

Board of Trustees
Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning
Minutes of Meeting
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A meeting of the Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning was held in Room 101 of the Classroom Building, Penn State Schuylkill, Schuylkill Haven, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:33 p.m. on July 10, 2014.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Richard Dandrea, Barbara Doran, Betsy Huber, Anthony Lubrano, Dan Mead, Keith Masser and Carl Shaffer. Emeriti member Dave Jones was also present.

Constituent Representatives Roger Egolf and Emily McDonald were in attendance, as well as the following staff members: Eric Barron, Steve Dunham, Frank Guadagnino, Nick Jones and Tom Poole. Kay Salvino, President, Penn State Alumni Association and John Nichols, Professor Emeritus and Chair, Special Committee on University Governance, and governance consultants Holly Gregory and Paige Montgomery were also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Dandrea. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the May 7 and 8, 2014 meetings.

The Committee reviewed the following Action items:

Agenda Item 8.E.1 – Recommendation for Approval of Emeritus Status

Vice Chair Dandrea reviewed the provisions for granting emeritus status in Standing Order VI, highlighting that each former Chair of the Board is automatically entitled to trustee emeritus action. This would apply to Jim Broadhurst and Jesse Arnelle. Joel Myers is automatically granted emeritus status as he has served for 20 or more years.

It was moved and seconded to approve emeritus status for former Trustee Samuel E. Hayes, Jr. Comments and discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0, with Trustees Doran and Lubrano abstaining.

It was moved and seconded to approve emeritus status for former Trustee Paul V. Suhey. Comments and discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 5-0, with Trustees Doran and Lubrano abstaining.

Agenda Item 8.E.2 – Recommendation to Change March 2015 Meeting Dates

It was moved and seconded to change the March 2015 meeting dates from March 12-13, 2015 to March 19-20, 2015. The motion was unanimously approved.

Vice Chair Dandrea asked Chair Masser for an update on the timeline in regard to the formation of a Task Force to evaluate the recent Presidential Search process. Chair Masser stated that the Vice Chair of the Board would be leading the task force and that the group would be selected in the near future.

Discussion of Governance Proposals was facilitated by Vice Chair Dandrea and Holly Gregory. The discussion and presentations focused on additional seats on the board as part of governance reform and presenters made remarks to the Committee. Kay Salvino proposed the addition of the Past President of the Alumni Association as an added board seat. John Nichols spoke on behalf of a faculty representative appointment to the board. Emily McDonald and Anand Ganjam spoke in support of having a permanent student trustee seat on the board without it being a gubernatorial appointee.

Lengthy discussion followed on these topics and the May 2014 Governance and Long-Range Planning Breakout Sessions Report. Topics of discussion were Board size and composition.

Vice Chair Dandrea noted that there would need to be an off-cycle meeting of the Committee to further discuss governance reform.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board of Trustees