

**Chicago State University Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes**

**March 5, 2008**

**Academic Library – Auditorium**

**7:40 a.m. – 11:05 a.m.**

Board Members Present

Trustee Betsy Hill, Chairman

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

Trustee James Reynolds, Secretary

Trustee Rev. Leon D. Finney, Jr., Ph.D.

Trustee Peggy A. Montes

Trustee Juwaun Sutton, Student Representative

Others Present

President Elnora D. Daniel

Mr. Mark Dunn, Board Counsel

Dr. Dean Justmann, Senior Executive Director for Budget

Alderman Fredrenna Lyle, Sixth Ward

Mr. Marquis Miller, Interim Vice President for Foundation

Mr. Robert Parker, 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

Roll Call/Verification of Meeting Notice

Chairman Hill convened the meeting. A quorum was verified. Dr. Erma Brooks Williams confirmed that the meeting notice had been posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

#### Approval of Previous Minutes

With noted edits, the minutes of the previous meetings were approved.

#### Action Item

**The Resolution for the Official Depositories and Signatories was postponed until revisions were made deleting Dr. Beverly John as one of the signatories and replacing her with Interim Vice President Robert Parker.**

#### President's Report

President Daniel provided highlights of her report. She informed Trustees that she had visited Washington. Congressman Rush has expressed an interest in providing support for the transportation system on 96<sup>th</sup> and Cottage Grove Avenue. Cash flow is a challenge. The University is three payrolls behind because of cash flow processes of the State of Illinois. Athletics has moved to the Convocation Center. Accreditation visits for Health, Physical Education and Recreation and Music went well. The College of Pharmacy accreditation is moving along. Intersessions are successfully underway. The Assessment and Learning Center will be moved to Douglas Hall. The computerized system for students to evaluate their course progress is underway. The University will continue to lobby the legislature to restore the lump sum appropriations.

Trustee Tolliver queried about the event that was held on December 14, 2007 for Alumni where 1400 invitations were mailed and only 38 alums attended. In response, Mr. Marquis Miller provided an overview of Alumni Affairs activities: Alumni reunions have been instituted; Outreach and invitations to future alums are mailed regularly; The College Alumni Councils have been reestablished; A leadership volunteer council has been instituted; Homecoming was held on February 23. Trustee Sutton encouraged more outreach to current students as opposed to graduates. Trustee Montes strongly encouraged that extensive outreach needs to be done with CTC graduates and non-traditional students. *Trustees requested an analysis of why there is a lack of participation by student and examine strategies to cultivate alumni support. This matter was referred to the Academic Affairs Committee for further examination.*

#### Committee Reports

##### Academic and Student Affairs, Personnel and Legislation

Trustee Finney informed the Trustees that the Committee met on February 13, 2008. The Committee recommended the approval of the Westside expansion, since he had been assured that

resources to support the Westside Campus would not be taken away from the Southside campus. President Daniel noted that \$10 million is in the proposed capital budget for the campus, along with \$18 million to support the renovation of Douglas Hall.

**Trustee Montes moved to approve the Westside Campus. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes:           6**

**Nays:           0**

Trustee Finney informed the Trustees that the ACT admission requirements are being reexamined relative to enrollment, retention, and graduation.

#### Finance, Facilities and Audit

Trustee Reynolds acknowledged the presence of Sixth Ward Alderman Fredrenna Lyle.

Trustee Reynolds informed the Trustees that the Committee had met for five hours on February 20, 2008. Mr. Robert Parker provided an update on the audit findings. The Committee had also conditionally approved the FY 2009 Tuition and Fee Increase, including the \$100 technology fee. Dean Justmann reiterated that the Governor had proposed no incremental increases in his budget. The lumpsum appropriations would be eliminated from the budget. Both Governors State and Northeastern Illinois University are proposing higher tuition increases. There is a need to cover \$1.6 million salary increases that have been negotiated in the collective bargaining contracts. Dr. Justmann also noted that reconsideration needs to be given to ways to cover the \$2.1 million maintenance issues for the Academic Library and the Convocation Center. Trustee Sutton queried as to why the University entered into collective bargaining agreements when future budgets were uncertain. Attorney Nancy Hall-Walker responded that while negotiating the agreements, salary trends had been examined for a three year period; however, the pending recession had not been anticipated. Trustee Reynolds queried as to why only Governors State and Northeastern Illinois University had been examined relative to tuition increases, when he had requested that data be provided on all state institutions. Further, he reiterated that the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to make decisions based on sound data. Mr. Parker responded that these two institutions were the only institutions that had approved tuition increases for FY 2009. *Trustee Reynolds reiterated that more comprehensive historical data is needed as a caveat of approving the FY 2009 Tuition and Fee Increases. Also, a comprehensive facility plan is needed as to how the University plans to pay for the operation of facilities, given the Illinois General Assembly wouldn't be funding operations and facilities. Also, where is Chicago State with respect to tuition and fees compared to other state universities?* Mr. Parker also noted that the proposal included a decrease in out-of-state tuition for Pharmacy.

**Trustee Reynolds moved to approve the FY 2009 Tuition and Fee Increases, with the caveat that more data is needed to make sound and responsible decisions. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 1**

**Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the decrease in out-of-state tuition from two times to one and a half for The College of Pharmacy. Trustee Reynolds seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows**

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

#### Committee of the Presidential Search

**Trustee Hill moved to approve the Interim Action of the Board relating to the Presidential Search Process. Trustee Finney seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 6**

**Nays: 0**

Trustee Tolliver informed the Trustees and campus community that a Presidential Search Workshop will be held on March 12, 2008, from 9 to 11 a.m. He urged Trustees to read the materials, which answer a lot of questions. Trustee Hill noted that there would be some changes as the process proceeds.

#### Civil Service Merit Board

Trustee Tolliver informed Trustees that since the Special Meeting of the Board related to the search process was held on the same date as the February 20, 2008 Merit Board Meeting, he was unable to attend. Thus, no report was provided.

#### Student Trustee Report

No report was presented.

#### Public and Employee Comments

Mr. Malcolm Turner, a building service employee, presented remarks related to his pending employee matter. Since this matter is currently being heard by an external employment entity, Attorney Nancy Hall-Walker was asked to handle the matter.

Alderman Fredrenna Lyle commented that she encourages the Board to continue its partnership with surrounding communities. She wants to see the University succeed, given that the University is in the Sixth Ward. Whatever she could do to assist, she is available. Also, she would like to partner with the University on the Internship Program, as well as other elected officials. She noted that she has been attempting to establish internships with the University for quite sometime to no avail. President Daniel directed Mr. Lee Junkins of Career Development to follow-up with Alderman Lyle.

### **Recess into Executive Session**

**The Board recessed into Executive Session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.**

### **Return to Open Session**

**Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the release of minutes lawfully closed for December 6, 2006, May 9, 2007, and September 19, 2007. Trustee Finney seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes:           5**

**Nays:           0**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 a.m.