

Changing of the Guard

The Board of Trustees is vitally important to Franklin Pierce University, a nonprofit institution that is governed by its 24-member Board. Lloyd Astmann '69 served the University well as the Board of Trustees chairman for the past three years. Last October, he turned over those responsibilities to Franklin Pierce's new Board of Trustees chairman, Michael C.J. Fallon. Astmann remains on the Board as a member and chairman of the Advancement Committee.



Fallon, who has been a member of the Franklin Pierce Board of Trustees since his election in 2008, brings much expertise to his new role on the Board. A resident of New London, N.H., he is an advisory board member of the firm of Miller Fallon Dennehy Associates. With more than 40 years of experience in the real estate industry, he most recently served as president of The Southwood Corporation (a subsidiary of Pennichuck Corporation) in Merrimack, N.H. Prior to this position, he owned and operated Fallon & Associates, LLC, a private real estate investment, consulting, and advisory firm. Fallon previously served as president and COO of United Properties Group, Inc. in Montvale, N.J., and was senior vice president of Cushman and Wakefield, Inc. in New York City.

A graduate of Siena College, Loudonville, N.Y., Fallon earned a business administration degree in marketing in 1968, and then served as a captain in the U.S. Army from 1968 to 1970. He has served on a number of corporate and nonprofit boards, and is currently chairman of the board of The W.C & A. N. Miller Development Company of Bethesda, Md., and co-chair of the Advisory Committee of Miller Fallon Dennehy of New York, N.Y.

"Mike's insight and commitment to Franklin Pierce have been very helpful to the University and to me as the president," said Dr. James Birge. "I look forward to working with Mike to further advance the University and to enhance our academic reputation."

In discussing his election, Fallon said, "I am honored and delighted to be asked to chair this distinguished board and to have the opportunity to work with President Birge as the University advances into the second half of its first century."

