
**THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
THE VISITORS OF JAMES MADISON UNIVERSITY**

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting September 12, 2024

The Governance Committee of the James Madison University Board of Visitors met on Thursday, September 12, 2024 in the Festival Conference and Student Center at James Madison University. Jack White, chair, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

PRESENT:

Bolander, Jeff
Fiorina, Carly
Kirkpatrick, David, liaison
Obenshain, Suzanne

Rexrode, David
White, Jack, Chair

ABSENT:

James, Kay Coles

ALSO PRESENT:

King, Charles, President
Knight, Jack, University Legal Counsel

On motion by Jeff Bolander, seconded by Carly Fiorina, the committee approved an amended version of the minutes of the April 18, 2024 meeting to reflect accurate attendance.

The committee discussed the JMU board self-evaluation process.

The committee briefly discussed details for the two-day, off-site retreat on June 5-6, 2025.

Bylaw Revisions

The committee reviewed revisions and updates to the Board Manual. On motion by David Rexrode, seconded by Carly Fiorina, the committee approved the following revisions to the Board Manual:

Article V. Non-Voting Representatives

In addition to the members appointed by the governor, two non-voting representatives are invited to attend all open meetings of the board, ~~and of the Academic Excellence Committee~~ of the board, to provide information and advice as deemed appropriate by the rector or chair of the committee, without authority to vote or to make or second motions. The non-voting representatives are not authorized to attend closed sessions of the board or committees.

Article XI. MEETINGS

ADDED: Meetings

L. Faculty Senate Speaker

A. The Faculty Senate Speaker or representative will attend the Full Board meetings and provide a report to the board.

M. Student Representative to the Board

A. The student representative to the board will attend the Full Board meetings and provide a report to the board.

Appendices

Appendix B: Committee Charters

Academic Excellence Committee Charter

Composition and Independence

The Committee is comprised of three or more members of the Board of Visitors. The Provost and Faculty Senate Speaker, or their designees, are expected attendees.

Responsibilities

- ~~Hear report from the Faculty Senate Speaker at each committee meeting~~

Student Affairs Committee Charter

Responsibilities

Hear reports from the president of the Student Government Association and the student representative to the Board of Visitors

C. A Brief History of James Madison University

Presidents:

ADDED Title: Mr. Julian Ashby Burruss

ADDED Term ending: Mr. Jonathan A. Alger 2021-2024

ADDED: Mr. Charles W. King. 2024-

These changes will be brought to the full board at the November meeting.

With no further business, the committee adjourned at 12:45 pm.

Jack White, Chair

David C. Kirkpatrick, Secretary to the Board