

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
ST. MARY'S COLLEGE OF MARYLAND**

GENERAL SESSION

Date: February 22, 2014
Hour: 8:30 a.m.

Location: Glendening Annex
St. Mary's College of Maryland

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Gail Harmon, Cindy Broyles '79, Jim Muldoon, John McAllister, Peg Duchesne '77, Michael Killius '14, Donny Bryan '73, Tim Heely, Gary Jobson, Glen Ives, Susan Messitte, Danielle Troyan '92, Lex Birney, Elizabeth Graves '95, Mike O'Brien '68, Molly Mahoney Matthews, John Wobensmith '93, Sven Holmes, Ann McDaniel, Katharine Russell

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Steny Hoyer, Tim Broas, Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, Marty Sullivan

OTHERS PRESENT: Ian Newbould, Chip Jackson, Beth Rushing, Gary Sherman, Bert Ifill, Don Bowman, Gina Faden, Dan Branigan, Taylor Schafer '15, Eric Schroeder '16, Michael Gass, Alan Dillingham, Ruth Feingold, Sara Slaff, Kate Brennan, Libby Williams, Angie Draheim, Kathy Grimes, Anna Yates

AGENDA AND MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. A motion was made to approve the agenda for the meeting and the minutes of the December 7, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Report of the Chair

Chair Gail Harmon reported on the February 21 visit by several trustees to the Patuxent River Naval Air Station and thanked Trustee Glen Ives for arranging the tour. She updated the board on the presidential search process, which is entering its final stage.

Report of the President

Interim President Ian Newbould introduced Interim VP/Development Don Bowman and announced that Interim Dean of Students Bert Ifill will assume oversight of the DeSousa-Brent program following the departure of Program Director Sybol Anderson. Public Safety reporting will shift from Dean Ifill to VP/Business and Finance Chip Jackson. The College continues to work with legislators in Annapolis to identify possible ways to reduce tuition.

VP/Academic Affairs Beth Rushing and Dean of the Core Curriculum Libby Williams provided a presentation on the role of assessment and results of an external review of the core curriculum.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Academic Affairs

Committee chair John McAllister presented Action Item 1314-10 which contained several editorial changes to the faculty handbook and by-laws. A motion was made and seconded to

approve the changes with one exception: a provision on p. 7 regarding the search process for a Dean of Faculty vacancy was set aside. The remaining changes passed unanimously.

Admissions and Financial Aid

Committee Chair Molly Mahoney Matthews updated the Board on enrollment projections. The Board discussed the decline in out-of-state enrollment, which the committee will examine further.

Buildings and Grounds

Associate VP/Planning and Facilities Dan Branigan reported on current projects, including Anne Arundel Hall replacement and traffic-calming.

Development

Committee Chair Cindy Broyles '79 reported that the developing scholarships and identifying interim funding opportunities are priorities for the coming year. After the new president arrives later this year, campaign planning will resume. The new online giving platform is proving to be successful.

Finance, Investment and Audit

Committee Chair John Wobensmith '95 presented Action Item 1314-11 to establish tuition/fees/room and board rates for FY15. A motion to approve was made and seconded; the motion passed unanimously. A five-year financial model is being developed and will be brought forward for review. Action on financing for accelerated residence hall renovation is anticipated in May.

Community Relations

Committee Chair Glen Ives reviewed the various groups that have met with the committee. Work will be done over the summer to identify priorities for the Board to consider.

Government Relations

Committee Chair Gary Jobson reviewed the Governor's budget and proposals to seek tuition relief. Capital budget hearings will occur in March. The 5-year plan includes Anne Arundel Hall.

Student Affairs

Committee Chair Lex Birney reported on lunch with music majors prior to committee meeting, which included creative and positive discussion about ways to provide programming. The committee meeting focused on the selection of the next student-trustee-in-training: Eric Schroeder '16 was introduced to the Board. Birney announced that journalist Gwen Ifill has accepted our invitation to be the 2014 Commencement speaker. A new Title IX coordinator has been hired and OCR has accepted our policies/procedures.

Trustee Governance

Committee Chair Sven Holmes presented Action Item 1314-12 to revise the by-laws. A motion to approve was made and seconded and approved unanimously. Holmes presented Action Item 1314-13 to award an honorary degree to Commencement speaker Gwen Ifill. The item was

approved unanimously. Holmes reported on the continued search for new trustees and efforts to improve board effectiveness.

ADDITIONAL REPORTS

Report of the Faculty Senate President

Faculty Senate President Alan Dillingham thanked the board for their work on the faculty handbook and by-laws, noting that shared governance remains an important topic. Views about faculty rights and responsibilities vary widely, and there is not universal awareness of what our documents include. He encouraged continued attention to this matter; the Faculty Senate has charged the Faculty Issues Committee to work with Dean Rushing on identified bylaws issues. Chair Harmon thanked Dillingham for his leadership as Faculty Senate President.

Report of the Student Trustee

Student trustee Michael Killius '14 reported that students continue to be concerned about the administration of the Public Safety office and look forward to working to improve communications with students. He reported that students are pleased with tuition freeze and efforts to find additional relief as well as decisions to invest in residence hall renovations.

Report of Staff Senate

Staff Senate Representative Angie Draheim reported on Staff Senate initiatives, including a mentor program for new hires, writing, FAFSA and Photoshop workshops. Social activities are planned for later in the semester and newsletters are produced regularly.

Report of the Alumni Council President

Alumni Council president Danielle Troyan '92 reported that two new alumni chapters have been chartered in Denver and San Francisco. Others are in development. Alumni reunion weekend will be held June 12-14; responses are strong. A survey will be sent to alums to provide input on the desired characteristics of a new president and results will be provided to the Search Committee.

Report of the Foundation Board President

Foundation Board president Susan Messitte reported on Foundation and JIAC meetings held February 10, at which J.P. Morgan presented reports. The endowment balance is approximately \$28 million. The Foundation Board is reviewing their by-laws for revision, including term limits and creation of a governance committee. The board approved a 3.5% spending rate for the coming year.

Report of Historic St. Mary's City

HSMC Executive Director Gina Faden reported that the Governor's capital budget included funding for the interpretive center and the Leonard Calvert House. HSMC continues to look for ways to involve St. Mary's students in their programming and activities.

A motion was made at 11:40 to close the meeting and go into executive session. The motion passed unanimously.