships and College of Education Scholarships;
15. Acknowledged Dr. Thomas Moran, Kinesiology and Dr. Mark Gabriele, Biology who were selected as SCHEV Outstanding Faculty;
16. Five JMU students and alumni have been selected as finalists for 2018-19 Fulbright Awards;
17. JMU’s Tax Token team won 2nd place at the North American Bitcoin Conference; and
18. JMU’s College of Business is recognized as the #1 Return on Investment after five years from Poets and Quants.

**JMU X-LABS: TRANSFORMED STUDENTS WITH REAL PROBLEMS, REAL SKILLS, REAL IMPACT**

Dr. Nick Swayne, Coordinator for 4VA with Nahom Fissaha, Sally Todd, Claire Fulk, Skylar Wolen, and Christian Casuro presented on the role and impact of the X-Labs for innovation, collaboration, and skill-building. (Attachment G)

**MASTER PLAN**

Mr. Jeff Hyder and Mr. Ed Pawlowski from Moseley Architects reviewed the proposed Master Plan. On motion of Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Battle, approved the Master Plan. (Attachment H)

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY UPDATE**

Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance presented an update on the General Assembly highlighting the Governor’s proposed budget and pending legislation in the General Assembly. (Attachment I)

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; 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 actual litigation.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Battle 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

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Grass, Jeff

Gray-Keeling, Matthew

Herod, Maribeth

Jankowski, Maria

Johnson, Deborah

Major, Lara

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike

Welburn, Craig

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

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Battle, approved the personnel action report.

On motion of Mrs. Herod, seconded by Mr. Coleman, approved the purchase at 88 Maplehurst Avenue at a purchase price of $380,000.

The Rector then announced the members of the Nominating Committee and asked board members to share their recommendations with the committee:

Mr. Mike Thomas, Chair

Mr. Warren Coleman

Ms. Maria Jankowski

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Rothenberger, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:09 pm.

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Vanessa Evans-Grevious, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary