

**MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
WILLIAM PATERSON UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY**

Saturday, March 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:40 a.m. in the Anderson Room at Dolce Basking Ridge Conference Center, Basking Ridge, NJ.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Fan, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Kotuski, Mr. Mazzola, Mr. Pesce, Dr. Pruitt, Mr. Taylor, President Speert

ABSENT: Mr. Adzima, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Gruel, Ms. Olmos, Ms. Temple

OTHERS PRESENT:

Provost and Senior Vice President Weil, Vice President Bolyai, Vice President Deller, Vice President Martone, Dr. Schaeffer, Professor Susan Godar, Professor Susanna Tardi, Dr. Rebecca Wayland - Facilitator, Mrs. Santaniello.

ANNOUNCEMENT CONCERNING ADEQUATE NOTICE OF MEETING:

In accordance with the "Open Public Meetings Act," the Chairperson publicly announced and had entered into the minutes that "adequate notice" of this meeting was provided. In compliance with this Statute, this notice was posted on the University's web page and also distributed to The North Jersey Herald and News, The Record, and The Star Ledger more than 48 hours prior to this meeting.

Mr. Taylor observed that in light of the multiple forces impinging on the University at this point, this is a pivotal time for the University to proactively shape a plan for its future. He expressed his hope that the Board will take full advantage of this opportunity.

Dr. Wayland offered an overview of the plan for the day – namely, using the scenarios that have been developed and refined on January 26 and February 1, to work through the establishment of "robust strategies" and high level principles that will well serve the University in multiple futures.

The participants individually identified aspirations and challenges with respect to the task of the day.

Dr. Wayland reviewed the work done by the Board and cabinet at the January 26 session and by the cabinet and more than 60 members of the University community on February 1.

The day was spent discussing "robust strategies" in the four scenarios in seven different areas:

- mission and vision
- enrollment goals and criteria
- programs and courses
- student experience and facilities
- faculty and administration
- external relations and development
- University leadership

In light of time constraints and the projected long-term decline in state funding, particular focus was devoted to the scenario represented by “limited support” and “learning communities.”

Next steps include:

- assessing robustness
- assessing resource reallocation (trade-offs, initiatives/speed)
- financial impacts across scenarios (macro-level)
- summarizing recommended actions

Dr. Wayland will compile the notes from all three meetings and prepare a summary of her distillation of recommended actions. Mr. Taylor suggested that at the appropriate time in the near future the Board provide feedback to the University community regarding the work today.

At approximately 4:35 p.m. there being no further business, a motion was made and seconded for the meeting to be adjourned. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Santaniello". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Donna Santaniello
Asst. to the President and
Board of Trustees

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