



WSU Board of Trustees

Board Meeting

Thursday, July 13, 2017, 7:00 am
164 Room, Experiential Engineering Building

In attendance were board members Sheryl Wohlford, Steve Packebush, Laurie Labarca, Tom Winters, Joe Norton, Pierre Harter, Cindy Schwan, Ken Hush and Vernell Jackson. Also present were John Bardo, Mert Buckley, John Tomblin, Susan Johnson, Andy Schlapp, Troy Bruun, Werner Golling, Stacia Boden, Eric King, and Lou Heldman.

Approval of Minutes

Wohlford started meeting at 7:10 am. Schwan made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 19, 2017 meeting. Labarca seconded and the motion passed.

Strategic Review of Innovation Campus

Boden reviewed the highlights of the non-binding Memo of Understanding between the YMCA, WSU and WSIA. The group discussed the campus recreation/wellness center at great length. Norton made a motion to declare intent for the WSU Board of Trustees to provide funding of \$5 Million, spread over 3 payments of \$1.25MM (FY 2019), \$1.25MM (FY 2020) and \$2.5MM (FY 2021), in accordance with the draft MOU, directing the BOT to budget for this project. Hush seconded and the motion passed.

Financial Plan

Bruun reviewed the 10 year financial plan. The group discussed the plan at great length.

Nominating Committee report

Schwan put forth a motion to approve the WSU Board of Trustees Slate of Officers for 2017/2018.

Sheryl Wohlford (Chair)
Pierre Harter (Vice Chair)
Ken Hush (Treasurer)
Troy Bruun (Assistant Treasurer)
Cindy Schwan (Secretary)
Susan Johnson (Assistant Secretary)
Andrew J. Schlapp (Executive Director)

Norton seconded and the motion passed.

Wohlford called for a break at 8:11 am. The meeting resumed at 8:20 am.

Innovation Campus Housing

Bardo talked about the need for more students to live on campus, creating a sense of place which enhances quality of student experience and will help with recruitment and retention. Currently, WSU has about 9% of its students living on campus, Bardo would like that number to be around 20%. Bardo referenced the strategic goal of improved quantity and quality of housing as identified in the university's 2013 master plan, page 58 says:

BUILD 2,000 TO 2,500 BEDS IN FIVE TO EIGHT YEARS - Providing new and improved housing options on the campus is a key objective of the university. In the next five to eight years, 2,000 to 2,500 beds are planned in response to campus life objectives and anticipated enrollment growth. By merging housing with the need for accessible study spaces, the aim is to create a strong living / learning environment that will enable students not only to have access to places for learning and studying, but also provide places for social activities.

He also discussed the poor condition of Fairmount Towers and the need for Fairmount Towers be taken off line so that overflow students not able to live in Shocker Hall could be housed in the newly constructed Flats on the Innovation Campus. Fairmount Towers would be taken down and the land would be available for other university uses. Shocker Hall and The Flats pricing would be similar, double occupancy rooms would be offered as a lower cost option. The group discussed student housing at great length but no action was taken.

Finance and Audit Report

Hush made a motion to receive the reports, Labarca seconded and the motion passed.

BOT Audit

Bruun talked about the audit by BKD. The Finance and Audit committee will meet to review the draft audit before the September 22, 2017 meeting.

Open Meetings Act Amendments

Buckley reviewed the new rules and requirements for executive session meetings.

No action was taken, Wohlford called for a recess at 10 am, the meeting will continue on July, 14, 2017 at 3:30 pm at the President's residence.

The meeting was reconvened on July 14th at 3:30 pm at the President's residence. In attendance at the President's residence were board members Sheryl Wohlford, Steve Packebush, Laurie Labarca, Tom Winters, Joe Norton, Pierre Harter, and Cindy Schwan. Vernell Jackson conferenced called into the meeting. Also present were John Bardo, Mert Buckley, Susan Johnson, Andy Schlapp, Troy Bruun, Werner Golling, Eric King, and Lou Heldman.

Infrastructure Funding

Schlapp discussed with the Board of Trustees potential opportunities to invest in the Innovation Campus infrastructure projects. King reviewed the current projects on the masterplan map. Norton made a motion to modify the FY2018 budget to include \$600,000 for Innovation Campus Infrastructure with a preference to fund the Law Enforcement Training Center satellite parking lot, and to revise the Capital Improvement Plan to include \$4,000,000 for Innovation Campus Infrastructure thru FY22. Harter seconded and the motion passed. Bruun was asked to update the budget and send to the Board for review.

University Update

Bardo discussed the many business inquiries about the Innovation Campus and the upcoming City to City visit to Raleigh, NC to see the Centennial Campus of North Carolina State. The Elements by Westin hotel will be breaking ground in August.

Winters congratulated Wohlford, Harter and Norton for their reappointment to the Board of Trustees. Wolford adjourned the meeting at 4:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Johnson
Assistant Secretary