



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MARCH 21, 2019

SYSTEM OFFICE  
CONCORD, NH

MEETING MINUTES

Trustee Participants: John Small, chair, Joe Morone, vice chair, Kass Ardinger, Don Birx, Jamie Burnett, Todd Black, Jim Dean, Cathy Green, Todd Leach, Scott Mason, Christian Merheb, Ken Moulton, Chris Pope, Mark Rubinstein, Margie Smith, Melinda Treadwell

Via phone: Ted Dey, Morgan Rutman

Staff: Jim McGrail, Cathy Provencher, Ron Rodgers, and Tia Miller

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**Call to Order**

Chair Small called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm.

**Minutes**

Trustee Small moved, Trustee Moulton seconded the following motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried.

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee approve the minutes of the Executive Committee of January 17, 2019 as presented.*

**Legislative Update**

Chancellor Leach reported that the House hearings on budget have been completed and budget requests will move to the Senate. Other bills being monitored include one that would require the payment of prevailing wage for all state-funded projects, another relating to sports betting, and a number of others that would impact USNH. A brief discussion was also held regarding capital budget request.

**Campus Updates**

President Birx reported that there was a lot of student interactions with potential presidential candidates. PSU men's ice hockey won their conference championship.

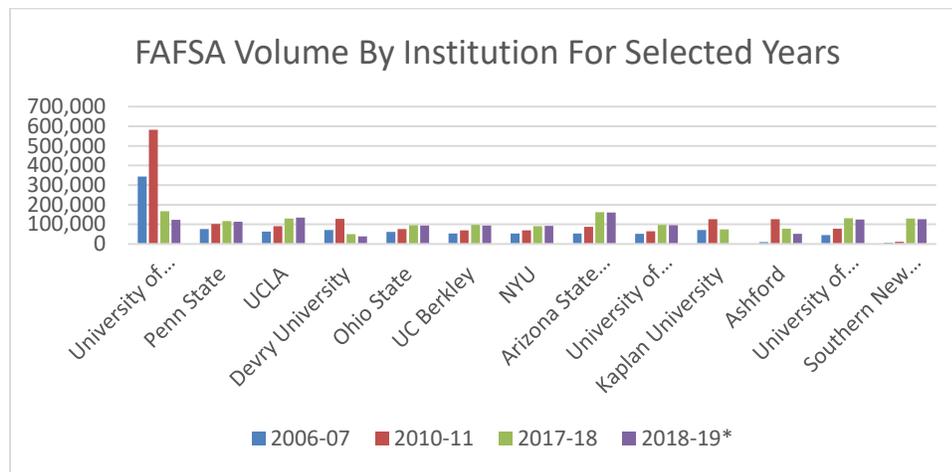
President Treadwell reported that KSC has received a lot of positive press for their active participation in American Democracy, all candidates of all parties are welcome, will continue to host and try to avoid partisanship. Fall enrollment is positive, finalized strategic plan and the plan is connected with fund raising priorities and academic plans.

President Dean reported that UNH is working on strategic planning, working on dimensions of performance initiatives, forming a Business Advisory Council to discuss the top issues for NH and how UNH is engaged in those issues. Top issues were economy, education, environment, energy, healthcare, mental and opiate addiction.

President Rubinstein reported that GSC is just completing winter term and they are beginning strategic planning process.

President Rubinstein wanted to take time and note in the context of a recent proposal to curb student loan access, was that the growth and dominance of proprietary institutions like University of Phoenix that accompanied the economic downturn in the early part of this decade contributed to a disproportionate share of loan debt, and subsequently to loan default risk associated with those proprietary institutions. Thus, the concerns associated with student loan debt, while important and legitimate, would benefit from more careful analysis of institutional characteristics that are driving debt and contributing to default risk.

Also, the same data will serve to illustrate that within the past several years, non-profit private institutions (SNHU, Western Governors University) and public institutions (Arizona State University) have begun to displace the proprietary institutions for enrollment growth.



Brief updates on PSU and KSC nursing programs were provided.

Information was included in meeting materials and shared regarding the UNH Edge Project. This is just information and early stages of discussion. UNH would like to have corporate partners near or adjacent with the campus, spinoffs from research, companies that want to do research partnerships, companies located next to campus to provide student internships.

Chair Small provided a brief update on conversations with the Governor's Office staff regarding upcoming vacancies on the Board. The Governor would like to submit nominations to the Executive Council on April 17, 2019.

#### NONPUBLIC SESSION

Chair Small moved the following motion at 5:05 pm, Trustee Morone seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

*VOTED, that the Executive Committee go into nonpublic session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters as authorized by RSA 91-A:3, II (a) and (c).*

A motion was made and seconded to come out of nonpublic session at 5:43 pm.

Chair Small noted that no votes or actions were taken.

Trustee Mason shared that four UNH Alums will be featured on April 4<sup>th</sup> in American Farm, on the History Channel.

#### **Adjourn**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.