

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Legislative and Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
December 14, 2012
11:30 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman
Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler
Trustee Michael Curtin
Trustee James T. Joyce
Trustee Gary L. Rozier
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott
Trustee Stephanie Sanchez, Student Representative

Others Present

Dr. Wayne Watson, President of Chicago State University
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Ms. Farah Muscadin, Esq., Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Board of Trustees and Governmental Affairs
Mr. Richard Boykins, Federal Relations
Ms. Christy Harris, Board Liaison Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Trustee Young called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was verified and roll call was taken.

3. Verification of Meeting Notice

The meeting notice was posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

4. Action Items

a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Curtin moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

5. Information Items

a. Governmental Affairs Update

Ms. Farah C. Muscadin, Esq., Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, provided the following highlights with respect to government affairs. Ms. Muscadin began with an update on local legislative affairs:

- Ms. Muscadin met with the Mayor’s Office, which included Beth Swanson, the Mayor’s Director of Education, and CEO Barbara Byrd-Bennett for Chicago Public Schools (CPS). CSU discussed establishing a dual enrollment program with CPS and has a follow-up meeting with those parties. The dual enrollment would allow CPS students to take classes on CSU’s campus.

- CSU is working with local aldermen on a community initiative with Dr. Harden to conduct a needs assessment of what the students need in the community and what CSU can provide in terms of violence prevention, health initiatives, etc. This initiative engages local officials.

Ms. Farah C. Muscadin, Esq. provided the following highlights with respect to state legislative affairs:

- Ms. Muscadin reported that the State has a new pension proposal.
- Ms. Muscadin also informed the Board that she is working on the reinstatement of the Pharmacy grant and has received commitments that it will be included in the supplemental appropriation bill. This would represent approximately \$307,000 for CSU.
- Ms. Muscadin reported that she is working to get the funding released from the gaming revenue, which represents approximately \$7.9 million for CSU.
- Ms. Muscadin stated that CSU had a great visit with Lieutenant Governor Laura Simon who met with faculty, staff and students to discuss college affordability. CSU will invite the Lieutenant Governor back in the spring.
- Ms. Muscadin reported that CSU is now participating in the Higher Education Coalition.
- Ms. Muscadin reported that the State may potentially have a capital bill and that CSU would aggressively pursue this funding.
- Ms. Muscadin reported that Rep. Berrios spoke at the CSU Latino Resource Center and that Sen. Martinez participated in the CSU Minority Internship Program (MIP) Luncheon.
- Ms. Muscadin reported that CSU will have an intern working in U.S. Senator Durbin's Office. MIP has nine (9) students interning in legislative offices.
- Ms. Muscadin also reported that CSU has a state relations consultant, Ms. Liz Brown Reeves.
- Ms. Muscadin reported that the Department of Intergovernmental Affairs now has a website.

Trustee Young commented that he is happy to hear that CSU is meeting with local elected officials about what CSU can do in the community. Trustee Young stated that it is very important to do things for the community and their constituents.

Trustee Morrison Butler commented that she has worked closely with Beth Swanson with the Mayor's Office through City Year and has also worked with CPS Senior Staff and that she can help CSU in preparing for future meetings with the City.

Chairman Rozier complimented Ms. Muscadin in bringing order to Intergovernmental Affairs and appreciates Ms. Muscadin's efforts.

b. Federal Relations Update

Mr. Richard Boykins provided the following highlights with respect to federal legislative affairs:

- Mr. Boykins reported that he is working on funding for the Metra station. President Watson and Mr. Boykins met with Secretary LaHood and he will assist with the Metra funding.
- Mr. Boykins stated that CSU also met with Congressman Rush who will make funds available that remain from Kennedy King College. This represents approximately \$1 million.
- Mr. Boykins reported that he is scheduling a follow-up meeting with Secretary LaHood.
- Mr. Boykins also stated that U.S. Senators Durbin and Kirk will help with grant funding for CSU.
- Mr. Boykins reported that he met with U.S. Senator Kirk's Office regarding 2013 Entrepreneurial Idol. This is an initiative of Senator Kirk.
- Mr. Boykins stated that he has met with Ms. Muscadin regarding CSU's Strategic Plan for 2012 and the federal priorities, which include increasing Title 3 funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's).
- Mr. Boykins reported that Congressmen Rush and Davis will continue to support CSU. Congressman Luis Gutierrez will continue to support CSU. CSU will also work with new legislators in 2013.
- Mr. Boykins stated that he is working on more opportunities for CSU professors to testify in Congress.

Chairman Rozier complimented Mr. Boykins on the great news and great work.

Trustee Scott complimented Mr. Boykins and Ms. Muscadin on the advocacy and organized strategic approach.

6. Other Matters

No additional comments from the public or employees.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Rozier moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.