

Academic and Student Affairs, Personnel and Legislative Committee

April 23, 2008

11:10 a.m. – 12:35 p.m.

Board Members Present

Rev. Leon D. Finney, Jr., Ph.D.

Peggy A. Montes

Jawuan Sutton, Student Representative

Others Present

Dr. Justin Akujieze, Dean of Graduate Studies

Mark Dunn, Board Counsel

Mark Durham, Director of Alumni Affairs

Dr. Rachel Lindsey, Dean of Arts and Sciences

Richard Milo, Dean of Honors College

Dr. Mobley Smith, Associate Dean of the College of Pharmacy

Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Vice President and Provost

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Board Liaison

Roll Call and Verification of Meeting Notice

The roll was call and a quorum was verified. The meeting notice was posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

Information Items

ACT Admissions Decision Making Process

Provost Sandra Westbrooks provided a brief update on the ACT decision making process. She noted that the University's ACT admissions requirement is 18; however, a limited number of students are admitted with lower ACTs in the University College Program. Dr. Westbrooks also provided data on

other state universities admissions criteria. Trustee Montes queried as to why the ACT admission criteria are being revisited.

#### Student Concerns

Provost Westbrook informed the Trustees that she had met with the students and the issues have been addressed.

#### Research and Publication

Provost Westbrook presented a written report.

#### Action Items

Trustee Sutton moved to recommend to the full Board that the Honorary Doctorate Degree is awarded to Dr. Horace Smith. Trustee Montes seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Trustee Finney moved to recommend to the full Board that the Professor Emeritus status be granted to Dr. Clarence E. Fitch. Trustee Montes seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

Trustee Montes moved to recommend to the full Board the status of Distinguished Professor is granted to Dr. Joseph Balogun, dean of Health Sciences. Trustee Sutton seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

It was recommended that the tenure recommendations be considered by the full Board at its May 2008 meeting, including the two faculty who were denied tenure.

Trustee Finney recommended to the full Board that The Honors College be allowed to designate Honors status on student transcripts. Trustee Sutton seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 3

Nays: 0

#### Information Item

1. Alumni Affairs Update – Mark Dunn, director of Alumni Affairs, provided an overview of challenges, opportunities, activities, and a history of the program. He noted that volunteer participation is critical to the success of the program. He also informed Trustees that the Office does not raise funds on behalf of the university. The focus of the Office is to cultivate alums.
2. College of Arts and Sciences – Dean Rachel Lindsey provided a report of grants and publication of the college. She noted that the College brings approximately \$2 million in Indirect Cost Recovery.
3. Graduate College – Dean Justin Akujieze provided an update on the College's activities. He noted that five study groups have been established. The recommendations will be presented at the next meeting. He also informed the Trustees that 110 students had been admitted but decided not to enroll partially because the University is unable to offer graduate assistantships.
4. College of Pharmacy – Dr. Mobley Smith provided an update on the College. She informed the trustees that the accreditation is scheduled for April and May. As of today, 83 students have been admitted for fall 2008.

#### Public and Employee Comments

David Johnson, student, informed the trustees that students raised \$2,317 for Student Government; however, the funds have not been placed in their account. He also raised concerns relative to the recent student elections. Trustee Finney informed the students that he will conduct an investigation into the elections with President Daniel, Drs. Rosalyn Brown and Sandra Westbrooks, and others involved in the process.

Jasmine Jackson, a student, requested that the elections be held again.

Kevin Curling, student, commented that no structure is in place in the Office of Student Affairs.

Professor Phillip Beverly expressed concerns related to the integrity of the election process. He noted that there is a leadership deficiency in the Office of Student Affairs.

Miesha Wilder, resident hall student, expressed concerns about the Residence Hall Council has been postponed and asked that it be reestablished. She also commented on the problems with mail delivery, visitation has been disbanded, and maintenance and sanitation are issues. Further she commented on staff and their siblings are permitted to eat free in the cafeteria, whereas students cannot.

Nicholas Davis, student, commented on the culture of negligence at the University and non-caring by staff and more accountability needs to be demanded of faculty.

Ms. Danielle Broadwater, residence hall Director, responded that the Residence Hall Council is in place and a Student Town Hall Meeting is being scheduled.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.