

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
March 8, 2010
1:58 p.m. – 3:40 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Dr. Floyd Banks, Chair of Biological Sciences
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Ms. Susan Langford, Bond Counsel of Peck, Shaffer & Williams, LLP
Mr. Michael Orr, Director of Facilities
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 Rozier 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 Items

a. Language Changes for Capital Improvements

Mr. Michael Orr explained the resolution of the legislative language changes for capital improvements. Mr. Orr stated such language changes would reallocate the amounts and redefine scopes of work for three Capital Development Board construction projects. *Trustee Rozier requested Mr. Orr to describe the improvements.* Mr. Orr responded that the improvements will be the renovation of laboratories and campus infrastructure, make addition to existing building to include daycare, new roof and renovation of interior space affected by re-roofing to include abatement work, provide access road and exterior play area.

Trustee Finney moved to approve the language changes for capital improvements. Trustee James seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 0**

b. Residence Hall Development

Attorney Patrick Cage introduced Attorney Susan Langford as the Bond Counsel of Peck and Shaffer. Attorney Cage explained the resolution is to move forward with a feasibility study. The study will determine what the needs are and how much the cost is as well as the student capacity of the facility.

Attorney Langford gave a comprehensive presentation, which responded to the concerns of the Board.

Trustee Hill inquired if the resolution included a market study. Attorney Cage responded that the resolution will be amended to reflect the conversation today.

Trustee Finney moved to approve the residence hall development study. Trustee Scott seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

Dr. Watson stated that he would follow up with a series of meeting to include students, faculty, staff, and trustees along with the marketing firm.

5. Information Item

a. Aquaponics Initiative

Dr. Floyd Banks explained the Aquaculture/Hydroponics project. Dr. Banks stated the project consists of raising tilapia fish in a controlled continuously circulating water system. Dr. Banks further stated that by having this project we are able to address the issue of “food deserts” facing inner-city communities where highly nutritious affordable food is unavailable, develop linkages with local high schools training students to participate in the project, develop an environmental curriculum that addresses the needs of CSU serving the community, and to become a leader in environmental studies.

6. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Dr. Joseph Rathnau, retired professor of CSU, along with Maurice Denson and Michael Katlic voiced their concerns regarding the building, which will house the day care center.

Trustee Finney suggested that they needed to have a conversation with the staff of science and technology.

7. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.