

Chicago State University
Academic and Student Affairs, Personnel and
Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Legislative Rooms 301 & 302
November 10, 2009
8:09 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Board Member Present

Trustee Betsy Hill
Trustee Julie C. Samuels
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott
Trustee Levon James, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Altricia Wheeler, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate to the President for the Board of Trustees & Governmental Affairs

1. Roll Call and Verification of Meeting Notice

A quorum was verified. The meeting met the requirement of The Open Meetings Act.

2. Action Item

a. Approval of Previous Minutes

Previous meeting minutes were not approved.

3. Information Items

a. Academic and Student Affairs Update

Dr. Sandra Westbrooks reported that 93 pharmacy students have been admitted into cohorts, which begin each fall term. For students who had difficulty in one or two courses, a special section was opened to retake some classes. The retention rate for these students that started fall of last year is 98.9%.

Dr. Westbrooks informed the Board that efforts have been steadfast to respond to recruitment, retention and graduation rates. The retention rate is up based on one academic year and is being tracked from semester to semester. Currently, there are 7,235 students compared to 6,820 from last year. Dr. Westbrooks reported that the graduation rate should be increased come May.

In addition, Dr. Westbrooks stated that there should be no questions regarding accreditation at Chicago State. Dr. Westbrooks reported that CSU has a focus visit with the Higher Learning Commission sometime in March and an advisory task force comprised of faculty, students, administrators and Trustee Hill has been formed. *Trustee Hill commented that she would inform the Board regarding the training in the December 1 orientation.*

b. Legislative Update

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams stated that at the September 23 meeting she reported there had been a cut in the MAP money of \$25 million. Since that time, Higher Education launched an advocacy effort by students, faculty and administrators throughout the State of Illinois to restore the money. CSU submitted 1,500 petitions, which were instrumental during the veto session to restore the money. Dr. Williams thanked all students who attended the session in Springfield. *Trustee James expressed his experience in Springfield and stated it was an excellent show of government in action.* Dr. Williams also thanked Dr. Watson, who had a meeting with the Black Caucus to discuss the MAP money.

In addition, Dr. Williams reported that university relations is marketing the university by putting ads on the CTA, billboards and print ads.

4. Other Matters
 - a. Public and Employee Comments
No public or employee comments were made.
5. Adjournment

Trustee Levon James moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows;

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.