



Board of Trustees

Governance and Nomination Committee Minutes

President's Boardroom, Horace Mann Center
October 9, 2018

Board of Trustees committee members in attendance: Committee Chair Marcus, Vice Chair Hill and Secretary Landrau.

Excused absence: Trustees Hagan and Slakey.

Trustee guests present: Trustees Magovern, Martinez-Alvarez, Queenin, Sullivan and Swan.

Dr. Ramon S. Torrecilha, President of Westfield State University, was also present.

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Committee Chair Marcus, who asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting.

MOTION was made by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee Landrau, to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2018 meeting. **There being no discussion, Motion passed unanimously.**

Trustee Swan joined the meeting at 2:02 PM.

Committee Chair Marcus stated there were two items for discussion, the first being trustee terms. Since there are four trustee and the student trustee terms that expire in 2019, we could possibly lose five trustees next year. He stated that he will speak to each trustee whose term ends in 2019 to find out if they would like to be reappointed. If Trustees Slakey or Martin are not reappointed, we would need to try to fill that person's slot with a representative from higher education. It was suggested to also nominate an attorney and other people around the country to an empty position. Trustee Swan stated that the election for student trustee takes place in April and he will try to get younger students involved to hopefully find a sophomore who could serve for two years.

Committee Chair Marcus suggested having all trustees fill out another expertise grid if the form has been updated by the Department of Higher Education.

Committee Chair Marcus asked the committee to start thinking about what type of mentoring would be beneficial to new trustees. It was suggested to set up a subcommittee to work on a plan for mentoring new trustees as they join the board.

There being no further business, Committee Chair Marcus asked for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION was made by Trustee Hill, seconded by Trustee Landrau, to adjourn. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM.

Attachments presented at this meeting:

- a. Minutes of June 7, 2018
- b. Trustee Terms
- c. Current Board Inventory Grid of Trustee Expertise
- d. Governance and Nomination Charter