

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

GENERAL SESSION

Date: February 26, 2011
Hour: 10:00 a.m.

Site: St. Mary's College of Maryland
St. Mary's City, Maryland

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Molly Mahoney Matthews (chair), Sherrie Robinson Bailey '81, Arthur Birney, Jr., Ben Bradlee, Cindy Broyles '79, Tom Daugherty '65, Peg Duchesne '77, Gail Harmon, Steny Hoyer, Neil Irwin '00, Thomas Penfield Jackson, Gary Jobson, Larry Leak '76, Jim Muldoon, Mike O'Brien '68, Katharine Russell, Daniel Ruthenberg-Marshall '10, Paul Schultheis '98, Robert Waldschmitt and John Wobensmith '93.

TRUSTEES ABSENT

John McAllister

OTHERS PRESENT

Trustee emeritus J. Frank Raley, trustee emeritus Harry Weitzel, Laura Bayless, Thomas Botzman, Regina Faden, Kathy Grimes, Mark Heidrich, Charles Jackson, Sally Mercer, Robert Paul, Maureen Silva, Sara Slaff, Kate Ufford, Joe Urgo, Elizabeth Nutt Williams, Professor Michael Taber and Nitze Scholars. Press Sarah Miller/County Times, Jesse Yeatman/Enterprise.

NOTICE OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the 1991 State Open Meetings Law, H.B. 1321, Chair Molly Mahoney Matthews reported that an Executive Session had taken place prior to the start of the General Session in order to discuss personnel matters.

AGENDA

The agenda for the General Session was approved as presented.

MINUTES

The minutes of the December 4, 2010 General Session were approved as presented.

REPORTS

Report of the Chair

Molly Mahoney Matthews welcomed all in attendance to the 659th meeting of the St. Mary's College of Maryland Board of Trustees, stating that an Executive Session had taken place prior to the General Session. Chair Matthews reported:

- The Board of Trustees will make an important decision on tuition rates today. The Board was provided with extensive background materials to inform their decision.

- The Nitze Scholars are partnering with trustees as part of their leadership class. We will continue to explore additional opportunities for meaningful student/trustee interactions.
- The men's basketball team continues to excel in their conference and looks ahead to possible NCAA Division III championship qualifying.

Report of the President

President Joe Urgo addressed the trustees on financial aid and the mission of the college. The full address can be found at <http://www.smcm.edu/president/financialaid.html>.

Report of the Faculty Senate President

Faculty Senate President Bob Paul reported:

- A review and revision of the faculty by-laws is underway.
- The International Education Task Force has reported to the Faculty Senate on the College's study abroad programs and will provide their report to the Board's International Studies Committee.
- The faculty serving on the Inauguration Committee continue their work on the academic symposium with themes of access/inclusion, sustainability and the liberal arts as a public trust.

Report of the Student Trustee

Student Trustee Daniel Ruthenberg-Marshall reported:

- Alex Walls '13 will be the new student trustee-in-training.
- Students are concerned about tuition increases and new fees (such as transcript fees).
- Gender neutral housing has been delayed and will not be offered in the fall.
- Students are excited about the pilot program for an on-campus pub featuring late-night food and limited beer/wine service.
- An "honor code" discussion was held by students and "The St. Mary's Way" was re-discovered. Options for continuing work on campus civility are being discussed.
- Students are working on campus beautification for the inaugural and are volunteering with the Arboretum Association on specific projects.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES

Academic Affairs

Chair Larry Leak reported:

- Academic Affairs will meet in April to discuss tenure/promotion and approve students for graduation.

Buildings and Grounds

Chair Paul Schultheis reported:

- Building and Grounds met January 28.
- The design/relocation for Margaret Brent has been approved.

- Work on the Anne Arundel Hall project has been deferred for one year.
- The committee recommends that the auditorium design funding be deferred and the project scope and siting become part of the master plan.
- The student safety traffic-calming project planning is underway and will include public meetings with the Capital Design Advisory.
- The committee toured the library, admissions, the Rectory and Cobb House.

Community Relations

Chair Mike O'Brien reported:

- Community Relations met on February 15.
- The Governor's Cup Task Force discussions have been successful and a revised plan for the event has been developed.
- *Slackwater*, the oral history project, has come to the end of its funding cycle. Faculty and students are exploring ways to continue the project, including the creation of an on-line journal instead of a printed book.

Development

Chair Cindy Broyles reported:

- The Development Committee met February 25.
- Board giving has reached 100% participation.
- Unrestricted giving is 40% above the target for the year
- Reports from the Seahawk Alliance and Alumni Council were received by the committee
- An "entrepreneurs' day" will feature alums Don McDougall and Joe Szymanski at student programs.

Enrollment and Student Affairs

Chair Neil Irwin reported:

- Enrollment and Student Affairs met February 9 and 25.
- The Commencement speaker, Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams, will be out of the country on May 14. Peace Corps Deputy Director Carrie Hessler-Radelet will speak on his behalf.
- The committee heard a briefing on the mental health issues of college students at its meeting.

Finance, Investment and Audit

Chair John Wobensmith reported:

- The FIA Committee met on February 4.
- The dashboard was presented for discussion and will be refined to reflect comments.
- The committee recommended the approval of Action Item 1011-14: Recommendation to Approve FY12 Tuition, Fees, Room and Dining Plan and the FY12 Preliminary Budget.

The motion was seconded and discussed. Student testimony was heard. The motion was approved with one dissenting vote.

Government Relations

Chair Gary Jobson reported:

- The Government Relations Committee met on February 11.
- St. Mary's College students have been very active in college legislative groups, holding several positions of leadership.
- At this time, the budget preserves the block grant plus inflator and does not include furloughs. Faculty retention increases are permitted; pension changes are under review.

International Studies

Chair Lex Birney reported:

- The International Studies Committee had no pending business and did not meet.

Inaugural Committee

Co-Chair Peg Duchesne reported:

- Plans for the inaugural week are in place and will feature
 - Campus beautification/arboretum dedication
 - Academic symposium on access/inclusion, sustainability, liberal arts as public trust
 - Student entertainment
 - Maryland Day ceremony at HSMC
 - Inaugural ceremony on Townhouse Green
- Thanks to the committee and volunteers for their hard work in planning a successful event
- Trustees are encouraged to attend as many of the weekend events as possible.

REPORTS FROM ASSOCIATED ORGANIZATIONS

St. Mary's College of Maryland Alumni Association

Alumni Council President Paul Schultheis reported:

- The Alumni Council is coordinating efforts with the Advancement Office to reach out on fundraising efforts to alums.
- The Council toured the new spaces for alums in the Rectory. A comfortable reception space with computer access has been provided for alums to use when visiting campus.
- New staff in the alumni office were introduced to the Council.

St. Mary's College of Maryland Foundation Board and Joint Investment Advisory Committee
Foundation Board member Harry Weitzel reported:

- The Foundation Board and Joint Investment Advisory Committee each met on January 25, 2011.
- The board is seeking to expand its membership and looks to add members with professional expertise in the investment field.
- Executive Director Maureen Silva is also looking for a consultant who can assist in establishing best practices and procedures.
- JIAC is exploring options for getting an objective review of the performance of our investments in comparison with other like-sized institutions. Brown Investment Advisory will review holdings and present at the next JIAC meeting.
- JIAC also discussed the need to create a report that examines performance vis-à-vis the investment policies established by JIAC in 2008. Copies of the report were distributed to the trustees.

Historic St. Mary's City

Larry Leak recognized HSMC Executive Director Regina Faden, who reported;

- Historic St. Mary's City is exploring options regarding the Maryland Heritage Interpretive Center, which has been deferred in the Capital Improvement Plan.
- Plans for the annual Maryland Day celebration will include dedication of the chapel.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 12:20 p.m.

Summary prepared by Kathy Grimes

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Approved by Larry Leak

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Approved by Molly Mahoney Matthews

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