

Academic and Student Affairs, Legislative and Personnel Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2008

Academic Library – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor

9:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

Members Present

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

Trustee Peggy A. Montes

Student Trustee Juwaun Sutton

Others Present

President Elnora D. Daniel

Mr. Eugene Barnes, Barnes and Associates

Mr. Wayne Baskerville, Athletics Director

Dr. Rosalyn Brown, Assistant Provost for Student Affairs

Ms. Nancy Hall Walker, Vice President for Labor and Legal Affairs

Dr. Anitra Ward, Assistant Provost for Resource Development

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams

Roll Call

Trustee Peggy A. Montes called the meeting to order. Dr. Erma Brooks Williams verified that the meeting notice had been posted as required by the Illinois Open Meetings Act. A quorum was verified.

Information Items

Legislative Report

Mr. Eugene Barnes provided a legislative update on Springfield. He informed the trustees that one major piece of legislation that is of interest to higher education is the Harper College measure which gives the college the authority to offer a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing. The higher education community is opposed to the proposed legislation, as it would have a negative impact on nursing programs at four year institutions. Also, a concern is that it establishes a

precedent for other community college systems to offer programs that would impact enrollment at four year institutions. Mr. Barnes will continue to be diligent in opposing this measure.

Mr. Barnes went on to inform the trustees that the University had been very successful at securing funding through our legislative leaders in Springfield. *Trustee Finney requested an analysis of previous year appropriations.* He also provided an update on the gaming legislation that is pending in both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly. However, there are problems with it in both chambers. He noted that the University's appropriation hearings had not been scheduled. He would inform Dr. Williams when the hearings are scheduled.

**It was moved and approved that the Legislative Report be accepted.**

### Student Affairs Update

Dr. Rosalyn Brown provided a written update on the organizational structure and highlighted some of the activities of the Division of Student Affairs. Members of her leadership team were introduced, as well as the SGA President Mr. Rulfus Jackson. Trustee Sutton expressed concerns related to the communication process with students. It was agreed that the Division would seek the input and involvement of students in the development of its programs going forward. Also, Trustee Montes encouraged Dr. Brown to examine ways to engage non-traditional students in campus life. Dr. Brown also noted that the Women's Resource Center is not funded.

Chairman Finney commented that his goal is to be a resource, not a ceremonial board member, to the University and want to make certain students are empowered.

### Public Policy Institute and Westside Campus

Dr. Anitra Ward provided an update on these initiatives. She informed the Trustees that the Public Policy Institute had been in operation for 90 days. She noted that some duplication issues will be consolidated into existing entities. Trustee Finney commented that the Institute should not support existing structures and allocations should not be made to existing programs. His goal is to raise private dollars to support the Institute to help conduct primary and secondary research. The objective is to fund unique initiatives. *Trustee Finney requested that the budget be e-mailed or mailed to Board members.*

Dr. Ward provided an update of the Westside Campus. She noted that a planning committee had held meetings. However, the project is pending until a capital budget is passed in Springfield. In the meantime, some classes will be held at Malcolm X College.

Trustee Finney commented that, historically, he had questioned the wisdom of the initiative with respect to resources. However, he has been assured that this program will not affect CSU's current resources and does not want the decision of the Board to be based on political considerations. Therefore, he is in full support of the initiative.

**It was moved and recommended that the full Board accept the report and consider this initiative at its March 2008 meeting.**

#### Athletics Update

Mr. Wayne Baskerville provided highlights on athletics. He informed the Trustees that athletics had moved into the Convocation Center, except for baseball and the volleyball teams. His unit is working with CPS to bring events to the Center. Commencement was held in the Center in June 2007. *Trustee Finney asked how much are we paying the management company to manage the Center? He is concerned that we have a top flight company to manage the Center, given that it is a great opportunity for CSU and the community. President Daniel was commended for her vision for the Convocation Center.*

Trustee Sutton raised concerns related to intramural. Mr. Baskerville informed trustees that a Task Force had been established to address concerns. Student participation will be sought.

Members of the committee and the campus community were invited to the game against Northwestern University. Lastly, Mr. Baskerville informed the trustees that our athletes are doing well academically. The average GPA is 2.93.

**It was moved that the report be accepted.**

#### Public and Employee Comments

There were no public and employees comments. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.