

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
September 23, 2011
1:48 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Gary Rozier, Chairman
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott, Vice Chairman
Trustee Rev. Leon Finney, Ph.D.
Trustee Rev. Richard Tolliver, Ph.D.
Trustee Betsy Hill
Trustee Julie Samuels
Trustee David Anderson, Student Representative

Board Members Not Present

Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler, Secretary

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
Ms. Angela Henderson, Vice President of Enrollment Management
Mr. Glenn Meeks, Vice President of Administration and Finance
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 Finney moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0

b. **Revised Board Regulations – 1st Reading**

Attorney Langdon Neal presented the 1st reading of the Revised Board Regulations. Attorney Neal reported the result from a comprehensive review of the board regulations.

5. President’s Report

President Watson reported on the performance based funding plan that the Illinois State Senate has mandated, requiring that funding for all universities be based on specific matrices starting 2014 /2015. President Watson, Student Trustee David Anderson and Tim Harrington, College of Education, are a part of the twenty member committee looking at this plan.

6. Financial Aid Update

Ms. Angela Henderson reported that data is being reviewed relating to the 298 students who were alleged to have receive inappropriate financial aid funding and the 449 students who may have receive inappropriate state MAP funds. A report will be shared with the board.

7. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee Hill reported on two action items and recommended approval by the Board.

1. **Action Item**

a. **Tenure Status Recommendation**

Trustee Samuels moved to approve Dr. Miriam Mobley Smith for tenure. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 0**

b. **Professor Emeritus Status Recommendation**

Trustee Samuels moved to approve Mr. Robert Meeker for Professor Emeritus status. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 6
Nays: 0**

b. Finance and Audit

Trustee Scott reported on six action items and recommended approval by the Board.

1. **Action Items**

a. **Youth Empowerment Grant.**

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the Youth Empowerment Grant. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

b. **Student Support Services –TriO Program**

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the Student Support Services – TriO Program resolution. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

c. **Project SUCCESS Educational Opportunity Center**

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the Project SUCCESS Educational Opportunity Center resolution. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

d. **Head Start/Early Head Start/Collaboration Budget**

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the Head Start/Early Start/Collaboration Budget with the modification. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

e. iPad Purchase

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the iPad Purchase. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

f. Telephone System

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the Telephone System contract. Trustee Rozier seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 7
Nays: 0**

c. Facilities

Trustee Rozier reported that the Facilities Committee met. Ms. Horton updated the committee on the various ongoing projects and there were no action items.

d. Legislative and Human Resources

Trustee Rozier stated that the committee did not meet.

e. Civil Service Merit Board

Trustee Hill stated that there is not a report.

f. Foundation

Mr. Katey Assem reported on the following:

The completion of the acquisition and deposit of the Pincham Papers

The Providence Hospital Foundation

June 7th Golf Outing

Gala honoring Mr. Donald Thompson, President and COO, McDonalds

Mr. Katey Assem congratulated Student Trustee Anderson on a stellar speech given at the gala which has been reported on in local publications.

g. Student Trustee

Trustee Anderson reported on the following:

NEW game room

Mac computers in the Student Union

Low registration wait time

Improved customer service in the cafeteria

SGA elections are complete

A student from Chicago State University sits on the IBHE

Trustee Anderson noted the following concerns:

UPASS - Non users paying for parking and the UPASS. He recommended the option to opt out and that the CSU distribute literature explaining the UPASS program.

Department of Education's policy on SAP disadvantages some students; recommends CSU develop PR plan and identify additional resources for students.

The downsizing of the Career Development Center has hampered students.

Students are not getting returned calls or emails from some administrative offices

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

Trustee Hill moved to recess into Executive Session to discuss employment, legal, and collective bargaining matters and executive session minutes prior to 2009. Trustee Tolliver seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The meeting recessed at 1:18 p.m. Minutes were taken by Attorney Langdon Neal.

9. Reconvene into Open Session

The meeting reconvened into Open Session at 2:08 p.m. Attorney Neal presented the following action items.

1. Action Items

a. Destruction of Executive Session Minutes Prior to December 2009.

Attorney Neal recommended the resolution pass with the following amendment, meeting minutes from September 2009 be excluded from this authority of destruction.

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the destruction of executive session minutes prior to December 2009 with the exclusion of executive session minutes from September 2009.

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

b. Verification of the 4100 Contract

Trustee Tolliver moved to approve the verification of the 4100 Contract. Trustee Hill seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

10. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Mr. Tony Scott, Transfer Student, expressed concern about being dropped from a Strategic Management (4890) class at six weeks into the session. Mr. Scott was not pleased with the response on this matter from the President's Office or the Dean and would like to be compensated for his time. Mr. Scott also stated that he was not awarded the correct grade in his economics class until he challenged the Professor.

Dr. Philip Beverly, Political Science, discussed the following concern:

The Board of Trustees is not being informed about what is really happening on the campus. The Board needs to get the faculty's perspective.

Dr. Pancho McFarland, Associate Professor, Sociology, reported on the success of the New Urban Agricultural program. Dr. McFarland stated that there are roadblocks, such as issues with shared governance and a lack of communication from the administration. He also stated that the Board of Trustees should hold the decisions makers at CSU accountable.

Dr. Philip Cronce, Professor, Philosophy, gave a detailed history of his CSU background and expressed his desire to contribute to the positive atmosphere of the University. He also expressed the following concerns:

1. Economics program - How was the decision made and what was the process to eliminate this program? Dr. Cronce presented the faculty recommendation for this program.
2. Board of Governors program - APERC was not convened about the elimination.
3. The changing of the General Education Assessment.
4. The lack of communication and transparency from the administration.

Ms. Neffer Kerr, student, reported that students who have commuter meal plans are not allowed to use their meal cards after 8:00 p.m. They must use cash. Ms. Kerr stated that this is an inconvenience and places an unnecessary hardship on students.

Student, (did not identify), stated that students are not notified of administrative or faculty changes.

Dr. Ann Kuzdale, Professor, History Department, pointed out two criteria that the faculty was reference in from the accreditation report of 2003:

Criteria 2, noted that faculty, staff and students do not feel respected or empowered.

Criteria 3, noted that there is a lack of communication and feedback loops which causes a lack of knowledge about roles and the decision making process to be unclear.

Dr. Kuzdale reported that these statements also appear in the 2010 Climate Survey.

Dr. Robert Bionaz, Professor, History Department, stated the need for shared participation in the decision making process. For example, the mandate requiring a master thesis in all programs, feedback was not obtained from faculty. Dr. Bionaz asserted that the faculty is not being utilized to its fullest potential.

Virgina, student, expressed concern about the elimination of the Board of Governors Program and questioned why every door on campus is not ADA accessible.

Ms. Ebony Blair, student, stated that students should not have to go directly to the Provost to resolve an issue. She also expressed concern about the elimination of the Board of Governors program.

Mr. Doyle Landry commented on the current leadership of Chicago State University.

Dr. Yan Searcy, President of the Faculty Senate, stated that the faculty is concerned about accreditation related to process issues and he will meet with the Board directly to communicate overall faculty concerns.

11. Adjournment

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

Ayes: 7

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.