

Chicago State University  
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes  
Academic Library, Auditorium Room 415  
April 29, 2009  
7:41 a.m. – 10:11 am.

Board Members Present

Trustee Rev. Leon D. Finney, Jr., Ph.D., Chairman  
Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D., Vice Chairman  
Trustee Betsy Hill, Secretary  
Trustee Peggy A. Montes  
Trustee Jawaun Sutton, Student Representative

Others Present

Interim President Frank G. Pogue, Jr., Ph.D.  
Mr. Mark Dunn, Board Counsel  
Mr. Larry Hollins, President of the Hollins Group Inc.  
Dr. Charles Taylor, Hollins Group Inc.  
Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Ms. Altricia Wheeler, Administrative Assistant  
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate President for the Board of Trustees & Governmental Affairs

Roll Call Verification of Meeting Notice

A quorum was verified. The meeting met the requirement of The Open Meetings Act .

Action Items

**a. Approval of Previous Minutes**

**The March 11, 2009 minutes were approved.**

**b. IRS Revised Tax 403b Plan**

**c. CSU Supplemental Retirement Plan Document for IRS 403B**

Attorney Nancy Hall-Walker requested the Board to approve the IRS Revised Retirement Plan 403B in order to comply with the IRS law.

**Trustee Sutton moved that the Board approve the IRS Retirement Plan 403b. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The plan passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**d. Tuition FY 2010**

**e. FY 2010 Tuition Waiver Budget**

**f. FY 2011 Operating & Capital Requests**

**g. Economic Stimulus Package**

*Chairman Finney deferred the Action Items d-g until the next meeting due to insufficient information.*

**Trustee Tolliver moved that the Board approve to defer action items d-g. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The items passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**h. Conferring Professor Emeritus Status**

Dr. Westbrooks recommended Dr. Samuel Bowen to conferring Professor Emeritus State because of his extensive background in excellent teaching skills, grants as well as community outreach.

**Trustee Hill moved that the Board approve Dr. Bowen to conferring Professor Emeritus Status. Trustee Sutton seconded the motion. The status passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

Interim President's Report

Dr. Pogue presented the draft 21<sup>st</sup> Century Planning document. He informed the Trustees that transition documents are new completion to provide opportunity for deans and vice presidents to summarize where they are and to tie into the 21<sup>st</sup> century planning and to discuss challenges concerning their divisions to the new president. On June 30, 2009, the interim president departs. On July 1, 2009, the new president arrives.

*Trustee Finney noted that he has reviewed the document and thanked Dr. Pogue for submitting the report.*

**Trustee Sutton moved that the President's Report be accepted. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The report passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report

There was no report.

Finance, Facilities, and Audit Committee

There was no report.

Civil Service Merit Board

There was no report.

Student Trustee Report

Trustee Sutton shared his final report.

The Trustees thanked and congratulated Trustee Sutton for his committee dedication to the university.

**Trustee Finney moved that a letter of commendation be presented for Trustee Sutton's excellent and outstanding service. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The recommendation passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**Trustee Tolliver moved to recess into executive session. Trustee Sutton seconded the motion. The recess passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

Recess into Executive Session – 8:50 a.m.

Dr. Erma Brooks Williams took the minutes. Other staff was excused from this executive session.

Reconvene to Open Session – 9:23 a.m.

**Action Items**

**a. Tenure Recommendation**

**Trustee Hill moved that the Board approve the tenure recommendation based on the candidate that have met the requirements and have been through the process including recommendations by the President.**

**Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The recommendations passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

**b. Presidential Appointment**

**Trustee Tolliver moved on behalf of the presidential Search committee that the Board of Trustees direct its attorney to prepare a contract between the Board of Trustees of Chicago State and Dr. Wayne Watson. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The appointment passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 5**

**Nays: 0**

Public and Employee Comments

Dr. Philip Beverly, Associate, Professor, commented on the decision of the presidential search process.

Dr. Yan Searcy, President of Faculty Senate, voiced his opinion on the process of the presidential search.

Ms. Ravin Curling, Representative of SGA, voiced her opinion on the inadequacy of the Board.

Mr. Rufus Jackson, SGA President, commented on the Board of Trustees and expressed his support of the U-Pass.

Mr. John Aribé, student, presented comments.

Mr. Terrence Robinson, student, express his disappointment to the Trustees.

Dr. Paul Gomberg, Faculty of Philosophy, congratulated the students, faculty and staff for their courage of voicing their concerns. Dr. Gomberg also spoke on anti-black racism.

Dr. Pettis, President of the Alumni Association, expressed his disappointment of Dr. Wayne Watson.

Ms. Dominic Westmoreland, Political Science major, expressed her concerns related to her degree from the university.

Ms. Rodare Coballard, Treasurer of SGA, stated that she will reconsider going to another university.

Mr. David Anderson, transfer student from University of Illinois at Chicago, stated he was running for Student Trustee but is withdrawing his candidacy.

Mr. Camaron Head, graduate student of accounting, expressed her dissatisfaction with the presidential process.

Mr. Levon James, Senior, since fall 2006, he was welcomed at the university and has served on several committees and tried to promote the university; however, the Board does not want to do that. L He announced his candidacy for Student Trustee for 2009-2010.

Mr. Louise Marin, Criminal Justice major, thanked Dr. Pogue for his leadership.

Trustee Sutton stated to the Board that has received an education outside of the classroom serving on the Board and he has done his best to serve the university.

Ms. Melanie Jones, Political Science and Criminal Justice major, commented on pride in the university and how she was disappointed in the Board's decision.

**Trustee Tolliver moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The adjournment passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 4**

**Nays: 0**

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:11 a.m.