

Chicago State University (CSU)
Board of Trustees
Special Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
February 6, 2015
10:02 a.m. – 12:53 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman
Trustee James T. Joyce, Vice Chairman
Trustee Spencer Leak, Sr.
Trustee Horace Smith
Trustee Nikki Zollar
Student Trustee Rhonda V. Williams

Board Members Not Present

Trustee Michael Curtin, Secretary

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Satasha Green, Dean, College of Education
Dr. Angela Henderson, Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Leroy Jones, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences
Ms. Farah C. Muscadin, Esq., Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Interim Dean of Students
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Assistant to Farah C. Muscadin

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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

4. Action Items

a. Principal Preparation Program for the Chicago Leadership

Collaborative Resolution..... Dr. Satasha Green

Dr. Green presented the resolution. She stated that the grant is to train six people to become lead principals. At the end of the training, they are placed on the top of the hiring

list for Chicago Public Schools (CPS). In the last year of training the participants are paid \$80,000 to shadow a CPS principal.

Trustee Young asked if CPS has to approve the admission of the participants. Dr. Green stated that CPS does not have to approve the participants and the participants are from across the state.

Trustee Joyce asked who provided the grant. Dr. Henderson stated that the CPS Board approved the dollars.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Principal Preparation Program for the Chicago Leadership Collaborative Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

b. Electrochemical Positioning of Ordered Nanostructures with an Atomic Force Microscope Resolution.....Dr. Leroy Jones

Dr. Leroy Jones presented the resolution. He stated that Dr. Valerie Goss is the principle investigator. The instrument will multiply the DNA structure at the micro level. Dr. Jones stated that training on this type of instrument will help STEM students and having this instrument at CSU can be a recruitment tool to help attract students to CSU.

Trustee Young asked if the amount of the grant equals the cost of the instrument. Dr. Jones stated that the amount of the grant is to purchase the instrument.

Trustee Smith asked if the grant covered operating cost and maintenance cost, because these cost can be expensive. Dr. Jones stated that the grant does not cover these cost.

Trustee Williams asked if Upward Bound students would have access to this equipment. Dr. Jones stated that they would have access.

President Watson stated that 60% of CSU undergraduate students are involved in research. He commended their involvement. Dr. Jones stated that our students are involved in research and are also published.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Electrochemical Positioning of Ordered Nanostructures with an Atomic Force Microscope Resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

5. Recess into Executive Session Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act,

Trustee Young moved to Recess into Executive Session. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

6. Reconvene into Open Session

President Report

President Watson spoke about his retirement at the end of the 2015-2016 academic year and succession planning. President Watson stated that he is blessed to serve as president of CSU and the last six years have been a fulfilling journey. He noted various achievements during his tenure including the 10-year reaccreditation from the Higher Learning Commission and rightsizing of the University. President Watson stated that in the next year and a half, a succession plan will be put in place that is transparent and embracing of the community. He thanked the Board, faculty, students and staff for being supportive of his vision for CSU. President Watson stated that he will continue to be engaged and the next year and a half will be robust and productive.

Trustee Young stated that succession planning will be transparent. He stated that there will be a Presidential Search Committee established. That committee will make recommendations to the Board. The committee will be composed of the following:

- Trustee Nikki Zollar, Chair
- 5 Faculty Members
- 5 Administrators
- 2 Civil Service Members
- 2 Board Members (this number includes the Chair)
- 1 CSU Alumni Member
- 1 CSU Foundation Member
- 1 Undergraduate Student
- 1 Graduate Student
- 1 Member from the Community

Trustee Young stated that all of the different stakeholders will hear from Trustee Zollar in the near future.

Trustee Young stated that the goal is to announce at the March 6, 2015 Board meeting the names of the members of the search committee and the name of the search firm.

7. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Trustee Young stated that this is the first meeting for the new procedures regarding public comments. He stated that these new procedures have been posted, read twice, and voted on twice. Under the new procedure those who want to comment must sign-up 30 minutes before the Board meeting.

Trustee Young stated that there was one person who signed up for public comment, Dr. Thomas Lyons.

Dr. Thomas Lyons stated that he was the Director of the HIV/AIDS Research and Policy Institute until it was dissolved on January 23, 2015. He is currently an Associate Professor in the Health Sciences Department. Dr. Lyons gave an update on Mr. Willie Preston, who was arrested at the March 2014 Board of Trustees Meeting. He reported that Mr. Preston was charged with criminal trespassing and violating an order of protection that was placed against him by then Interim Provost, Dr. Angela Henderson. He was found not guilty of those charges on February 5, 2015. On December 19, 2014 the Order of Protection was vacated by the circuit court. Dr. Lyons stated the Mr. Preston respects the Board and wanted to come to express his opinion concerning CSU. However, he cannot because he is still expelled from CSU.

8. Adjournment

Trustee Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 12:53 p.m.