

Chicago State University (CSU)  
Special Board of Trustees  
Full Board Meeting Minutes  
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415  
February 4, 2016  
8:37 a.m. – 1:05 p.m.

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Not Present

Trustee Horace Smith

Others Present

Dr. Thomas Calhoun, Jr., 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. Bonnie Phillips, Board of Trustees

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).

Chairman Young:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to say how proud we are of our students. Their courage, passion and convictions to take on this social and political issue is incredible. They have become the face of this budget crisis. Delivering speeches, protesting, going to Operation Push early on Saturday mornings.

All over Illinois, you hear other universities talking about how CSU has taken the lead, speaking truth to a very unfortunate and unprecedented situation in Springfield. Our students are articulate, respectful, and passionate all while changing the way we are now seen. I want you to know that many of us on the board have been working behind the scenes, attending private meetings with politicians, community members, strategizing on how our collective efforts can get the Governor to pass this budget. We will keep fighting until we get what you need...a balance budget so you can continue your education.

#### 4. Reports

##### a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Young presided over the meeting.

##### 1. Information Item

###### a. Academic Affairs Update

#### 1. Action Item

##### a. **Honorary Doctorate Resolution**

Dr. Henderson presented the resolution.

Dr. Nara Chandrababu Naidu is the current Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in southeastern India. He has earned international accolades in recognition of the impact of modernization of Andhra on every aspect of the society.

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

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

#### 5. President's Report

Dr. Calhoun praised the students for their leadership and courage in addressing the higher education budget crisis. He reported on various external initiatives that are being employed to raise the awareness of the effect that the budget crisis is having on CSU. The university is working with PUSH, churches, the media, and others to increase the awareness of CSU's situation. Dr. Calhoun applauded the faculty, staff, and students for coming to forums and being engaged in finding out what can be done to ensure a promising future for CSU. He stated that in spite of the crisis, the morale on campus is quite high and we look forward to celebrating our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Dr. Calhoun stated that The Chicago State University Foundation's Board of Directors have met and are working on vigorous and innovative ways of raising funds for the university.

6. Recess into Executive Session Pursuant to the Open Meetings Act

**Trustee Zollar moved to recess into Executive Session. Trustee Joyce 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. Trustee Young read the Declaration of Financial Exigency Resolution and the Creation of a Management Action Committee and University Advisory Committee Resolution into the record.

**1. Action Items**

**a. Declaration of Financial Exigency Resolution**

Chairman Young presented the resolution.

**Trustee Zollar moved to approve the Declaration of Financial Exigency Resolution. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

**b. Creation of a Management Action Committee and University Advisory Committee Resolution**

Chairman Young presented the resolution.

**Trustee Zollar moved to approve the Creation of a Management Action Committee and University Advisory Committee Resolution. Trustee Leak seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

The Management Action Committee, composed of President Thomas J. Calhoun, Jr., the Provost & Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Interim Vice President for Administration & Finance and the Associate Vice President for Human Resources. The committee will be chaired by President Thomas J. Calhoun, Jr. The committee will review and decide all employment actions, including lay-offs, reductions in compensation, terminations, and significant position modifications. No action will occur without a majority vote of the Committee.

The University Advisory Committee, composed of a representative from the student body, civil service employees and each of the following bodies: Faculty Senate; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 134; International Union of Operating Engineers, AFL-CIO, Local 399; Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter 144; Metropolitan Alliance of Police, Chapter 297; Service Employees International Union C.T.W CLC, Local 73; Teamsters Local Union 700; Health Care, Professional, Technical, Office, Warehouse and Mail Order Employees Union, Local 743; and University Professional of Illinois, Local 4100. The University Advisory Committee will provide input to the Management Action Committee and will continue in operation at the discretion of the Board.

The Management Action Committee will report weekly to the Board Financial Exigency Committee, an ad hoc committee, composed of Chairman Anthony L. Young, Trustee Nikki M. Zollar and Trustee Marshall E. Hatch. The Management Action Committee will continue in operation at the discretion of the Board.

Trustee Zollar thanked the board, administrative staff, and the president for putting these resolutions together as one body and one voice as we work through this tumultuous time and crisis. We will come through this semester together and stand as one body. Trustee Zollar thanked the students, faculty, and staff for working together as one during this crisis.

8. Other Matters  
a. Public and Employee Comments

Trustee Young stated that public comments would be limited to two minutes.

Mr. Gerald Chinn stated that he is an alumnus of CSU and expressed his hopes and concerns for the university. He stated that some of the things in the Governor Rauner's letter were inaccurate, such as the graduation rate; and some are accurate, such as the drop in enrollment. He asked the Board to resign.

Charles Preston stated that the Board had been silent during this crisis and only President Calhoun has been supportive for the students. He asked for the Board's support and more transparency.

Professor Gabriel Gomez, College of Education stated the importance of alumni. He stated that Governor Rauner should not be in the business of destroying state universities. He stated that funding should be provided to CSU.

Dr. William Raynovich, Associate Professor of Music asked that the board truly engage the faculty both individually and as a group. He stated that there are a number of faculty members who truly care about the university.

Dr. Kelly Harris stated that a United Nations Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent was on campus for two days. Chicago was the first city that they visited. The issued

there report last week, saying that what is happening to CSU pretty much amounts to a human rights violation. The community is concerned about CSU and the world is watching. Please come and speak to the faculty and students before you speak to the Governor.

Ms. Tawayla Jones stated that she and her father (both alumni) and are proud that they were educated at CSU.

Dr. Phillip Beverly, Associate Professor of Political Science stated that the Faculty Senate welcomed Dr. Thomas Calhoun at their last meeting. He stated that we should not waste another second on Governor Rauner. We should place pressure on his cohort.

Trustee Facen announced that the Thurgood Marshall College Fund is on campus today until 3:00 pm.

Trustee Zollar stated that the Board is working every day to support the student efforts. The Board is fundraising, contributing their own funds, meeting with various leaders, such as Minister Farrakhan, Rev. Jesse Jackson, and various legislators. The Board is organizing and working diligently behind the scene. She stated that the Board is so very proud of the students. The Board is standing with and supporting the students.

#### 9. Adjournment

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

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.