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**MINUTES  
OF THE  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
September 26, 2013  
Corbett Conference Room**

**Present:**

Heather Bernikoff-Raboy (by phone)  
Alisa Judge (by phone)  
Alistair McCrone

**Not present:**

Gary Blatnick  
Dick Cuneo  
Jason Ramos

**Guests:**

Mary Kay Hartman  
Craig Wruck

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Alisa Judge at 2:03 p.m.

2. Visitor comments

There were no visitors at the meeting.

3. Minutes of June 17, 2013 meeting

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the Minutes of the meeting of June 17, 2013 are approved.

4. Board roster

There was discussion regarding the past lack of a system to track Board members' terms. As set forth in the proposed roster, the best attempt was made to bring the term limits to bear in a fair and equitable way by providing a special one-year term to those who had served the longest, and two-year and three-year terms to others. This recommendation would require the Board to temporarily set aside Bylaws requirements. The Committee chose to recommend that the Board accept this plan and move forward on a regular three-year cycle for Board Member appointments.

## 5. Survey

There was extensive discussion about the survey. Participation was higher than in the past, with 20 out of 23 responding. Six questions were selected for discussion with the Board: (1) Confidence that donor contributions are used as the donor intended (most strongly agree/agree), (2) Understand the University's fundraising program and its goals (most agree, with several strongly agree), (3) Believe the Foundation's work supports the mission of the University (most strongly agree/agree), (4) Board focuses on long-term significant policy issues rather than short-term administrative matters (mostly agree, but with some disagreement as well), (5) Board's composition reflects the diversity of the University (no consensus at all, with many disagrees and a few strongly disagrees), (6) Roles of the Board and staff are clearly understood (most agree, but quite a few disagrees as well). The Committee felt unexpectedly good results came from the survey, and they will use it to help inform the work being done over the year.

## 6. Board organizational structure

Since two of the members were traveling, there was not enough time to discuss the Board organizational structure in depth.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 p.m.