A meeting of the Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning was held in Room 211, The Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel, University Park, Pennsylvania, on Thursday, February 23, 2017.

The following Trustees, constituting a quorum, were present: Barbara Doran, David Han, Chris Hoffman, and Betsy Huber. Trustee Matthew Schuyler attended telephonically. Trustees Emeritus Keith Eckel and Carl Shaffer and Governor’s Representative William Shipley were also present.

Staff members in attendance were: Eric Barron, Steve Dunham, Frank Guadagnino, Lance Kennedy-Phillips, and Tom Poole. Constituent Representatives Katie Jordan and Laura Pauley were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Huber at 10:02 a.m.

Chair Huber called for a motion for the Committee to approve the Minutes from the November 3, 2016 meeting. The motion was put forward, seconded and carried unanimously with the addition of the above request.

Discussion occurred about updating Standing Orders to codify faculty and student representation on Board Committees. A motion was put forward, seconded and the resolution was unanimously approved. This resolution will go before the full Board in May.

The Skill Set Inventory Report was discussed by the Committee. The report was approved by unanimous vote and will be posted on the Board of Trustees website, in addition, the document will be sent to all chairs of the various selection groups as well as the Office of Government and Community Relations and the Governor’s Office. The inventory should be updated once new Trustees come on board in July and be ready for distribution according to the timeline set forth previously by the Committee.

Discussion continued about Expectations of Membership and Clarification of Emeritus Selection Criteria. It was decided that ad hoc committees will be formed to further discuss both topics.

Approval of Vice President’s and Deans by the Board was next discussed. Several options were discussed, including the current method in place and one in which the Board would approve the process by which Dean’s and Vice President’s are selected and approved. Also discussed were some blends of these two scenarios. This item will come before the Committee again in May.

A recap of the January 2017 Retreat as given by Trustee Doran.

Reports were available regarding expenses for the September and November 2016 Board of Trustees meetings, as well as a comparative expenditure report.

A proposal for Trustee Professional Development was presented to the Committee and discussed. Edits will be made to the document and brought back to Committee in May.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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