

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
May 10, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 3:23 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Ph.D., Chairman
Trustee Betsy Hill, Secretary
Trustee Gary Rozier
Trustee Julie Samuels
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. Glenn Meeks, Vice President of Administration and Finance
Mr. Edward “Ted” Lannon, Associate Vice President of Administration and Finance/Controller
Attorney Langdon Neal, Board Attorney
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 Finney 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 Hill moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 0**

b. **Revision of Board Regulations Section IV. Students, Subsection C. Residency**

Attorney Langdon Neal explained that the resolution will provide in-state tuition residency benefits for those residents who live in states surrounding Illinois. Attorney Neal stated that this is an initiative of staff to increase enrollment. Mr. Glenn Meeks informed the Trustees that the following institutions have in-state policies in place: Western Illinois, Governor’s State, University of Illinois in Springfield, and Southern Illinois in Carbondale. The expectation is that CSU will experience an increase in enrollment.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the Revision of Board Regulations Section IV. Students, Subsection C. Residency resolution. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 0**

5. President's Report

Dr. Watson highlighted some key items from the President's Report. He noted that Dr. Mario Beatty received the Woodson Award for Black Studies. Dr. Watson also provided information on the initiative with the community. Regular updates will be provided.

6. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

b. Finance and Audit

Trustee Scott moved to approve resolutions a-h as follows:

- a. FY 2011 Tuition Waiver Budget**
- b. Student Health Insurance**
- c. Natural Gas**
- d. Sound System for Convocation Center**
- e. Follett Bookstore**
- f. Pace Agreement**
- g. The Institute for Positive Child Development**
- h. Ghanaian Textbooks & Learning Materials**

Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

c. Facilities

There were no action items. Mr. Michael Orr provided an update on the renovation projects, including Douglas Hall, William Science Laboratories and the elevator and roof projects. He also noted that the buses will be rerouted on 95th Street.

d. Legislative and Personnel

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams informed the Trustees that the legislature had originally reached an agreement whereby they were looking at a \$5 million loan authorization for higher education, a \$350 million income Tax Amnesty Program and a \$250 million cigarette tax to help with the budget crisis. However, by 4:00 p.m., they were informed that the budget had crashed because of concerns expressed by the Illinois Black Caucus. Dr. Williams also informed the Trustees that the Governor had released 33.3 percent of the capital renewal projects for all of the state universities. A major pension reform bill will go into effect January 1. The retirement age will increase from 62 to 67. There will be a cap on pension benefits for public employees, including judges and legislators. A provision for no double dipping was included.

e. Civil Service Merit Board

No report.

f. Foundation

Foundation had its annual audit for FY 10. There were no findings. The university received \$1.75 million for FY 10 for the CRCP. Mr. John Hooker, Vice President at Commonwealth Edison, will be honored at the September 16, 2010 Gala.

g. Student Trustee

There was no report. Trustee James informed the Trustees that a new student trustee, Ms. Neffer-Oduntunde A. Kerr, has been elected.

Trustee Hill moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss employment, legal and collective bargaining matters. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The meeting recessed at 2:40 p.m.

The meeting reconvened into open session at 3:15 p.m.

Trustee Finney reported that the Board took no action in Executive Session which required any matter to come before the Board.

Dr. Westbrook introduced two faculty members who will be spearheading the comprehensive visit for CSU that is scheduled in 2012-2013, Dr. Gebeyehu Mulugeta, professor of Geography & Economics and Paul Musial, professor of Mathematics.

7. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Dr. Philip Beverly, Associate Professor of History, Philosophy and Political Science, commented on the Follett Bookstore contract. He noted that there was no faculty involvement in the RFP process. Dr. Beverly also commented on the audit findings. He was elated about the decline from 20 to 13, which occurred during Dr. Pogue's tenure.

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.