Board of Trustees

Governance and Nomination Committee
December 9, 2024, 9:15 AM
Minutes

Loughman Living Room, Scanlon Hall

A live stream of the meeting for public viewing will also take place at the following link: https://www.westfield.ma.edu/live

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MEMBERS PRESENT: Committee Chair Melissa Alvarado, Vice Chair Theresa Jasmin, Secretary Tessa Lucey, and Trustees- Chris Montemayor, Michael O'Rourke, and Board Chair Ali Salehi, ex-officio member

MEMBERS PARTICIPATING REMOTELY: William Reichelt

OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT: Daniel Currier, George Gilmer and Gloria Williams.

Also present were Westfield State University President, Dr. Linda Thompson; Chief of Staff, Dr. Michael Freeman; Provost, Dr. William Salka; Vice President of Administration & Finance, Stephen Taksar; Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Affairs, Dr. Kevin Hearn; Vice President of Institutional Advancement, Lisa McMahon; and General Counsel, Melinda Phelps.

Committee Chair Alvarado called the meeting to order at 9:17 AM and a roll call was taken of the committee members participating as listed above. It was announced that the meeting was being livestreamed and recorded.

> **MOTION** made by Trustee O'Rourke, seconded by Trustee Lucey, to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2024 meeting.
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> There being no discussion, and a roll call vote, **motion passed.**

<u>New Trustee Jason Queenin</u>
Committee Chair Melissa Alvarado introduced newly appointed Trustee Jason Queenin. She gave a brief background of his resume, and his current and past accomplishments.

<u>Dissolving the Investment Subcommittee</u>
Westfield State University's structure of committees is unique to other sister universities. Some changes will be made this academic year. Due to duality of topics, the dissolvement of the

Investment Subcommittee was needed and all investment matters will be discussed in the Financial Affairs Committee meetings.

The 2024 AGB conference was discussed again due to the plethora of information for the trustees regarding committee structures.

Renaming Justice, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee
Belonging, Inclusion and Learning is a suggested new name change for the JEDI committee to keep a standard with other sister universities.

Committee Chair Alvarado reminded the committee to do their yearly Massachusetts Conflict of Interest training.

There being no further business,

> **MOTION** made by Trustee Jasmin, seconded by Trustee O'Rourke, to adjourn.
> **ROLL CALL VOTE passed motion unanimously.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Attachments presented at this meeting:

a. Draft Minutes of October 23, 2024, Meeting

Secretary's Certificate

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the approved minutes of the Westfield State University Board of Trustees Governance and Nomination Committee meeting held on December 9, 2024.

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Tessa Lucey, Secretary Date