

Chicago State University (CSU)
Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
December 10, 2015
8:35 a.m. – 1:58 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman
Trustee James T. Joyce, Vice Chairman
Trustee Michael Curtin, Secretary
Trustee Marshall Hatch
Trustee Nikki Zollar
Student Trustee Jourdan Facen

Board Members Not Present

Trustee Spencer Leak, Sr.
Trustee Horace Smith

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Angela Henderson, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Tracy Obershan, Director of Physical Facilities-Planning & Management
Mr. Cecil Lucy, Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Assistant to Farah C. Muscadin
Dr. Carol Cortilet-Albrecht, Vice President of Enrollment Management
Mrs. Bobbie Stewart, Director of Cashier

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 Joyce moved to Recess into Executive Session. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

5. Reconvene into Open Session

The Board took action in executive session that required action in open session.

1. Action Items

a. Election of 2016 Board Officers

Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., CSU General Counsel facilitated the 2016 election of the officers of the Board.

Mr. Cage asked for any nominations for the election of Chair for the current year.

Election of 2016 Board Officer - Chair

Trustee Joyce moved to nominate Anthony Young for Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Mr. Cage asked for any nominations for the election of Vice-Chair for the current year.

Election of 2016 Board Officer - Vice Chair

Trustee Young moved to nominate James Joyce for Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Mr. Cage asked for any nominations for the election of Secretary for the current year.

Election of 2016 Board Officer - Secretary

Trustee Joyce moved to nominate Michael Curtin for Secretary of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Roll call for election of Anthony Young as Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Roll call for election of James Joyce as Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

Roll call for election of Michael Curtin as Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

The officers are duly elected for another term.

b. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes (September 18, 2015 and October 8, 2015)

Trustee Zollar moved to approve the Previous Meeting Minutes (September 18, 2015 and October 8, 2015). Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

c. Approval of 2016 Board Meeting Dates: March 4, 2016; May 6, 2016; June 24, 2016; September 16, 2016 and December 9, 2016.

Trustee Young moved to approve the 2016 Board Meeting Dates. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

d. 2015 Executive Session Minutes Prior to December 10, 2015 Resolution

Mr. Cage presided. *(This resolution was presented after executive session)*

The Board of Trustees has determined that the need for confidentiality still exists as to all of the written minutes of the closed meetings held on June 25, 2015, September 18, 2015, and the Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees held on August 13, 2015, August 14, 2015, August 31, 2015 and October 8, 2015. And approves the written minutes of the closed meetings held on these dates.

Trustee Joyce moved to approve 2015 Executive Session Minutes Prior to December 10, 2015 Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

6. President's Report

Dr. Watson congratulated the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary on their election.

Dr. Watson thanked the campus community and the Board for their support. Dr. Watson reported on various successes that have occurred during his tenure. He stated that he was proud to serve as CSU President.

Dr. Watson wished the Board and the CSU family a safe and happy holiday season.

7. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Joyce presided over the meeting.

1. Information Items

a. Academic Affairs Update

Dr. Angela Henderson gave an update on Academic Affairs. She highlighted the following professors who have written a book. Five professors have published this quarter Dr. Poncho McFarland, Dr. Crystal Laura, Dr. Lionel Kimble, Dr. April Bernard, and Professor Daniel Block. Dr. April Bernard and Professor Daniel Block gave an overview of their book.

1. Action Items

a. Tenure Resolution

Dr. Henderson presented the resolution. Dr. Johnson was one of the founding members of the College of Pharmacy. Dr. Johnson thanked the Board for awarding her tenure.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Tenure Resolution (Dr. Charisse Johnson, College of Pharmacy). Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

b. Tenure Resolution

Trustee Zollar presented the resolution. Pursuant to the authority of the Chicago State University Board of Trustees, the Board confers tenure on Wayne D. Watson, PhD. Department of Doctoral Studies, College of Education.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Tenure Resolution (Wayne D. Watson, PhD.). Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

c. University Strategic Plan Extension Resolution

Dr. Henderson stated that the purpose of the extension is to allow the new President (Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Jr.) to review and make decisions about next steps.

Trustee Young moved to approve the University Strategic Plan Extension Resolution. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

b. Enrollment Management

Dr. Carol Cortilet-Albrecht presented the strategic enrollment report. She stated that the purpose is to develop and implement a comprehensive enrollment plan that includes recruitment, outreach, and retention efforts within and across university units. Dr. Cortilet-Albrecht stated that the objective is to develop policies, practices and processes that will attract diverse students to CSU and to enroll and retain those students.

Trustee Curtin stated that he was pleased with the report. Dr. Cortilet-Albrecht gave an update on enrollment statistics.

Dr. Cortilet-Albrecht reported on the successful visit to Wendell Phillips High School. Initially, seven students were interested in attending CSU; however, at the end of the visit 30 students had completed application for the fall term, which included transcripts. Ms. Fanny McCullough from TCSUF (The Chicago State University Foundation) was also a part of this project. Trustee Curtin stated that Wendell Phillips has won its first Chicago Public High School Championship for football.

Dr. Cortilet-Albrecht reported on CSU Day at East Chicago Central High School in Indiana.

b. Finance and Audit

Trustee Zollar presided over the meeting.

- a. Administration and Financial Affairs Update
Mr. Cecil Lucy gave an overview of the University's cash position. He reported on the net cash in the bank and the unrestricted cash balance. Mr. Lucy reported on the budget crisis and the effect it is having on the university. He stated that cash is being managed on a daily basis, accounts receivable are being aggressively pursued, and cost is being controlled. Mr. Lucy stated that the auditors have completed their fieldwork and he expects to have a completed Financial Audit Report after next week, which will be distributed to the Board. The Compliance Audit should be completed in the 1st quarter of 2016. Trustee Zollar asked that Mr. Lucy call her when the report is finished to talk about the preliminary findings.

1. Action Items

Mr. Lucy presented the resolutions.

a. Travel Control Board Resolution

**Trustee Curtin moved to approve the Travel Control Board Resolution
Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

b. College of Education TPA Student Fee Resolution

Trustee Curtin moved to approve College of Education TPA Student Fee Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

c. Graduate Tuition Rate Increase Resolution

Trustee Joyce moved to approve the Graduate Tuition Rate Increase Resolution Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

d. Fall 2016 Laboratory Fees, Class Fees and Miscellaneous Fees

Trustee Young moved to approve Fall 2016 Laboratory Fees, Class Fees and Miscellaneous Fees Resolution. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

b. Athletics Department Update

Dr. Denisha Hendricks gave an overview of the Athletics Program. She stated that CSU signed a University Licensing agreement with Learfield Sports-Collegiate Licensing. She reported on the upcoming (women and men) basketball games and toy drive.

c. Facilities Update

1. Information Item

Trustee Young presided over the meeting.

Ms. Monique Horton reported on the Metra Project. The design work for the project kicked off December 9, 2015. There is dialogue to include CSU's name in the name at the 95th Street station and in the name at the CTA 95th Street Red line station.

Mr. Obershan gave an update on various facilities projects and reported on the effect the budget crisis is having. He also stated that 85% of the salt need for the campus this winter has been purchased. Mr. Obershan reported that Mr. Ed Mlakar is retiring and thanked him for his service.

d. Legislative and Human Resources Update

1. Information Item

Trustee Young presided over the meeting.

Mr. Tom Wogan reported on the budget crisis and the effect it is having on the campus. He stated that we might go through this fiscal year without a budget. He reported that the Governor has met with all of the public university presidents. Mr. Wogan reported on various initiatives employed to help keep the university afloat.

Trustee Zollar asked why the State has not been sued. Mr. Cage stated that we do not have a viable cause against the state.

e. Student Trustee Report

Trustee Facen reported on various student activities, including the Student Town Hall Meeting, informal Student Government Association meetings with students, Breast Cancer Awareness Event, Veteran Day Run and the Million Man March. She stated that Greek life on campus is growing.

f. Civil Service Council Update

Ms. Bobby Stewart gave an update on Civil Service Council activities. She stated that everyone is concerned with the upcoming budget cuts. She thanked Dr. Watson for his service and for always listening to civil service concerns and congratulated him on his retirement. Ms. Stewart invited the Board to the Civil Service Christmas Dinner. Dr. Watson thanked the civil service employees for their support and service. Ms. Stewart stated that she is the Past Grand Matron for the Honors Grand Chapter.

8. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Chairman Young stated that comments would be limited to two minutes.

Mr. Ronald Harris, Director African American Resources Center stated that Dr. Watson gave him an opportunity to be a part of a great vision and he has seen the crystallization of that vision. Mr. Harris thanked Dr. Watson for helping him to grow and develop as a leader. Ms. Harris quoted a poem by Mr. Carl Hormon.

Dr. Richard Darga, Dean of Library Instructional Services invited the Board to LGBT Legacy Tribute Reception. He thanked Dr. Watson for his support of Library Instructional Services over the years.

Dr. Tim Harrington, College of Education wished Dr. Watson well on his future endeavors. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mr. Kenneth Jackson, Basileus of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. Epsilon ETA Chapter. On behalf of the chapter, Mr. Jackson thanked Dr. Watson for his hands on approach and excellent service to the University. He stated that as a fellow fraternity brother he wishes him only the best in his future endeavors.

Dr. Leroy Jones, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences commended for his leadership and commitment to the University. He wished Dr. Watson well on his future endeavors and retirement.

Chairman Young stated that President Watson steps down from his office at the end of this year and while he will have a transitional role for a period, this will be his last Board meeting. He reported that under Dr. Watson's leadership there has been significant progress in a number of areas including, raising academic standards, expanding student services, earning our reaccreditation and reforming the work culture. Chairman Young thanked Dr. Watson on behalf of the Board and the entire CSU family for his strong, decisive leadership and excellent service to the university.

Chairman Young called Gwendolyn Rowan, Renee Barnes, Angela Henderson and Leslie Roundtree for public comment; however, they were not present or did not comment.

Trustee Zollar stated that under President Watson's direction and leadership CSU has grown in stature and acclaim not only in the state of Illinois, but also in the world. President Watson is a revolutionary with revolutionary ideas, all of which have been to the benefit of the University. His strength and determination have pulled CSU from a stagnant position into a future of promise. He is also a visionary; bringing many new professional programs and curriculum to CSU. Dr. Watson has been a voice for unity and has given us a solid foundation, a great name, strong graduates and a university with a remarkable future. Trustee Zollar stated that Dr. Watson would be missed as President.

9. Adjournment

Trustee Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.