

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2009
Academic Library – Auditorium
7:40 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Board Members Present

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

Others Present

Interim President Frank G. Pogue, Jr., Ph.D.
Mr. Mark Dunn, Board Counsel
Dr. Philip Beverly, History, Philosophy & Political Science
Ms. Melanie Jones, Student
Dr. Rachel Lindsey, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences
Mr. Michael O'Connor, Student
Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Altricia Wheeler, Secretary to the Board
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate President for the Board of Trustees and Governmental Relations

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 December 10, 2008 minutes were approved.

Interim President's Report

Dr. Pogue presented a written report as part of the president's report. Dr. Rachel Lindsey provided a summary on the stimulus funding proposal.

Dr. Lindsey distributed the stimulus funding proposal and proposed eight areas which needed funding as follows:

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| 1. Enrollment/Retention (College Affordability) | 5. Homeland Security |
| 2. Modernization | 6. Institutional Collaboration |
| 3. Technology/Information Research Base | 7. Energy Fuel Cell and Green Technology |
| 4. Research Infrastructure | 8. Health Sciences |

It was agreed that Dr. Erma Brooks Williams will meet with Senator Trotter and present the funding proposal to the senator for the General Assembly's consideration.

Academic and Student Affairs, Personnel and Legislation Committee Report

Trustee Hill reported that Academic Affairs met on February 4 and there were no action items. The new admission standards were discussed. Trustee Hill stated that those new requirements will provide a balance between GPA and ACT scores. She noted that the new standards went into effect in December 2008.

Attorney Dunn noted that the Board of Trustees has the authority to approve and/or direct the admission standards or admission criteria for the university.

For the honorary degree, Dr. Pogue informed the Trustees that the recommendation had been withdrawn.

Finance, Facilities, and Audit Committee

There was no report.

Civil Service Merit Board

Trustee Tolliver reported that the Civil Service Merit Board met in February; however, he was out of the country.

Presidential Search

Trustee Tolliver informed the Trustees that the search is on track. The next step is that the Board will narrow the list to five individuals who will be invited to an off site interview on March 20. From that process a number will be invited to the campus for a larger campus community to interact with in preparation for the Board to make a final decision.

Student Trustee Report

No report was submitted.

Public and Employee Comments

Dr. Philip Beverly commented on the presidential search process.

Ms. Melanie Jones commented on the modified admissions criteria.

Mr. Michael O'Connor also commented on the admissions standards and expressed concerns about funding issues.

Recess into Executive Session at 8:45 a.m.

Attorney Dunn took the minutes. Other staff was excused from this executive session.

Return to Open Session at 9:37 a.m.

Action Item

Temporary Suspension of Bylaws and Regulations

Attorney Dunn explained that the process was put into place for contracts above the \$250,000 limit established in the Board of Regulations in December 2007. During this transition period the Board will temporarily suspend the policy. All contracts above \$25,000 must be brought before the Board for its approval.

Trustee Hill moved that the Board approve the resolution as presented. Trustee Montes seconded the move.

The resolution passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.