

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Academic and Student Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
March 8, 2010
7:41 a.m. – 9:31 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Betsy Hill, Chairman
Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Ph.D.
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott
Trustee Levon James, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Mr. Derrick Collins, Interim Dean for the College of Business
Dr. Sylvia Gist, Dean for the College of Education
Dr. Miriam Mobley Smith, Interim Dean for the College of Pharmacy
Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
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.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 2

Nays: 0

5. Information Items

a. Academic and Student Affairs Update

Dr. Sandra Westbrooks highlighted publications by faculty. She also spoke about the opportunity for faculty to serve as visiting professors internationally. Dr. Westbrooks indicated that the College of Education was recently approved by the Illinois State Board of Education to offer a four course sequence. In addition, Dr. Westbrooks reported that the Illinois Board of Higher Education has CSU’s College of Health Sciences on its April board meeting agenda for the approval of its HIV/AIDS Research and Policy Institute.

Dr. Westbrooks informed trustees that the 2009 Department of Nursing pass rate was 95 percent, which is higher than the State of Illinois average of 91 percent and exceeded the national rate of 88 percent. *Trustee Hill interjected that during her tenure on the board, there have been significant issues about the Nursing Program's pass rate. She was pleased that it had transformed.* Dr. Westbrooks pointed out that the Honors College has recruited its first winter cohort of 11 students.

1. Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Update

Dr. Westbrooks reported that the University is ready for the focus visit from the Higher Learning Commission. The report has been a much improved document because of President Watson's support. Dr. Watson responded that he felt good about the report submitted and that the focus visit was a positive opportunity for the university. He added that the leadership of the provost has been invaluable. Dr. Watson also acknowledged and commended Drs. Gist and Balogun and other faculty who put in many hours to produce a comprehensive and transparent document. Dr. Westbrooks introduced Derrick Collins, interim Dean for the College of Business.

2. Child Care Center and Charter School Updates

Dr. Sylvia Gist presented an update on the childcare center. This venue will require renovation of three laboratories to convert into the facility. It is scheduled to open January 2011. In addition, Dr. Gist explained the charter high school progress. If approved, Youth Connections Charter Schools will operate the school on CSU's campus. The College of Education will oversee the development, implementation and assessment of the school's curriculum.

3. College of Pharmacy Update

Dr. Miriam Mobley Smith highlighted the growth and progress of the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Mobley Smith discussed that the College of Pharmacy was granted candidacy status in June 2009 by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education. Dr. Mobley Smith stated that the program is being benchmarked. However, Dr. Mobley Smith expressed her concern regarding funding for the Douglas Hall third floor renovations, which is needed to secure continued growth and development of the college. *Trustee James stated that he would be in Springfield on March 10 to voice concerns on funding. Dr. Finney encouraged the University not to totally rely on the State but to also raise monies from the private sector (e.g., pharmaceutical companies).*

b. **Action Items**

Tenure Recommendations

Dr. Westbrooks recommended Drs. John Agada and Sarah Austin.

Trustee Finney moved to approve Drs. John Agada and Sarah Austin for tenure. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Emeritus Dean

Trustee Finney moved to approve Dr. David Slatkin as Emeritus Dean for the College of Pharmacy. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

c. Enrollment and Retention Update

Dr. Westbrooks reported that enrollment was up by 19 percent compared to spring of last year. She also stated that retention is up to 83 percent for first time full time freshmen. *Trustee Finney commented that this progress was because of the leadership of Dr. Watson. Trustee James commented that staff and students also contributed to this progress. Trustee Hill requested the data for the new applications.* Dr. Watson stated it would be ready within the next couple of weeks.

6. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Sarah Hayden: How many students were admitted after the ACT was adjusted?

Dr. Westbrook: There was no lowering of the ACT. Dr. Westbrook explained that faculty studied students who were successful. From that study, it was found that a higher number of students were successful who had higher GPA's and lower ACT's. The ACT model was shared with Institutional Research. The research resulted in a model that takes into account students who had high GPA's and lower ACT's. The model was created to exclude students with a GPA less than 2.0 and an ACT less than 16 and uses a sliding scale to examine both parameters. The model was presented at the November 2009 Board meeting.

Trustee James inquired could the information about the process be made available.

Trustee Hill responded that the model was presented to the Board and will be available.

Sarah Hayden rephrased her question: How many students were admitted using the sliding scale?

Dr. Westbrook: Out of 665 students, only 34 of those students were University College students who used the sliding scale.

Renee Hill: Can students be hired as interns throughout the university?

Trustee James responded that there will be 40 jobs created for students to help address that need through the Jones Convocation Center.

Dr. Watson pointed out that students cannot have data regarding other students; nevertheless, many areas do utilize the students. However, we can always look at employing more students.

7. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 9:31 a.m.