

Chicago State University  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415  
June 27, 2014  
8:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman  
Trustee James T. Joyce, Vice Chairman  
Trustee Michael L. Curtin, Secretary  
Trustee Spencer R. Leak  
Trustee Horace Smith  
Trustee Nikki Zollar  
Trustee Ismael Reyna, Student Representative

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President  
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs  
Ms. Anne Fredd, Board Attorney  
Dr. David Kanis, Acting Associate Vice President of Grants and Research  
Ms. Farah C. Muscadin, Esq. Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Interim Dean of Students  
Mr. Larry Pinkelton, Interim Vice President of Finance  
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Assistant to Ms. Farah C. Muscadin  
Dr. Bernard Rowan, Assistant Provost  
Ms. Jeanette Sublett, Board Attorney  
Dr. Lisa Young, Director of Wellness Health Center

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.

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

**Trustee Reyna moved to recess into Executive Session. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

5. Reconvene into Open Session

Roll Call

A quorum was verified and roll call was taken.

Chairman Young respectfully requested that as a sign of respect people remove their hats. Several audience members stated that they would keep their hats on as a sign of protest.

## **1. Action Items**

### **a. Term of Officers 2014**

Ms. Anne Fredd, Esq. reported on the resolution amending Article V Section 3 of the Board of Trustees Bylaws. This resolution revises the term of office for the Chair and Vice Chair from two years to one year. She reported that no violation of the State of Illinois statute has occurred, however it is necessary to reconcile the bylaws with the statute. Ms. Fredd recommended that the Board suspends its own requirement for a second reading and take immediate action to approve the resolution. Ms. Fredd called for the motion to suspend the requirement for a second reading.

**Trustee Curtin moved to approve suspending the requirement for a second reading. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7  
Nays 0**

**Trustee Zollar moved to approve the Term of Officers 2014 Resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7  
Nays 0**

### **b. Election of 2014 Officers**

Ms. Anne Fredd, Esq. conducted the elections. She stated that the ballots are anonymous.

#### **1. Chairman**

**Trustee Curtin moved to nominate Trustee Young as Chairman of the Board. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0**

**Trustee Smith moved to close the nomination of Trustee Young for Chairman of the Board. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7  
Nays: 0**

Ms. Anne Fredd, Esq. tallied the ballot and stated that the vote to elect Trustee Young as Chairman is unanimous. Trustee Anthony Young is deemed Chairman of the Board.

#### **2. Vice Chairman**

**Trustee Zollar moved to nominate Trustee Joyce as Vice Chairman of the Board. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

**Trustee Smith moved to close the nomination of Trustee Joyce for Vice Chairman of the Board. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

Ms. Anne Fredd, Esq. tallied the ballot and stated that the vote to elect Trustee Joyce as Vice Chairman is unanimous. Trustee James Joyce is deemed Vice Chairman of the Board.

**c. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2014**

**Trustee Joyce moved to approve Previous Meeting Minutes – May 9, 2014. Trustee Leak seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**

**Nays 0**

**d. Executive Session Minutes Prior to June 27, 2014**

Ms. Muscadin stated that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all the written minutes of the closed meetings held on December 13, 2013, March 7, 2014, and May 9, 2014.

**Trustee Smith moved to approve the Executive Session Minutes Prior to June 27, 2014 Resolution. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**

**Nays 0**

**6 President's Report**

Dr. Watson reported on the May Commencement, Obama Library, and the Higher Learning Commission Accreditation.

Dr. Watson congratulated Chairman Young on receiving the CCBA Centennial Award.

**7. Reports**

**a. Academic and Student Affairs**

Trustee James Joyce presided over the meeting.

**Action Items**

**a. Increasing Chemistry and Physics Graduates at Chicago State University**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Increasing Chemistry and Physics Graduates at Chicago State University Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**  
**Nays 0**

**b. TRIO-Upward Bound**

Trustee Young asked for the number of students in the Trio-Upward Bound Program, the amount of time they will be on campus, and if any would enroll at CSU. Ms. Jasmika Cook stated that there are 109 students on campus and it is not known at this time how many will enroll at CSU. The six week program begins on July 1 and the students will live on campus for the last two weeks.

**Trustee Young moved to approve the TRIO-Upward Bound Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**  
**Nays 0**

**c. STEM Education & Research**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Increasing STEM Education & Research Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**  
**Nays 0**

**d. PBI-Formula Grant**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the PBI-Formula Grant Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**  
**Nays 0**

**e. Evidence-Based Trauma**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Increasing Evidence-Based Trauma Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**  
**Nays 0**

Trustee Young asked if the \$2,635,706 dollars is for one year. Yes, stated Dr. Rowan. Dr. Kanis stated that this is a pass through grant from the State and explained the purpose of the grant and how it is managed. There are 26 full time employees. Trustee Young asked if they are CSU employees. Yes, stated Dr. Kanis.

**f. Urban Mindfulness & Addictions Research**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Urban Mindfulness & Addictions Research Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**  
**Nays 0**

- b. Finance and Audit  
Trustee Nikki Zollar presided over the meeting.

Mr. Pinkelton gave an overview of the University's cash position and an update on State Appropriations.

Trustee Young asked will the money owed to CSU by the State be received by June 30, 2014. Mr. Pinkelton stated that based on the last two years the State has completed payment by the October-November time period.

**Action Items**

**a. Mandatory Fees Increase**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Mandatory Fees Increase Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**

**Nays 0**

**b. FY 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the FY 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**

**Nays 0**

**c. FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budget Request**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the FY 2016 Operating and Capital Budget Request Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**

**Nays 0**

**d. Illinois Municipal Clerk Training**

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Illinois Municipal Clerk Training Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**

**Nays 0**

**e. Student Wellness-Health Fee**

Trustee Young asked if there will be new services provided once the resolution is passed. Dr. Lisa Young stated that this resolution is about planning for future operations, such as the Douglas Hall Expansion.

Trustee Smith asked if it is cost effective to have our own Wellness Center. Dr. Young stated that it is cost effective for the students.

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Student Wellness-Health Fee Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.**

**Ayes 7**

**Nays 0**

Trustee Zollar thanked Mr. Pinkelton for doing an excellent job in providing the Board with the various reports.

- c. Legislative & Human Resources  
Trustee Young presided over the meeting.

- 1. Information Item
  - a. Governmental Affairs Update

Ms. Farah C. Muscadin, Esq. reported on state and federal legislative affairs. The capital appropriation bill did not pass in May. \$307K was reinstated for the College of Pharmacy and \$1.6M was received for scholarships.

Ms. Muscadin reported on the status of the 95<sup>th</sup> Metra Station project. The RFP is out for the architect to design the station and this should be concluded by August 2014.

Ms. Muscadin reported on the High School Feedback System Act, which requires all public universities to compile information on the performance of high school students. The bill to have this repealed has passed the House and Senate. It is anticipated that Governor Quinn will sign the bill.

Trustee Young asked that our federal lobbyist attend the Board meetings. Ms. Muscadin stated that she would have our federal lobbyist attend the Board meetings.

Trustee Young thanked Student Trustee Reyna for his service on the Board and congratulated him on achieving his Masters of Public Health.

- d. Student Trustee Report

Trustee Reyna thanked God and stated that he was very proud, humbled, and honored to have served on the Board. He stated that CSU is a student focused university and should remain that way. His mission as student trustee was to help eliminate disparities in education and to be an advocate for the students. Trustee Reyna thanked the faculty for their passion and commitment to educating the students. He stated that it has been a group effort to graduate all of the students and that there needs to be more diversity at the University. Trustee Reyna stated that student concerns that were presented to the College of Pharmacy were not addressed, which caused his report to the students to be incomplete. Trustee Reyna thanked the Board, Dr. Watson, and the CSU Community for their support.

- 8. Other Matters
  - a. Public and Employee Comments  
Trustee Young asked that comment be keep to two minutes.

Ms. Franchesha Phillips stated that she is a student and a veteran. She expressed concerns about the ICP. She stated that charges should be dropped for Jakari Miller and Willie Preston.

Dr. John Boelter stated that he was wearing a hat as a form of protest. The May 9, 2014 Board of Trustees meeting is the second meeting where students has been arrested. He stated that the hiring of Dr. Watson was a bad choice. Mr. Boelter stated that making the wearing of a hat a criminal offense is a bad decision. He stated that dropping the charges against Mr. Miller would show leadership.

Mr. Nicholas Mann stated that he is a former student and has family members that are graduates of Chicago State University. Mr. Mann expressed concerns about the decrease in enrollment and the current Administration. He stated that students are treated with disrespect when they go to make purchases at the bookstore.

Mr. Gerald Chinn expressed concerns about scandals related to the University, dropping enrollment numbers and the Administration.

Ms. Brittany Bailey voiced concerns about the Administration and asked President Watson to resign. Ms. Bailey also expressed concerns about the scandals related to President Watson, whistleblowing cases and the current Provost.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.