

**Chicago State University Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**September 20, 2006**  
**CRS – SUB Conference Rooms A, B, and C**  
**8:40 a.m. – 10:35 a.m.**

Members Present

Trustee Betsy Hill, Chairman  
Trustee Jacoby Dickens  
Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Ph.D.  
Trustee Peggy A. Montes  
Trustee Jim Reynolds  
Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D.  
Trustee Evelyn Kayode, Student Trustee

Others Present

President Elnora D. Daniel  
Dr. Beverley Anderson, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs  
Ms. Diane Conatster, CIO, Information Technology  
Mark Dunn, Board Legal Counsel  
Dr. Dean Justmann, Interim Vice President  
Mr. Marquis Miller, Interim Vice President for Foundation  
Dr. Kenneth Koroma, Associate Vice President for Sponsored Programs  
Mr. Alan Robertson, Interim Vice President  
Ms. Nancy Hall-Walker, Vice President for Labor and Legal Affairs  
Ms. Robyn Wheeler, Director of University Relations  
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Senior Executive Director for Board and Legislative Affairs

Call to Order

Chairman Betsy Hill called the meeting to order and a quorum was verified. The meeting notice was posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Informational Items

- A. Administrative and Financial Affairs Update – Mr. Alan Robertson provided an overview of the written financial reports related to revenue, expenditures, facilities and the Business Enterprise Program.
  
- B. Budget Update – Dr. Dean Justmann informed the trustees that a 1.6 percent increase in budget had been allocated by the legislature. He noted that the University received numerous earmarks for HIV/AIDs, the Education Doctorate, Financial Outreach, a permanent library exhibit, Pharmacy Program, operating and maintenance funding for the new convocation center, and renovation funding for Douglas Hall; however, the small increase does not make up for the erosion in budget for the overall price increases since 1992. As a result, the University still faces budget austerity.

Dr. Justmann informed the trustees that the new academic library remains to be completed. There are both major and minor items that are in need of completion. ***Trustees requested a written update on the status of the library at the next Board meeting.*** The Convocation Center expected completion date is April 13,2007.

**Action Items**

**Trustee Montes moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the FY 07 Budget. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes:           6**  
**Nays:           0**

**Trustee Tolliver moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the FY 08 Operating Budget. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes:           6**  
**Nays:           0**

There was discourse on the proposed \$5 million Westside Campus. The Board recommended that a study needs to be undertaken to determine if the demand exists for a Westside Campus, in light of the decline in enrollment at Westside institutions of higher learning. Additional information is needed before approval of this new initiative. It was further recommended that existing sites need to be explored as opposed to new construction. A compelling case is needed as opposed to anecdotal information. ***Thus, the proposal was tabled for further study.***

**Trustee Tolliver moved to recommend to the full Board the approval of the FY 07 Capital Budget, excluding the Westside Campus. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes:           6**  
**Nays:           0**

C. Academic and Student Affairs Update – Provost Beverley Anderson provided an update on accreditations. She informed that the Board the Bachelor’s Degree in Occupational Therapy will be changed to a master’s degree program. Accreditation of the master’s degree has been received. On enrollment, Dr. Anderson informed the Board that enrollment is down by 1 percent because of the increase in ACT and GPA. ***Trustees requested the number of students who were denied because of the increase in ACT and GPA requirements.*** Provost Anderson presented the tenure recommendation for Dr. Mikal N. Rasheed in the Department of Social Work and new chairman of the Department.

**Trustee Reynolds recommended that the full board approve tenure recommendation for Dr. Mikal N. Rasheed in the Department of Social Work. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes:           6**  
**Nays:           0**

- D. Foundation Update – Mr. Marquis Miller informed the Board that the Award Dinner net was \$190,000. Ms. Robyn Wheeler presented a power point presentation on the proposed Marketing Plan. Board members commented that some measurements of success needed to be included in the plan as well as more testimonies from graduates and alumni.
  
- E. Information Technology Update – Ms. Diane Conaster provided highlights on the initiatives underway in the Web Development Office. She also informed the board that the staff directory could now be accessed via 995-3600 and encouraged trustees and the university to utilize the new telecommunication system. Further, she informed the trustees that an upgrade in the Banner system was underway. President Daniel informed the trustees that collaboration is underway with Argonne Laboratory to implement high speed internet on the campus.
  
- F. Sponsored Program – Dr. Kenneth Koroma informed the Board that the revenue had increased by 20 percent or \$29.5 million from last year. There were fewer audit findings compared to other universities. Dr. Koroma also informed the trustees that the University had received one of the major grants of \$3.5 million from the Department of Defense for fuel cell research.

Public and Employee Comments

Dr. Lauri Walter, president of CSU/UPI, informed the Board that the union has engaged in negotiations since June 2006 and noted that CSU's faculty salaries were less compared to other universities.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.