

Chicago State University Board of Trustees Meeting

December 12, 2007

Academic Library Auditorium

11:03 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Betsy Hill, Chairman

Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D., Vice Chairman

Trustee Jim Reynolds, Secretary

Trustee Peggy A. Montes

Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Ph.D.

Trustee Juwaun Sutton, Student Trustee

Others Present

Dr. Elnora D. Daniel, President

Mr. Mark Dunn, Board Legal Counsel

Dr. Alan Robertson, Interim Vice President for Financial and Administrative Affairs

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

Chairman Betsy Hill convened the December 12, 2007, Board of Trustees Meeting.

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams verified that the meeting notice had been posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

**Action Items**

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes for September 21, 2007, were approved as circulated.

Election of Board Officers

Ms. Betsy Hill was elected Chairman; Rev. Dr. Richard Tolliver, Vice-Chairman; and Mr. Jim Reynolds, Secretary for 2008.

**Approval of Meeting Schedule for 2008**

The following meeting schedule was approved:

- March 5
- May 7
- September 17
- December 10

**Tenure Recommendation**

Trustee Montes moved to grant tenure to Dr. Adeji Leslie Ajaye in the Department of Health Sciences. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

**Emeritus Status**

Trustee Montes moved to grant Emeritus Status to Professors Howard Silva and Marian Wilson Comer. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

**Approval of FY 2008 Operating Budget**

Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the FY 2008 Operating Budget. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

### President's Report

President Elnora D. Daniel presented her written report. She informed the trustees that the NCAA Division I status had been renewed. Eighty four College of Pharmacy students are being considered for admission to the College. Eleven hundred and twenty five students had submitted their PCAT scores. Also, a \$1.2 million grant from the state has been awarded to the College. Lastly, the Wirth papers will be housed at Chicago State University in the Academic Library.

### Committee Reports

#### Audit Report

Trustee Jim Reynolds stated that the Audit Committee had met at 7:30 a.m. and had reviewed and reassessed the audit findings.

#### Civil Service Merit Board

Trustee Rev. Dr. Richard Tolliver stated that the Civil Service Merit Board met on November 7, 2007. There were no employee matters.

#### Student Trustee Report

Trustee Sutton shared his written report. *He requested that at the next meeting, reports should be presented by the Division of Student Affairs, Athletic, Facilities and the Office of the Provost.*

### Action Item

*Mr. Arthur Stiers, director of Facilities, requested the Board's approval of the \$11.6 million Pharmacy Construction Contract in order to ensure that the College of Pharmacy is ready to start Fall of 2008. Trustee Reynolds recommended that Mr. Stiers meets with him to discuss the contract, given that Board members had been provided a one day's notice of the urgency of the contract and had not had the opportunity to review the contract thoroughly. Given the time sensitiveness of the contract, the Board authorized Trustee Reynolds to move forward after he is satisfied that all issues have been addressed.*

**Ayea: 6**

**Nays: 0**

### Board Organization

The Board agreed to reestablish the Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, and Legislation Committee. Trustee Finney agreed to chair the Committee. Meetings will be held regularly before the full Board meetings. Trustee Reynolds agreed to chair the Finance, Facilities and Audit Committee. Trustee Tolliver will continue to serve on the Civil Service Merit Board.

Trustee Finney commented that he is concerned about student involvement and students not being empowered and encouraged to participate in student life on campus by the leadership of Student Affairs.

**Recess into Executive Session**

The Board recessed into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

**Return to open meeting/Adjournment**

The Board reconvened into regular session. Dr. Beverly voiced his concern relative to the construction of the College of Pharmacy. The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.