

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
March 21, 2011
12:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Gary Rozier, Chairman
Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Ph.D.
Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D.
Trustee Betsy Hill
Trustee Julie Samuels
Trustee Neffer Kerr, Student Representative

Board Members Not Present

Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott

Others Present

Mr. Wayne Watson, Ph.D., President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Mrs. Ce Cole Dillon, CIO for Information Technology
Mr. Glenn Meeks, Vice President of Administration and Finance
Dr. Renee Mitchell, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Langdon Neal, Board Attorney
Mr. Ronnie Watson, Chief of Police
Dr. Sandra Westbrooks, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Ms. Altricia Wheeler, Administrative Assistant
Dr. Erma Brooks Williams, Associate to the President for the Board of Trustees and Governmental Affairs

1. Call to Order

Trustee Rozier called the meeting to order.

2. Roll Call

A quorum was verified and roll call was taken.

3. Verification of Meeting Notice

The meeting notice was posted as mandated by the Illinois Open Meetings Act.

4. Action Items

a. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Trustee Samuels moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Kerr seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

b. **Bereavement Leave Regulations, Section II, Subsection: B**

Dr. Renee Mitchell presented the Bereavement Leave Resolution. She requested that language be omitted to grant three days of leave for aunt, uncle, niece, nephew and cousin. Attorney Patrick Cage stated that this revised resolution would not apply to faculty currently under negotiations.

Trustee Finney moved to approve the first reading of the revision of the Bereavement Leave Regulations, Section II, Subsection: B as proposed. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0
Abstained: 1

c. Revised Board Regulations, Article 4, Board Committees, Section 1, 2 & 3

Attorney Langdon Neal presented the resolution regarding the revised board regulations concerning the board committees. He stated that amending the bylaws would make it clearer and provide definitions to the structure of the four committees.

Trustee Finney moved to approve the first reading of the revision to the Board Resolutions, Article 4, Board Committees, Section 1, 2 & 3 as proposed. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

5. President's Report

Dr. Wayne Watson reported enrollment retention and graduation report. Dr. Watson stated that CSU has an increase of retention of an 83% return on 63% from fall to fall – first time full time freshmen. He also stated that the credit goes to faculty and staff for working to assure this retention rate. Dr. Watson mentioned that strategies are being put in place now to ensure a better graduation rate.

Dr. Watson informed the Board that in terms of the NCAA, Chicago State will appear at a hearing on April 26 to address the limited progress of the Men's Basketball Team. He stated that the APR preference is 925, Chicago State has 891. As a result, the university may face penalties. Dr. Watson mentioned that the university has applied for an APR waiver. He also mentioned that if there is a penalty, there will be no post season competition and no division one status.

6. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Hill reported that one action item was presented to grant an Honorary Degree to Mr. James Tyree. She stated that this process had been in the works for some time and all the members of the board and the university community were saddened at Mr. Tyree's death this past week.

Trustee Hill moved and recommended that the Honorary Degree be granted at the May graduation posthumously. Trustee Samuels seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 4
Nays: 0

b. Finance and Audit

Trustee Rozier explained the six action items presented.

Trustee Hill moved to adopt the following resolutions:

- a. Internal Audit Charter**
- b. Housing Fee Increase**
- c. Undergraduate and Graduate Tuition and Fee Increases**
- d. Upward Bound Program**
- e. Emergency Procurement for Telephone Maintenance**
- f. Professional Services Contract**
 - 1. Federal Relations Services**

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

Ayes: 5
Nays: 0

- c. Facilities
Trustee Finney reported that the following three resolutions were voted on and approved at the committee meeting:
 - a. Baseball Field Project
 - b. Campus Electrical Upgrade
 - c. Academic Library Repairs

Trustee Finney moved for adoption as a whole. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

- d. Civil Service Merit Board
Trustee Hill reported that there were a couple of appeals of dismissals. However, the university reinstated one person with a 60 day unpaid leave and the other person was upheld. Trustee Hill stated that there was a lengthy discussion around the process of declaring exemptions from civil service.
- e. Foundation
Trustee Rozier reported that he did not attend the meeting in January. However, he spoke to Mr. Katey Assem for updates. Trustee Rozier was informed that CSU received a \$1 million gift from a former faculty member. He also informed the Board of two important dates, which will raise funds for the University. On April 3 the Essence of an Angel Scholarship Luncheon will be held. Trustee Kerr will be one of the women honored. On September 15, Don Thompson, president of McDonald's Corp., will be honored at the CSU Gala.
- f. Student Trustee
Trustee Kerr reported that David Anderson was chosen by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) to sit on their Board of Trustees as their one student representative for the state of Illinois. She also reported that many students are parents and suggested changing station be added to the two main bathrooms on the first floor (male and female) of the student union building. Trustee Kerr announced that the Student Government Association (SGA) will sponsor Lobby Day on April 14 in Springfield, IL.

7. Recess into Executive Session Pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act

Trustee Finney moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss employment, legal, and collective bargaining matters. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6
Nays: 0

The meeting recessed at 1:22 p.m.

8. Reconvene into Open Session

The meeting reconvened into open session at 1:50 p.m. Trustee Rozier stated that there was only one action item, which no action was taken in the executive session.

9. Other Matters

- a. Public and Employee Comments
Dr. Philip Beverly, Associate Professor of History, Philosophy and Political Science, discussed the following:
 - 1. His concern about positive feedback from the press.
 - 2. The effectiveness of the emergency management notification system.
 - 3. The preliminary findings of a campus-wide emergency management survey.
 - 4. The main concern of the shared governance committee.

10. Adjournment

Trustee Rozier moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 6

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.