

Chicago State University (CSU)
Special Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
October 8, 2015
8:42 a.m. – 12:18 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman
Trustee James T. Joyce, Vice Chairman
Trustee Michael Curtin, Secretary
Trustee Marshall Hatch, Sr.
Trustee Spencer Leak, Sr.
Trustee Nikki Zollar
Student Trustee Jourdan Facen

Board Members Not Present

Trustee Horace Smith

Others Present

Dr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Angela Henderson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Dr. Leroy Jones, Dean of College of Arts & Sciences
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Board of Trustees
Dr. Leslie Roundtree, Dean of College of Health Sciences

1. Call to Order

Trustee Young 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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

4. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs
Trustee Joyce presided over the meeting.

1. Information Items
 - a. Academic Affairs Update

Dr. Henderson presented information concerning recipients of tenure. Tenure resolutions from April 29, 2009, May 17, 2013 and May 8, 2015 are posted on the Board of Trustees webpage under meeting minutes. Going forward tenure recipients will be name individually in the Board meeting minutes and on the Academic Affairs website.

Dr. Henderson stated that the following two grants are examples of Deans and Faculty engaged in the writing of grants to bring more money into the university.

1. **Action Items**

- a. **Partnerships to STEP-UP in Health Care Resolution**

Dr. Leslie Roundtree gave an overview of the grant, which she wrote. The grant award from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is for approximately \$12,200,000.

Trustee Young asked if the grant was solely for CSU.

Dr. Roundtree stated that the grant involves a partnership between a four-year university (Chicago State University), a two-year community college (South Suburban College), and two community-based organizations servicing the target population, Proactive Community Services and Metropolitan Family Services-Calumet.

The grant award seeks to address the need to educate and promote Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and individuals with low incomes into health care career pathways that enable the potential for advancement and long-term self-sufficiency. The STEP-UP program is a multi-tiered approach to career laddering for individuals in the high demand health professions of community/public health, health information administration, nursing, and occupational therapy.

Dr. Roundtree stated that unofficially the Department of Occupational Therapy finished their re-accreditation site visit on October 7, 2015. She stated that we are looking forward for the full report. Dr. Henderson stated that the accrediting agency asked that 188 standard that be met.

Dr. Henderson presented the resolution.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Partnerships to STEP-UP in Health Care Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

b. The Center for STEM Education & Research at Chicago State University Resolution

Dr. Leroy Jones gave an overview of the grant.

Dr. Jones stated that the grant from the U.S. Department of Education is for \$600,000 for five years totaling \$3,000,000. The grant is to develop and establish the Center for STEM Education and Research (CSER). The purpose of CSER is to connect existing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) programs, align them with the various STEM disciplines within the university and provide support to student-faculty research collaborations as well as grant-funded research projects and programs. The Center's activities will help research faculty to better prepare students for STEM challenges of the future. The period covered by the grant contract is October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2020.

Dr. Jones stated that the Physics Department is in the top ten for graduating African Americans and the Chemistry Departments is in the top fifteen. CSU produces 1% to 2% of African American physics students in the nation. Dr. Jones stated that last year the Saturday Academy Summer Camp students ranked number one in the nation in the National Society of Black Engineers Competition. This was a huge accomplishment for CSU and we are very proud of the students.

Dr. Henderson presented the resolution.

Trustee Young moved to approve STEM Education & Research at Chicago State University Resolution. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

Dr. Henderson gave an overview of the Office of Grants and Research Administration and introduced Ms. Angela Hopgood who is the Grant and Contract Administer.

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

Trustee Joyce moved to recess into Executive Session. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion.

The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

6. Reconvene into Open Session

Trustee Young stated that the Board took action in executive session that required action in open session. Trustee Young recognized Trustee Zollar.

1. Action Item

Trustee Zollar:

“Mr. Chairman, Board and members of the University Community. I approach this moment with mixed emotions that is because it is with a heavy heart that we will say good-bye to President Watson who we all admire and for whom we are grateful for his leadership and stewardship of the university. Thank you Mr. President for standing strong for Chicago State University we will be forever in your debt.

There is great anticipation and excitement as we announce the University’s selection of its incoming President. Mr. Chairman, I would like to start by thanking all of those who participated in the presidential search process. The Presidential Search Committee worked tirelessly to vet over forty candidates vying for the position of president; this committee worked tirelessly to represent, involve and hear the voices of CSU’s faculty, students, administrator, civil service employees and the community.

And so, wearing two hats, one as the Chair of the Presidential Search Committee and the other as a member of the Board of Trustees, I would also like to thank you, my fellow Board members for your considerable time, discernment and wise counsel and commitment in selecting Chicago State University’s next President. I sincerely thank you, my colleagues for fully exercising our fiduciary responsibility to search for and to find a person most qualified to lead CSU.

I thank you for hearing and respecting the collective voice of the University campus in the selection of our new president.”

Trustee Zollar moved that this Board vote to make Dr. Thomas J. Calhoun, a gentleman and scholar who we believe holds academic integrity, intellectual development, and creative thought and process above all else, Chicago State University’s 22nd President. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

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Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Trustee Young:

“This search process began as an effort to find the individual who was most qualified to lead Chicago State University into the next era, as well as the person who best reflected the core values of CSU. Those values include; professional and academic integrity, intellectual development, strong leadership, creative and innovate thinking, and a commitment to lifelong learning. Our new President will have to utilize all of those talents as he comes into a situation that is not ideal. After a rigorous process that yielded three qualified finalists, the campus community had their chance to weigh in. After much consideration and discussion, this Board has come to a unanimous decision. And that is, it is with my great pleasure I introduce the 22nd President of Chicago State University, Dr. Thomas J. Calhoun. “

Dr. Thomas J. Calhoun:

“Thank you Mr. Chairman and members of the Board.”

“I am just thoroughly thoroughly honored and privileged to be joining the Chicago State University Community. I look forward to working with all of you and looking forward certainly to working with the Board of Trustees, faculty, staff, students, alumni and all the supporters of this great University to move it forward for the citizens of Chicago and beyond.”

“I am beyond words and I appreciate this opportunity, this is a seminal moment in my career and one in which I do not take lightly. And I look forward to hitting the ground, as President Watson said to me, running.”

“Thank you very much Chairman Young, Trustee Zollar, the Presidential Search Committee and everyone, this whole process has been remarkably smooth and I am just beyond words. Thank you so much.”

Trustee Young stated that a reception for Dr. Calhoun starts at 12:30 pm in the Library Sunroom and it is open to the entire community. Dr. Calhoun will meet with the Presidential Search Committee after this meeting in the Dean’s Conference Room.

7. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Trustee Young stated that public comments would be limited to two minutes.

Mr. Gerald Chinn stated that he is alumni of CSU and expressed his hopes and concerns for the university.

8. Adjournment

Trustee Curtin moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.