

Chicago State University (CSU)
Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
May 8, 2015
8:37 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman
Trustee Michael Curtin, Secretary
Trustee Marshall Hatch, Sr.
Trustee James T. Joyce, Vice Chairman
Trustee Spencer Leak, Sr.
Trustee Horace Smith
Trustee Nikki Zollar
Student Trustee Rhonda V. Williams

Others Present

Dr. 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
Ms. Farah C. Muscadin, Esq., Associate Vice President and Dean of Students
Mr. Tracy Obershan, Director of Physical Facilities-Planning & Management
Dr. Bernard Rowan, Assistant Provost, Curriculum and Assessment
Mr. Lawrence Pinkelton, Vice President of Administration and Finance
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Board of Trustees
Ms. Cheri Sidney, Associate Vice President of Enrollment Management

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, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

4. Action Items

a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

**Trustee Joyce moved to approve the previous (March 6, 2015) meeting minutes.
Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

CSU students from the Honors College were acknowledged. Dr. Omar Headon stated that there are 82 students in the college. The GPA is 4.0.

5. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Joyce presided over the meeting.

1. Information Items

a. Academic Affairs Update

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a. Dr. Angela Henderson gave an update on Academic Affairs.

MOU Between CSU and Moraine Valley Community College Presentation.

Chicago State University signed an articulation agreement with Moraine Valley Community College.

Honda Campus All Star Challenge (HCASC)

The HCASC is sponsored by American Honda for historically and predominately black institutions where students compete for scholarships. CSU has been a participant for nearly 20 years.

Dr. Bernard Rowan stated that under the leadership of Professor Tiffany Davis (Coach) and Brandon Morgan (Assistant Coach) the Honda Campus All Star Challenge (HCASC) team has qualified for the nationals. Professor Davis introduced the members of the HCASC team.

1. Action Items

a. Illinois LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate at the University of Illinois at Chicago Resolution

Dr. Leroy Jones gave a history of the grant and presented the resolution.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Illinois LSAMP Bridge to the Doctorate at the University of Illinois at Chicago Resolution. Trustee Leak seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

b. Tenure Resolutions

Dr. Henderson presented the resolutions.

Granting of Tenure Resolution

Dr. Henderson introduced the faculty members that were being awarded tenure.

Trustee Zollar thanked the faculty members for their service and congratulated them on being awarded tenure status.

Dr. Watson stated that each faculty member has had major accomplishments and congratulated them on being awarded tenure status. He stated that this has been a very rigorous tenure process.

Trustee Curtin moved to approve Granting of Tenure Resolution. Trustee Leak seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The student trustee does not vote.

Denial of Tenure Resolution

Trustee Zollar moved to approve Denial of Tenure Resolution. Trustee Curtin seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The student trustee does not vote.

Trustee Young moved to approve Notice of Non-Application of Tenure Resolution. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The student trustee does not vote.

c. Honorary Doctorate Resolution

Dr. Henderson presented the resolution.

Trustee Leak moved to approve the Honorary Doctorate Resolution. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

Chairman Young asked when the last Honorary Doctorate was conferred. Dr. Henderson stated that the last Honorary Doctorate was conferred in 2010.

Dean Leroy Jones and Dean Derrick Collins each gave an in-depth report on enrollment and outreach initiatives, which included goals and outcomes.

Trustee Young asked how long each Dean has been involved in enrollment and outreach initiatives and why is the Board just hearing about these efforts. Dean Collins stated since 2014 and Dean Jones stated since 2010. Dr. Henderson stated that this information is embedded in the Academic Affairs report. Dr. Watson reported that the Provost has met with each of the Deans and reiterated their goals. The goals are as follows: 1/3 fundraising, 1/3 enrollment efforts, and 1/3 academic management.

b. Enrollment Management

Ms. Cheri Sidney gave an update on Enrollment Management. She reported on the Enrollment Management Strategy to increase enrollment. Ms. Sidney stated that one of Enrollment Management's goals is to increase enrollment by 3% compared to the fall 2014 enrollment numbers.

Dr. Paula Carney gave an in-depth update on the spring 2015 enrollment numbers for Graduates Studies. She reported on initiatives that are being used at the graduate level for enrollment, including some policy changes.

Dean Sheila Collins reported on various First Year Experience activities and the initiatives used to retain students.

Trustee Leak stated that he is concerned about the educational woes in the Chicago Public Schools (CPS). He challenged CSU to create a strategy that targets CPS students that cannot read at grade level. Dr. Watson stated that Dr. Henderson would produce a strategy and present it at the next Board meeting.

c. Student Affairs

Ms. Muscadin gave an overview of the Division of Student Affairs (DOSA). She reported on short and long-term goals and the strategic plan.

Ms. Muscadin reported on administrative activities, Greek organizations, and student social events. Ms. Muscadin stated that DOSA has also given tours of the University to perspective students. Trustee Zollar asked who normally give tours of the campus. Ms. Muscadin stated that the Office of Admissions gives campus tours.

b. Finance and Audit

Trustee Zollar presided over the meeting.

1. Information Items

Mr. Pinkelton gave an overview of the University's cash position. He reported on the net cash in the bank and the unrestricted cash balance. Mr. Pinkelton stated that the FY 2016 Operating Budget will be presented at the June 2015 Board of Trustees Meeting.

Trustee Smith stated that enrollment has to be a priority. Trustee Young stated that enrollment deliverables would affect what CSU gets from the State.

1. Action Items

a. Ex-Officio Treasurer Resolution

Mr. Pinkelton presented the resolution.

**Trustee Young moved to approve the Ex-Officio Treasurer Resolution.
Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

A discussion was held concerning the College of Pharmacy's fundraising efforts. Dr. Mariam Mobley-Smith reported on fundraising efforts with Cardinal Health, Walmart, Nestle and others. Trustee Zollar thanked Dr. Mobley Smith for the excellent attention she is bringing to the University.

c. Facilities Update

1. Information Item

Trustee Smith presided over the meeting.

Mr. Tracy Obershan gave a summary of Physical Facilities-Planning Management activities, which included Facilities Administration, Capital Development Projects and Facilities Maintenance.

Mr. Obershan stated that the completion date for the Switchgear Upgrade is June 9, 2015.

Trustee Young asked when the electrical upgrade in the Cook Administration Building would be complete. Mr. Obershan stated that it completed today (May 8, 2015).

d. Legislative and Human Resources Update

1. Information Item

Trustee Leak presided over the meeting.

Ms. Muscadin introduced Mr. Richard Boykin, Esq. and Ms. Nicole Janes, Esq. from Barnes and Thornburg LLP. They reported on various lobbying activities for CSU. Ms. Janes reported on their ongoing effort of monitoring legislation that effect CSU.

Ms. Muscadin stated that the Governor has suggested cutting funding to CSU by as much as 31.5%, which is approximately \$12 million dollars. Ms. Muscadin reported on various policy issues that are important to public universities.

Trustee Hatch asked if we are actively pursuing a relationship with Governor Rauner's office and have we identified someone in that office that will speak positively for CSU. Ms. Muscadin stated that our state relations team (James A. DeLeo and Associates) is reaching out to the Governor's Office.

Dr. Watson introduced Mr. Tom Wogan, Director of Public Relations. Dr. Watson stated that Mr. Wogan has a wealth of experience in dealing with legislators and that he is familiar with the budget process in Springfield.

Mr. Wogan gave an overview of his qualifications, background, and stated short and long-term goals for CSU. He reported on the budget situation currently in Springfield.

Mr. Wogan stated that a budget agreement would not be reached by May 31, 2015.

e. Student Trustee Report

Trustee Williams reported on various CSU events including, Disability Awareness "We are More Than What You See" Week. She thanked Ms. Gwendolyn Rowan, Disabilities Coordinator for planning and implementing this event.

Trustee Williams thanked Dean Omar Headen (Honors College) and Dr. Debra Lynch (Future Teachers of America) for their commitment to students and the University. She thanked Mr. Darren Martin, Illinois Board of Higher Education Student Representative for his commitment to CSU.

f. Civil Service Council Report

Ms. Bobbie Stewart, Civil Service Council President reported the following:

- Dr. Renee Mitchell met with the Civil Service Council (President and Vice President) to discuss employee layoffs. Based on Dr. Mitchell's explanation and the information she provided, the Civil Service Council was able to give clarity and support to the employees affected.
- Parking refunds will be provided to employees affected by the layoff.
- Taste of Civil Service Event - Each committee member donated, cooked and served food for this event. Committee Members also donated turkeys for a turkey raffle give away.

Ms. Stewart reported on the Presidential Search Committee Civil Service Workers' listening session.

Dr. Watson thanked Ms. Stewart for her leadership.

6. Recess into Executive Session Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act,
Trustee Young moved to Recess into Executive Session. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

7. Reconvene into Open Session

Trustee Young stated that the Board took action in executive session that required action in open session.

1. Action Items

a. Approval of CSU Foundation Contract Resolution.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Approval of CSU Foundation Contract Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

8. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Trustee Young stated that comments are limited to two minutes.

Professor Lionel Kimble, Professor Kelly Harris, and Professor Troy Hardin, members of the Black Faculty Caucus read a statement concerning the presidential search. They noted that the next president should be a world-class scholar with fund raising capabilities. They expressed various concerns including:

- Transparency
- Openness
- The speed of the presidential search
- Timing of the presidential search
- Faculty Representation

Professor Hardin stated that there should be a partnership and quoted the following African proverb "When elephants fight it is the grass that suffers".

Mr. Gerald Chinn (Graduate Student, History Department) expressed his concern about the continued drop in enrollment and fees imposed on health sciences students.

Ms. Beverly Bond, Union Representative stated that on April 14, 2015 all chief clerk positions were terminated (laid off). Ms. Bond asked for the policy and procedure for the chief clerk class series.

Trustee Young called the next person for public comment, Janice London. Janice London was not present.

9. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.