

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
June 25, 2010
8:10 a.m. – 9:23 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Betsy Hill, Chairman
Trustee Leon D. Finney, Jr., Ph.D.
Trustee Levon James, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Patricia George, Executive Director of Enrollment Management and Student Success
Dr. Cheryl Green, Dean of the Freshmen Year Experience
Ms. Brenda Hooker, Director of Financial Aid
Dr. Debrah Jefferson, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Gebeyehu Mulugeta, Professor of Geography, Economics, Sociology & Anthropology
Mr. Paul Musial, Faculty Member of the Mathematics & Computer Science Department
Ms. Altricia Wheeler, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate to the President for the Board of Trustees and Governmental Affairs

1. Call to Order

Trustee Hill 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 Item

a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Trustee James moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Hill seconded the motion with some minor changes. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 2

Nays: 0

b. **Professor Emeritus Status Recommendation**

Dr. Debrah Jefferson recommended Dr. Victor A. Sorell, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences, for Professor Emeritus Status.

Trustee James moved to approve Dr. Victor A. Sorell as Professor Emeritus. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 2

Nays: 0

5. Information Items

a. Academic and Student Affairs Update

1. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Update

Mr. Paul Musial, co-chair of the HLC steering committee self-study, reported that a response to the focus visit team has been sent for approval. Mr. Musial also reported that the committee is anticipating the accreditation results from HLC. Mr. Musial stated that HLC will visit CSU in the spring of 2013. He further stated that CSU is responsible for preparing a self-study for that visit. Mr. Musial mentioned that the committee met with Dr. Karen Solomon to discuss timelines and budgeting issues. During the meeting, Dr. Solomon suggested to restart the strategic planning process for the self-study. Mr. Musial reported that a retreat has been organized for July 8 and 9. *Trustee Hill stated that she would participate.* Mr. Musial noted that on September 23, Dr. Solomon will give a PowerPoint presentation to the University.

2. Action Item

Dual Enrollment Agreement with Chicago City Colleges

Dr. Watson reported that the agreement is not ready for approval because the City Colleges of Chicago wants to involve all seven colleges. Dr. Watson stated that discussions are taking place and it was his understanding that it is moving to the chancellor level for approval.

b. Enrollment and Retention Update

Dr. Cheryl Green reported that of the 3,368 freshmen applications, 1,093 students have been admitted as of June 18, 2010. Dr. Green mentioned that registration will be from June 26 through June 28. Dr. Green stated that the summer school enrollment is up by 9% compared to 2009. Dr. Green revealed that efforts launched to increase applications for enrollment highlighted a special attempt of retention. Dr. Green reported that 90% of students on academic probation in December 2009 had not participated in the summer bridge program. *Trustee James asked about the duration of the program and if it could be implemented in the fall.* Dr. Green responded that the program is six weeks and a proposal has been prepared regarding fall students on academic probation. Dr. Watson pointed out that a number of strategies were in place to have an impact on retention. Dr. Patricia George mentioned that the university initiated the year round Pell Grant. Dr. George explained that the types of students served by the University tend to use financial aid as a way of living and matriculating. Ms. Brenda Hooker stated that the year round Pell Grant allowed students to go full time.

3. Other Matters

a. Public and Employees Comments

Dr. Philip Beverly, Associate Professor of History, Philosophy & Political Science, voiced the following concerns:

- Former colleague ended up at another university
- What is going to happen to the Gwendolyn Brooks Center and the Black Writer's Conference?
- What will happen to the Gwendolyn Brooks papers?

Dr. Watson suggested that Dr. Beverly meet with Dr. Lindsey to answer his concerns.

4. Adjournment

Trustee Finney moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 a.m.