A meeting of the Committee on Governance and Long-Range Planning was held in Empire Room A, The Hershey Lodge, Hershey, Pennsylvania, beginning at 1:30 p.m. on March 19, 2015.

The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were present: Richard Dandrea, Barbara Doran, Keith Eckel, Betsy Huber, Anthony Lubrano, Keith Masser, Dan Mead, and Carl Shaffer.

Representatives Roger Egolf and Emily McDonald were in attendance, as well as the following staff members: Eric Barron, Steve Dunham, Frank Guadagnino, and Tom Poole. Jonna Kulikowich, University Faculty Senate Chair was also present.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Eckel at 1:30 p.m. The Committee unanimously approved the minutes from the January 15 meeting.

Chairman Eckel called upon Jonna Kulikowich, Chair of the University Faculty Senate for an informational presentation on the Senate including a description of senate functions and an overview of their organizational chart.

A discussion of Board Assessment followed. Chair Eckel presented some historical observations on previous assessments and solicited comments and suggestions from committee members on what type of assessment should occur and what should be included. Members were asked to forward their comments in a timely fashion. A copy of the last assessment that was done (2009) will be forwarded to all committee members.

The agenda item on the role of Emeriti Trustees followed. Discussion centered on input and comments previously solicited from Trustees, current and emeriti. Numerous comments were heard by the Committee and Emeriti Trustees in attendance were invited to make comments. Chair Eckel asked for further comments to be forwarded for consideration and that a resolution would be circulated to the Committee for inclusion in a future Board agenda.

Tom Poole, Vice President for Administration reported out on the most recent meeting of the Presidential Search Task Force. Discussions included: 1) use of a search firm 2) the vetting process and 3) negotiations with the firm for participation and processes. Other topics that were discussed are the makeup and structure of the committee, the interview process of the candidates and due diligence for the process. A report from the Task Force will be forthcoming at a future meeting.

A report was available regarding expenses for the July 2014 Board of Trustees meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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