



WSU Board of Trustees

Board Meeting

Friday, September 21, 2018, 8:00 am
164 Room, Experiential Engineering Building

In attendance were board members Sheryl Wohlford, Tom Winters, Joe Norton, Pierre Harter, and Cindy Schwan. Also present were John Bardo (teleconference), Susan Johnson, Andy Schlapp, Troy Bruun, Werner Golling, Lou Heldman, Betty Smith-Campbell (faculty senate president), Jenna Farhat (The Sunflower) and Teresa Seymour from BKD.

Approval of Minutes

Wohlford started meeting at 8:04 am. Schwan made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 12, 2018 meeting. Winters seconded and the motion passed.

Finance and Audit Report

Bruun introduced the auditor, Teresa Seymour, from BKD. Seymour reviewed the draft 2018 Audit and management letter with the board, stating they will issue a clean opinion and no need for an executive session. Norton suggested a modification to provide clarification, the board and auditor agreed. Norton stated the Finance and Audit Committee had reviewed the draft audit and made a motion the board accept the financial statements, subject to modification and finalization, and authorize the chair and treasurer to approve the audit, Harter seconded and the motion passed.

Bruun reviewed the Finance and Audit reports and said there was a good return on investments. Norton motioned to receive the financial reports, Winters seconded and the motion passed.

Campus Development Report

Harter asked Bruun to review the 10 year campus development financial plan. He stated the plan is unchanged from the July meeting and is going according to plan. Harter motioned to receive and file the report, Schwan seconded and the motion passed.

Nominating Committee Report

Schwan put forth a motion to approve the minutes from September 12, 2018, Winters seconded and the motion passed. The committee made the following recommendations for 2018/2019 Officers:

Pierre Harter (Chair)
Laurie Labarca (Vice Chair)
Ken Hush (Treasurer)
Troy Bruun (Assistant Treasurer)
Vernell Jackson (Secretary)
Susan Johnson (Assistant Secretary)
Andrew J. Schlapp (Executive Director)

Schlapp read the criteria for the Board of Trustees Award. Schwan said the committee reviewed several nominations and selected Debbie Gann. The group discussed her background and qualifications such as helping to develop the research partnership between Spirit and WSU, state level promotion of WSU and partnership with aviation projects. Schwan made a motion that Debbie Gann receive the 2019 Board of Trustees Award, Harter seconded and the motion passed.

Statement of Substantial Interest Policy Discussion

Schlapp reviewed the opinion by Buckley regarding the question of whether the members of the Board of Trustees are required by law to file annual reports of substantial interest. The group discussed the issue and decided since the full board was not present that they would defer action to a later meeting.

University Update

Bardo talked about the increase in enrollment and the largest freshman class so far, growth is coming from adult education, distance learning and I-35 corridor students. The Regents have approved the Bachelors of Applied Science program, the request for YMCA/Wesley partnership to expand healthcare for WSU and community, recognized the I-35 corridor enrollment success, and recognized the BOT for their work with the City and County on the Mill Levy Budget.

Tomblin reviewed a map of the development of campus, highlighted the new activity on the campus expansion area, such as Partnership 2 building tenants, the crash lab construction status, and upcoming hotel construction.

Schlapp discussed how WSU is producing the future workforce for industry with applied learning opportunities and how the innovation campus is providing spaces for the community to interact with students and faculty, creating interaction spaces. The YMCA/Wesley partnership, Braeburn Square retail area, walking paths, all invite the community to spend time on campus.

Wohlford thanked the trustees for the extra time and effort to attend all the meetings this year. Norton thanked Wohlford for her years of service as Chairman.

Wohlford adjourned the meeting at 9:20 am. A suggestion was made to hold the next meeting at ASTEC facility.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson
Assistant Secretary