

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MEETING OF
February 4, 2022**

**OPEN SESSION
AGENDA**

- I. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A.** Possible action on Ark and Dove Criteria
- II. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - A.** Minutes (October 15, 2021)

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION**

REPORT SUMMARY

Date of Meeting: February 4, 2022

Date of Next Meeting: May 13, 2022

Committee Chair: Paula Collins

Committee Members: Donny Bryan '73, Glen Ives, Gail Harmon, John Wobensmith '93, Danielle Troyan '92, President Tuajuanda Jordan, Board Chair Susan Dyer

Staff Member: Jennifer Sivak

Dashboard Metrics

Executive Summary

Discussion Items

Ark and Dove Criteria

Possible action on Ark and Dove Criteria

Action Item(s) related to specific strategic plan goals as appropriate:

N/A

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ORDER OF THE ARK AND DOVE (established 1972)
“For Distinguished Service to the College”

Ark and Dove is the best known of St. Mary’s four orders. The two historical ships, **Ark** (cargo) and **Dove** (passengers), brought the first settlers to Maryland in 1634, where they established the little river port of St. Mary’s City. The honorary society named for those first colonists is democratic in its designation of individuals who have given “distinguished service” to the College. It is the College’s highest honor.

Process:

Any person associated with the College - trustee, faculty member, staff, student, alumnus/a - may put forward a nomination to the President of the College between October and April of the academic year. The President, in conjunction with the Executive Council, after reviewing nominations, puts forward a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in time for consideration at the May Board meeting.

The Board of Trustees then votes up or down on the nomination. If there is not a deserving candidate in any given year, there is no requirement to present the award. The award is presented at the dinner associated with the October meeting of the Board of Trustees during the next academic year.

Criteria:

The honor is given to those individuals whose enthusiastic dedication and service to the institution has been consistent and noteworthy in advancing the College’s mission as a selective, public liberal arts college and vibrant community of scholars and learning. Recipients will have made significant contributions in any one or more of the following:

- advancing the academic excellence of the curriculum
- facilitating opportunities for students to engage in meaningful experiential learning
- promoting faculty excellence and development
- cultivating an environment of honesty, civility, integrity, equity and inclusion that reflects the values inherent in the St. Mary’s Way to create an environment where all students, faculty and staff thrive
- enhancing co-curricular programs that enrich the student experience and that foster an environment of collaboration, personal achievement and good sportsmanship that promotes school spirit and pride within the college community
- mentoring students

- leveraging the academic opportunities associated with the rich history of the college and its location
- otherwise providing extraordinary love for and support of the College

The Ark and Dove Award is an award of commitment. Financial support is not a defining factor.

The individual must:

- be living individual at the time of the nomination
- conduct themselves in a manner that exemplifies the St. Mary's Way, so that students, faculty, staff, and alumni, are inspired by the recognition and proud of the way in which it reflects on the College

The individual must not be

- be a current member of the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, student body, Foundation Board, or Alumni Association Board, or relatives, employees or employers thereof
- an individual holding a current state or federally elected office or be running for one
- a previous recipient of the award

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TRUSTEE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
OPEN SESSION
MINUTES

Date of Meeting: October 15, 2021

Status of Minutes: November 17, 2021

Committee Members Present: Committee Chair Paula Collins, Board Chair Susan Dyer, President Tuajuanda Jordan, Donny Bryan '73, Danielle Troyan '92, Gail Harmon, Glen Ives

Committee Members Absent: N/A

Staff Member: Jennifer Sivak

Others Present: Nicolas Abrams '99, John Bell '95, Peter Bruns, Judy Fillius '79, Sven Holmes, Doug Mayer '04, Ray Wernecke, Betsy Barreto, Jerri Howland, Jeff Byrd, Katie Gantz, Kelsey Bush '94, Anna Yates, David Hautanen, Joshua Ajanaku '22, Brayan Ruiz Lopez '24, Jesse Price '92, Peg Duchesne '77, Alice Bonner '03, Paul Pusecker

Executive Summary

Committee Chair Paula Collins called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Committee Chair Collins opened the meeting with a recap of the Board of Trustees mission. She commented that the New Trustee Orientation was an excellent session and the orientation book is in the resource section of OnBoard. Trustee Price commented that it was very helpful that the orientation was held live. There were no action items for consideration. Committee Chair Collins asked for a motion to close this portion of the meeting and go into closed session. Motion was made and passed.

The session was closed at 9:10 am.