

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Special Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
August 3, 2010
8:42 a.m. – 10:05 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Ph.D.
Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D.
Trustee Betsy Hill
Trustee Julie Samuels
Trustee Neffer Kerr, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Andre Bell, Vice President for Enrollment Management
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon, CIO for Information Technology
Mr. Glenn Meeks, Vice President for Administration and Finance
Dr. Michael Mimnaugh, Professor of Chemistry & Physics
Attorney Langdon Neal, Board Attorney
Dr. Yan Searcy, Department of Social Work and Sociology
Dr. Sandra Westbrook, 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 Samuels seconded the motion.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

b. **FY09 Youth Empowerment Program**

Dr. Yan Searcy discussed that he and Dr. Troy Harden are co-principle investigators of a grant entitled, "The Youth Empowerment Program," through the Department of Health and Human Services. The objectives of the program are to define health outcomes, including fitness, nutrition, social, emotional, sexual and educational health.

Trustee Kerr inquired if criminal background checks were completed. Dr. Searcy replied yes.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the FY09 Youth Empowerment Program as proposed. Trustee Samuels seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

c. Development of Flexible Solar Cells

Dr. Michael Mimnaugh explained that the contract with the Department of Defense is to research, design and manufacture solar cells. He stated the proposal is an opportunity to increase the amount of the contract from \$1.4 to \$2 million and to extend the contract to July 2011. *Trustee Samuels inquired about the connection with the students and the curriculum in this program.* Dr. Mimnaugh replied that faculty will perform the basis research and involve students in that research. Dr. Mimnaugh stated that the students will receive salaries and some waivers of tuition to complete the work.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the Development of Flexible Solar Cells. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

d. SunGard (Banner) Annual Maintenance

Trustee Hill moved to approve the SunGard (Banner) Annual Maintenance. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

e. SunGard (Banner) Annual Maintenance Revision

Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon stated that the revised contract negotiated with SunGard to pay bills in quarterly installments for this academic year.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the SunGard (Banner) Annual Maintenance. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

f. SunGard (Banner) Annual Consulting

Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon reported that her department had a number of projects they needed to work on to improve the automation of the banner system, which will require annual consulting with the banner corporation. Mrs. Dillon stated by completing these projects we will be able to provide better information to the University. *Trustee Hill inquired if the service included any programming to do any integration.* Mrs. Dillon replied yes.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the SunGard (Banner) Annual Consulting. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 5
Nays: 0**

g. iPads

Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon explained that the resolution is to purchase iPads for the freshman class. She reported that the proposal is to provide all first-time full-time freshmen with a device. Faculty has received training as to how to incorporate the iPads as technology for educational purposes. Mrs. Dillon explained that this is not only an effort to improve recruitment, retention and graduation here at the University but also to ensure that our students have the opportunity to participate in the economy that is evolving. *Trustee Tolliver inquired how this device will be an asset.* She replied that it would be utilized as a tablet computer whereby data would be available to students at all times. *Trustee Kerr queried if the iPads will help as a tutorial.* Mrs. Dillon replied yes.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the iPads for freshmen. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

h. Ad Astra Contract

Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon explained that the Ad Astra Information Systems contract for \$100,000 is sole source. Mrs. Dillon stated that the software will load all of the classes offered by the University. The software will also determine what classes we should offer in the future based on the number of students who need the classes.

Trustee Hill moved to approve the Ad Astra Contract. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

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

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m.

6. Reconvene into Open Session

The meeting reconvened into open session at 9:55 a.m.

7. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

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

1. Parking rate increases should have been more transparent.
2. Staff expressed some concerns about off campus registration visits.
3. CSU is not part of the South Metropolitan Higher Education Consortium that was formed in 1992.

8. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m.