

**George Mason University  
Board of Visitors**

**Development Committee Meeting  
October 13, 2016  
Merten Hall, Fairfax Campus**

**A G E N D A**

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Approval of Development Committee Meeting Minutes from May 5, 2016 (ACTION ITEM)**

**III. New Business**

- A. GMUF Chair Update – Jay O’Brien
- B. Campaign Update – David Long

**IV. Old Business**

**V. Closed Session**

- A. Gifts, Bequests, and Fundraising Activities (Code of VA: §2.2-3711.A.8)

**VI. Adjournment**

**Development Committee Meeting  
May 5, 2016  
11:55 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.  
Merten Hall, Room 1203, Fairfax Campus**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Attendees:** Chairman David Petersen, Visitor Kim Dennis, Visitor Shawn Purvis, Visitor Stephen Cumbie, Visitor Siddique Sheikh

**Absent:** Visitor Kelly McNamara Corley

**Additional Attendees:** Rector Tom Davis, President Ángel Cabrera, Board of Trustees Chair James W. Hazel, Vice President Janet Bingham, Faculty Representative Alan Abramson, Faculty Representative Keith Renshaw, Student Representative Khushboo Bhatia, Student Representative Justin Van Buren. Faculty Senate Representative Charlene Douglas, Dean Mark Rozell, Dean Henry Butler.

**VII. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m.

**VIII. Approval of Development Committee Meeting Minutes from March 31, 2016  
(ACTION ITEM)**

Chairman David Petersen called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from March 31, 2016. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.**

**IX. New Business**

**C. GMUF Chair Update -- Jimmy Hazel**

George Mason University Foundation Chair Jimmy Hazel provided an update on the activities of the GMUF.

Chairman David Petersen thanked Chairman Hazel for his many years of service on the Board of Trustees and his continued support as the current campaign chair.

Chairman Hazel shared the following news.

- There is an excellent group of new incoming trustees joining the board July 1.
- The Loudoun County land deal is moving slowly and will not likely be resolved until 2017.

Chairman Hazel updated the committee on the progress of the campaign.

- The fundraising total to date for 2015-2016 is \$90 million. The goal was \$60 million.
- The campaign total has reached \$450 million toward the \$500 million goal.

Dr. Janet Bingham stated that the board will need to consider whether to extend the campaign fundraising goal or declare the campaign closed once the \$500 million goal has been reached next year. Dr. Bingham recognized Chairman Hazel for his many years of support and commitment to Mason.

D. Why We Do What We Do – Dean Mark Rozell, School of Policy, Government, and International Affairs

Dean Mark Rozell discussed the state of the school and its fundraising priorities.

An expected gift from Dwight Schar, who respects scholarship and diversity, will create exciting new opportunities to build the school, its identification and brand both locally and nationally.

The school aspires to take the Center for Regional Analysis statewide and use it to build a model for the growth of other programs in the school. Plans are underway for increased production of scholarly analysis, policy indices, impactful policy surveys, the creation of a policy innovation lab, a distinguished speaker series and increased visibility in high profile debates and conferences.

The school plans to be the “go to” location in Northern Virginia for public and political events in the region and will establish a more formal relationship with the National Press Club to present faculty research. The school will create a bi-partisan and diverse advisory board to advise the dean. The impact of the Schar gift will attract more students to the school.

E. Campaign Update – David Long

David Long made comments regarding the Faster Farther campaign.

- We have come a long way in a short time since publicly launching the campaign last September.
- We have achieved the emblems of success for the campaign.
- We have had three successful fundraising years and have nearly tripled our fundraising capacity during this time period.
- This success couldn’t have been achieved without the dedication and support of the Visitors.

F. Why We Do What We Do – Department of Psychology, Professors Robyn Mehlenbeck and Christy Esposito-Smythers

Faculty representative Keith Renshaw introduced Dr. Robyn Mehlenbeck and Dr. Christy Esposito-Smythers from the Department of Psychology to discuss their research, department programs and fundraising goals.

The George Mason Center for Psychological Services provides clinical training for graduate students and community mental health services. Treatment is offered on a sliding fee scale making treatment attainable for all age ranges and income levels.

Dr. Esposito-Smythers shared two client stories to highlight the impact their work is having in the community and discussed their ongoing work with the Fairfax County and Loudoun County Schools in the area of suicide prevention. Materials outlining the services provided at the center and specific fundraising support needs were circulated amongst the visitors. Drs. Mehlenbeck and Esposito-Smythers answered questions regarding the center.

Chairman Petersen thanked them for their contributions to the community.

G. University Advancement and Alumni Affairs Report – Janet Bingham

In the interest of time Dr. Bingham requested the meeting move on to the address by faculty representatives Keith Renshaw and Alan Abramson.

H. Address from Faculty Representatives Keith Renshaw and Alan Abramson

Faculty representatives Keith Renshaw and Alan Abramson discussed the Faculty Senate's three resolutions regarding the gift to name the Antonin Scalia Law School.

Representatives Renshaw and Abramson reviewed action items they considered most important from the resolutions. Items discussed included what would happen to faculty positions once the \$30 million gift funds had been spent.

Representatives Renshaw and Abramson presented additional insights associated with the resolution action items which lead to a good dialogue during the meeting.

Visitors asked questions of the representatives about the resolution. Chairman Petersen asked Chairman Hazel his thoughts as a donor regarding gifts such as the \$30 million. Mr. Hazel confirmed that they are viewed very positively by the community and enhance Mason's standing. Chairman Petersen thanked the two professors for their willingness to share the additional insights with the committee.

**X. Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss

**XI. Closed Session**

B. Gifts, Bequests, and Fundraising Activities (Code of VA: §2.2-3711.A.8)

There were no topics to discuss. A closed session was not held.

**XII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Petersen asked for a motion to close the meeting. A **MOTION** was made, **SECONDED**, and the **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE**. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Naomi Arlund  
Secretary, pro tem