

**Chicago State University Board of Trustees
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
March 16, 2005
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8:30 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.**

Members Present

Trustee Peggy A. Montes, Chairman
Trustee Betsy Hill, Committee Chairman
Trustee Leon Finney, Jr., Ph.D.
Trustee Richard Tolliver, Ph.D.
Trustee Melva Fulton, Student Representative

Others Present

President Elnora D. Daniel
Dr. Beverley J. Anderson, Provost & Vice President for Academic
and Student Affairs
Mr. Mark Dunn, Legal Counsel
Mr. Alan Robertson, Interim Vice President
Ms. Nancy Hall-Walker, Vice President for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Liaison for the Board of Trustees/Director of Governmental
Affairs

Call to Order

Trustee Betsy Hill called the Committee of the Whole to order at 8:30 a.m. The roll was called and a quorum was verified.

Notification of Meeting Notice

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams verified that the meeting notice requirement had been met.

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

With minor corrections, the meeting minutes for the December 8, 2004, were approved as circulated.

Information Items

Report of the Interim Vice President for Financial Affairs

Mr. Alan Robertson commented on the six- month financial reports that ended on December 31, 2004. *Trustee Finney requested a schedule of cash flow for the University.*

Action Item

Trustee Tolliver moved to recommend to the full board an increase in tuition and fees for the Academic Year 2005- 2006. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Budget Update

In Dr. Dean Justmann's absence, President Daniel provided highlights of the budget report. She informed the trustees that the Illinois Board of Higher Education had approved the budget in February, providing \$489,000 for salary increases. She noted that funding for the HIV program, the Financial Outreach Program, the Doctorate in Educational Leadership Program, and the operating budget for the new academic library had been eliminated from the 2006 Budget request. President Daniel commented on the increase reliance on external funding other than GRF to support university budgetary needs. She also informed the trustees that no capital funds were recommended by the Illinois General Assembly for 2005.

Report of the Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs

Accreditation Update

Dr. Beverley Anderson informed the trustees that the Department of Nursing had been recommended to receive full accreditation for eight years by the site visitors. As part of the approval process, the Department is required to submit a report in two years. The pass rate on the N-CLEX Licensure Examination was 89 percent for 2004 is at and above the state and national levels. Also, the School Counseling Social Work Department has been approved for state certification.

Enrollment and Retention Update

Dr. Anderson informed the trustees that the freshmen enrollment had increased 671 in 2004 to 796 in 2005. However, trustees commented that there is still room for growth given that the right size was established at 8500.

Dr. Anderson informed the trustees that roundtable dialogues were being conducted by faculty and administrators with students to enhance engagement and retention. Chairs and Departments will be asked to mentor students through graduation. Also, a bonding program will be launched in the fall for incoming freshmen. *Dr. Tolliver recommended that the University also examine student indebtedness, which impacts student retention.*

Honors College

Dr. Anderson informed the trustees that the Honors College has a 96 percent retention rate. To increase retention, she encouraged trustees to consider pledging \$10,000 per student annually.

Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Delores Lipsomb noted that the strategic planning process is on target. A summer initiative is being planned for the campus and for trustees. A draft will be submitted in June 2005. A final document will be available in the fall for full implementation.

Honorary Degree Candidate

Dr. Richard Tolliver recommended to the full Board that Dr. Tokyo Mosima Gabriel Sexwale be awarded the Honorary Degree at the May 20, 2005, Commencement. Trustee Fulton seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Other matters and public and employee comments.

There were no public or employee comments. The Committee of the Whole meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.