

Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Sunday, March 28, 2010
Oak Lawn Hilton, Oak Lawn, Illinois
6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Members Present

Rev. Leon D. Finney, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman
Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D., Vice Chairman
Trustee Betsy Hill, Secretary
Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler
Trustee Gary Rozier
Student Trustee LaVone James

Others Present

President Wayne Watson
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate to the President
Dr. Edoho, Higher Learning Commission (HLC)
Dr. Karen Hodges, HLC
Dr. David Moon, HLC

Chairman Leon D. Finney called the Special Meeting to order. Dr. Erma Brooks Williams confirmed that the meeting notice had been posted pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Dr. Edoho provided a brief summary of the mandate of the Higher Learning Commission, mainly to focus on enrollment, retention, graduation rates, leadership, finances, and to make certain that the infrastructure is in place to support the mandate. The purpose is to obtain the Board's perspective on these issues and to make certain that evidence and documents are in place to support these issues. An extensive discussion occurred among Board members and members of the HLC concerning these issues. Trustees assured the HLC that, based on their knowledge, evidence were in place related to recruitment, retention and graduation, finances, and leadership. Strategies were in place to achieve the stated goals. Trustees were encouraged about the transformation that is underway. The Student Trustee noted that he had observed a commitment at all levels related to these mandates. *The HLC encouraged the Trustees to look at peer institutions, visit other universities with similar demographics for comparison, and contact Education Trust for comparative data.*

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m.

President Watson and Dr. Erma Brooks Williams left the room.