

Chicago State University Board of Trustees Committee of The Whole Meeting

March 9, 2006

Cordell Reed – SUB, A, B, & C

8:36 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Members Present

Trustee Peggy A. Montes, Chairman
Trustee Betsy Hill, Vice-Chairman
Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D.
Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Jr., Ph.D.
Trustee Ulanda Fulford, Student Trustee

Others Present

President Elnora D. Daniel
Dr. Beverley Anderson, Vice President & Provost
Ms. Diane Conatser, CEO, Information Technology
Mr. Mark Dunn, Esq.
Dr. Ken Koroma, Associate Vice President for Sponsored Programs
Mr. Marquis Miller, Executive Director of Foundation
Mr. Alan Robertson, Interim Vice President for Finance
Ms. Nancy Hall-Walker, Vice President for Labor and Legal Affairs
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Senior Executive Director for Board and Governmental Affairs

Call to Order

Ms. Betsy Hill, Joint Committee Chair, convened the meeting at 8:38 a.m.

Notification of Meeting Notice

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams verified that the meeting notice requirement had been met.

Action Items

A. The meeting minutes of the December 14, 2005, were approved as circulated.

B. Honorary Degree Candidate

Trustee Montes recommended to the full Board that Dr. Sara E. Moten receives the Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters Degree. Student Trustee Fulford seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Present: 1

C. Tuition, Fees, and Room and Board Rate Recommendations

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve an increase in tuition and fees and room and board for four years. The fees will reflect an increase of 3.5 percent for graduate students; 8 percent increase for new transfer students; and 4.5 percent increase for room and board. Trustee Montes seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

These increases are needed in order to make up for the decline in state funding, increase in health care costs, on-going deferred maintenance critical needs, reduction in general operation revenue, and increase in faculty salaries. Trustees expressed their concerns regarding the impact of the increases on long-term enrollment.

D. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the December 14, 2005, meeting were approved as circulated

Information Items

- A. Report of the Interim Vice President for Finance and Administrative Affairs - Mr. Alan Robertson presented the preliminary financial report for the period ending December 2005. He highlighted the financial statements related to expenditure, cash and revenue, Minority Business Enterprise Report, bond, investments, account receivables, collections, and loan indebtedness. Mr. Robertson informed the board that the University is examining a new Terra Loan Program to help students address outstanding loans owed to the University.
- B. Report of the Provost – Dr. Beverley Anderson provided an update on accreditations. She informed the Board that the College of Business was entertaining a site visit by its accreditation association. Provost Anderson noted that the increase in the ACT of 18 and 2.5 GPA has had an initial unfavorable impact on student enrollment.
- C. Office of Sponsored Programs – Dr. Ken Koroma reported that sponsored projects have increased by \$1.5 million to \$25.5 million. Seventy-nine percent of the awards are federally funded, while twenty-one percent are state supported. However, he noted that in the President’s federal budget, all federal student financial aid programs have been recommended for deletion. The National Science Foundation budget will receive an increase under the President’s budget proposal. Thus, an intense lobbyist strategy has to be launched in order to restore these proposed reduction.
- D. Office of Foundation – Mr. Marquis Miller submitted a written report on the activities undertaken by the CSU Foundation. He informed the Board that restructuring of the Foundation’s operations is being examined. Three new members have been elected to the Foundation Board. They are Nancy McKeever, Elizabeth Coolidge, and Leslie Anderson. The annual meeting will be held on May 16, 2006. A retreat will be held in April to review the

consultant's report. Mr. Miller also noted that the Foundation website had been revised.

- E. Office of Information Technology – Ms. Diane Conatser submitted a written report. She also provided an update on the Disaster Recovery Plan.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 a.m.