

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
September 24, 2010
3:15 p.m. – 5:08 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Betsy Hill
Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler
Trustee Gary Rozier
Trustee Julie Samuels
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott
Trustee Neffer Kerr, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon, CIO for Information Technology
Mr. Glenn Meeks, Vice President of Administration and Finance
Mr. Langdon Neal, Board Attorney
Mr. Ronnie Watson, Chief of Police
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 Rozier moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Scott seconded the motion.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

5. President’s Report

Dr. Wayne Watson informed the Board that the Vice President of the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) came to visit the campus. He commended Dr. Westbrooks, Professors Musial and Mulugeta for their leadership. Dr. Watson reported that HLC sent a letter to reaffirm CSU’s accreditation.

Dr. Watson revealed that the Aquaponics initiative, under the leadership of Professor Floyd Banks of the biology department, will be used as part of CSU’s curriculum. Dr. Watson reported that Dr. Mario Beatty had taken 23 students to Egypt, along with two-three other universities. The students had a teachable moment.

Dr. Watson announced two new state of the art science labs. He stated that the way we teach science has transformed over the years and these labs are examples of what students can do on a small scale. Dr. Watson stated the next lab will be in chemistry and then another in nursing.

Dr. Watson introduced the senior thesis/research project. Dr. Watson explained that in order to graduate, freshmen will have to write a senior thesis/research project. What that means is that students will have to demonstrate knowledge of a specific subject area and the ability to write and communicate effectively.

6. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Hill reported that the Academic and Student Affairs Committee focused on the scholars, books and papers and remarkable grantsmanships of the faculty. She stated the committee discussed accreditation and how the HLC strategic process gives an opportunity for the university to state where they are and how are they going to get there. Trustee Hill commented that enrollment and retention had positive news.

b. Finance and Audit

Trustee Scott reported that the Finance and Audit Committee had significant budget issues. She stated that funds from the State will not be forthcoming before the beginning of the year, which leaves CSU in a fiscal crisis. Trustee Scott also reported that the internal auditor discussed the external audit process and the internal audit work plan, which has been approved by Dr. Watson.

1. Action Items

a. **Trustee Scott moved to approve the FY 2011 Operating Budget. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

b. **Trustee Samuels moved to approve the Grant for Student Support Services. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

c. **Trustee Hill moved to approve the vendor for the Wi-Fi Campus Community. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

c. Facilities

Trustee Rozier stated that Chief Watson and Mike Orr provided updates on the elevator projects and the Douglas Hall emergency roof project. He announced that the reconstruction of the CTA turnaround is almost complete. Trustee Rozier reported that Chief Watson presented the University's emergency plan, which met and exceeded the guidelines that were put forth by the State.

d. Legislative and Human Resources

Trustee Morrison Butler stated Dr. Brooks Williams provided an update on discussion and general questions about the Westside campus and funds getting released by the State. Trustee Morrison Butler reported that the university was not successful in obtaining \$11 million in funding this year from Congressional leaders. Trustee Morrison Butler explained that Dr. Renee Mitchell presented the implementation of PeopleAdmin's first module and the good news about the organization going paperless so that 90% of the employees have direct deposit.

e. Civil Service Merit Board

There was no report.

f. Foundation

Trustee Rozier reported that the committee had its annual awards gala on September 16. Trustee Rozier stated that his instruction to the foundation is to raise money. He mentioned that Dr. Watson gave a presentation focused on the students and improvements made at the university. Trustee Rozier commented

that many of CSU leadership attended the gala. He reported that no final numbers were given; but, it is above what was expected.

g. Student Trustee

Trustee Kerr reported that in regard to the U-Pass, there have been positive comments and excitement with a sigh of financial relief for the students who take public transportation. Trustee Kerr stated that it is extremely beneficial that we have CTA coming back into the campus. This has reduced a substantial amount of travel time among our commuting students who have to walk, especially in the winter months. Trustee Kerr commented that the one-stop-shop registration process in the Jones Convocation Center made it easier for students as well as parents. Trustee Kerr commended the faculty because of their sense of urgency to help the students. She also reported that the book store has now made it assessable to rent some of their text books as opposed to buying them.

7. Recess into Executive Session Pursuant to The Illinois Open Meetings Act

Trustee Scott 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 4:02 p.m.

8. Reconvene into Open Session

The meeting reconvened into open session at 4:40 p.m.

9. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

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

1. Were the iPads purchased with appropriated funds? If so, does that make them fall under the administrative rules of property control? Can state funds be used to buy property that is given away to students?
2. Dr. Watson was thanked for his leadership of the FEMA disaster recovery center, which is the only FEMA site on the south side.
3. Suggested that the university gets compliant in the emergency plan. A type 5 IMT is needed at the university.
4. There seems to be a disconnection between the Board and faculty. Where does the Board see this university going?

Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon replied to Dr. Beverly that extensive analysis was completed on the State Property Control Act and the iPads are not required to be tagged.

Chief Ronnie Watson assured Dr. Beverly that the University is compliant in its emergency plan and has met and exceeded the requirements.

Trustee Hill stated that there was a discussion about how the board is going to engage in the strategic plan process. Trustee Hill also stated that the Board does need to take a position on vision and value.

Mr. Doyle Landry commented on worldly views.

10. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.