THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

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**Minutes of the Meeting of January 15, 2016**

The Visitors of James Madison University met on Friday, January 15, 2016 in the Festival Conference and Student Center Board Room on the campus of James Madison University. Mr. Mike Thomas, Rector, called the meeting to order at 1:46 pm.

**PRESENT:**

Battle, Mike

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Funkhouser, Joseph

Grass, Jeff

Gray, Matthew

Hutchinson, Lucy

Jankowski, Marie

Johnson, Deborah

Rexrode, David

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike, Rector

Welburn, Craig

Smith, Robert, Student Member 2015-16

Harper, Donna, Secretary

**ABSENT:**

No one

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Alger, Jonathan, President

Benson, A. Jerry, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

King, Charles, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance

Langridge, Nick, Vice President for University Advancement

Warner, Mark, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and University Planning

Wyatt, Bill, Senior Director of Communications & University Spokesperson

McGraw, David, Speaker, Faculty Senate

Wheeler, Susan, University Counsel

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion of Mr. Funkhouser, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, the minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Advancement Committee**

Mr. Warren Coleman, presented the report of the Advancement Committee. The minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment A)

Mr. Coleman reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. Mr. Jeff Gilligan, Associate Vice President for Development, reported $9 million in committed funds through December 31, 2015 and through the Annual Giving there are 1,500 more donors than last year. Mr. Bryan Allen, Assistant Athletic Director for Major Gifts, reported the Duke Club has raised $1.8 million toward the FY16 goal of $2.25 million;
2. Ms. Sheila Smith, Assistant Vice President for Campaign Management, shared an update on the November campaign steering committee meeting;
3. Mr. Steve Smith, Associate Vice President for Constituent Relations, gave an overview of the second Madison Trust event held on November 13th;
4. Ms. Gretchen Armentrout, Assistant Director for Direct Response and Ms. Kelly Snow, Director of Annual Giving, reported on the upcoming JMU Giving Day scheduled for March 15th; and
5. Mr. Andy Perrine, Associate Vice President for Communications and Marketing, provided a brief review of the media impact of JMU’s appearance on ESPN’s GameDay.

On motion of Mr. Coleman, seconded by Mr. Battle, the Advancement report was accepted.

**Athletics Committee**

Mr. Mike Battle, Chair, presented the report of the Athletics Committee. The minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment B)

Mr. Battle reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. Mr. Jeff Bourne, Director of Athletics, recognized those teams and coaches with exceptional fall seasons;
2. Mr. Geoff Polglase, Deputy Athletics Director, presented the annual report of disciplinary incidents for 2015 among student-athletes;
3. Mr. Bourne discussed the competitive expectations for sports teams as part of the department’s Engaged in Excellence; and
4. Mr. Tom Kuster, Assistant AD for Sports Medicine and Ms. Chelsea Burkart, Sports Nutritionist, presented information on sports nutrition in JMU athletics.

On motion of Mr. Battle, seconded by Mr. Funkhouser, the Athletics report was accepted.

**Audit Committee**

Mr. Edward Rice, Chair, presented the report of the Audit Committee. The minutes of the October 9, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment C)

Mr. Rice reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. Mr. Mack Moore, University Risk Management Officer and Mr. Brett Sinclair, Safety and Training Coordinator presented an overview of the work of the JMU Risk Management Office.
2. Ms. Susan Wheeler, University Counsel and Ms. Rebecca Holmes, Director of Audit and Management Services, reported on the work of the University Compliance Committee.

On motion of Mr. Rice, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Audit report was accepted.

**Education and Student Life**

Mrs. Vanessa Evans-Grevious, Chair, presented the report of the Education and Student Life Committee. The minutes from the October 9, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment D)

Mrs. Evans-Grevious reported on the following topics from the committee meeting:

1. Dr. Brad Newcomer, Director of the Honors Program, presented the second reading for the proposed Honors College;
	1. Dr. Linda Halpern, Vice Provost for University Programs, shared information on the historical significance of an Honors College. On motion of Mrs. Evans-Grevious, seconded by Ms. Hutchinson, approved the proposed Honors College.
2. Dr. Carol Hurney, Director for the Center for Faculty Innovation, shared information on the SCHEV Outstanding Faculty Award process and recognized Dr. Christopher Hughes, professor in the Physics Department, who was selected for this honor;
3. Dr. William Hawk, Chair of the Madison Collaborative, along with Dr. Josh Bacon, Director of the Office of Student Accountability and Restorative Practices, and Dr. Erica Lewis, Assistant Professor in the Nursing Department, shared an update on the Ethical Reasoning in Action program;
4. Heard reports from the Speaker of the Faculty Senate, Student Member to the Board, and the Student Government Association President.

On motion of Mrs. Evans-Grevious seconded by Mr. Battle, the Education and Student Life report was accepted.

#### Finance and Physical Development Committee

The Honorable William Bolling, Chair, presented the report of the Finance and Physical Development Committee. The minutes from the October 9, 2015 meeting were approved. (Attachment E)

Mr. Bolling reported on the following from the committee meeting:

1. Mr. John Knight, Assistant Vice President for Finance, reviewed the financial report;
2. Mr. Knight gave an update on the University’s Auxiliary Services Reserve;
3. Mr. Knight presented a review of the University debt portfolio for the fiscal year 2016;
4. Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance, proposed the 2016 summer tuition and fees;
	1. On motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mr. Coleman, approved the following summer school tuition and fees:

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| **2016 SUMMER TUITION AND FEES** | (per credit hour) |
| Virginia Undergraduate | $ 312 |
| Non-Virginia Undergraduate | $ 845 |
| Virginia Graduate | $ 411 |
| Non-Virginia Graduate | $1,085 |
| **STUDENT SERVICES FEE** | (per credit hour) |
| Virginia Undergraduate | $23 |
| Non-Virginia Undergraduate | $23 |
| Virginia Graduate | $23 |
| Non-Virginia Graduate | $23 |
| **ROOM & BOARD** | (per week) |
| Room | $100 |
| Board | $107 |

1. Mr. King presented three budget amendments presented to the General Assembly; and
2. Mr. Lee Shifflett, Chief of Police for Public Safety, gave a presentation on the LiveSafe mobile app and briefed the committee on a Bike/Pedestrian safety video shown to all freshmen during orientation.

On motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mr. Funkhouser, the Finance and Physical Development report was accepted.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Mr. Alger presented information on the following: (Attachment F)

1. December 2015 commencement had almost 900 students graduating;
2. The new expansion of the University Recreation facility is complete;
3. Three JMU students will participate in the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival;
4. Dr. Christopher Hughes, professor in the Physics Department, was recognized as a winner of the Outstanding Faculty Award from the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia;
5. President Alger presented on the national Post-Collegiate Outcomes Initiative at the Higher Education Government Relations Conference;
6. The JMU Asian Studies program is hosting the 55th Annual Meeting of the Southeast Conference of the Association of Asian Studies;
7. JMU will host the Year of Service Summit on February 9th;
8. JMU hosted a GoVirginia event in December;
9. Dr. Herb Amato and Dr. Keston Fulcher visited Kosovo to work with the Kosovo’s educational ministry;
10. EPSN’s College GameDay on October 24 garnered national exposure and engaged many with the university;
11. Several athletic teams shared or won the regular season titles and five student-athletes were named All-Americans;
12. Dominick Richards, a senior football player, was named an FCS Athletics Director Association Academic All-Star;
13. JMU Athletics received the Youth in Philanthropy Award from the Shenandoah Valley Association of Fundraising Professionals;
14. Conversations were held throughout the semester with student leaders, community members and national organizations on access, inclusion and diversity;
15. The second Madison Trust was held on November 13;
16. JMU’s first Giving Day will be held on March 15; and
17. The Faculty Senate recently award 12 Madison Vision Mini-Grants.

**UNIVERSITY INNOVATION FELLOWS**

Mr. Chris Ashley, Mr. Michael Zurn, and Ms. Emily Platt (JMU students) shared the purpose and activities of the University Innovation Fellows. (Attachment G)

**STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE**

Dr. Mark Warner, Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and University Planning and Dr. Brian Charette, Associate Vice President for University Planning presented information on engagement activities related to the Strategic Plan. (Attachment H)

**GOVERNOR’S 2016-18 BIENNIAL BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Charles King, Senior Vice President for Administration and Finance presented the Governor’s proposed biennial budget. (Attachment I)

Rector Thomas then called for the board to move into Closed Session. Mrs. Evans-Grevious made the following motion:

“I move the Board go into closed session to discuss the following matters: 1) pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711 A-1, to discuss personnel matters involving promotions, retirements, hiring, resignations, salary adjustments, and status changes of various faculty members, administrators and appointees, as well as the award of tenure to faculty members, as well as the performance of individuals; and

2) pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 A-7 of the Code of Virginia to consult with legal counsel and be briefed by staff members/consultants pertaining to litigation.”

The motion was seconded by Mr. Battle and the Board moved into closed session.

Following the closed session, Mr. Thomas then stated the following:

**During the closed session, the board discussed only matters lawfully**

 **exempted from open meeting requirements and only those types of matters**

 **identified in the motion for the closed session.**

**RECORDED VOTE: the following is an affirmative recorded, member by**

 **member vote:**

Battle, Mike

Bolling, William

Coleman, Warren

Evans-Grevious, Vanessa

Funkhouser, Joseph

Grass, Jeff

Gray, Matthew

Hutchinson, Lucy

Jankowski, Marie

Rexrode, David

Rice, Edward

Rothenberger, John

Thomas, Mike

Welburn, Craig

Mr. Thomas then asked if there were any motions to come forward.

On motion of Mr. Bolling, seconded by Mrs. Evans-Grevious, approved the personnel action report.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, on motion of Mrs. Evans-Grevious, seconded by Mr. Coleman, the Board voted to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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 Mike Thomas, Rector

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Donna L. Harper, Secretary