

Chicago State University  
Board of Trustees  
Legislative and Human Resources Committee Meeting Minutes  
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415  
March 8, 2013  
11:05 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman  
Trustee Lisa Morrison Butler  
Trustee Michael Curtin  
Trustee James T. Joyce  
Trustee Gary L. Rozier  
Trustee Zaldwaynaka “Z” Scott  
Trustee Stephanie Sanchez, Student Representative

Others Present

Dr. Wayne Watson, President of Chicago State University  
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs  
Dr. Renee Mitchell, Director of Human Resources  
Ms. Farah Muscadin, Esq., Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, Office of Board of Trustees and Governmental Affairs  
Ms. Christy Harris, Board Liaison Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Trustee Young 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 Morrison-Butler moved to approve the previous meeting minutes. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:**

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

5. Information Items

a. Human Resources Update

Dr. Renee Mitchell, Director of Human Resources, provided the following highlights with respect to Human Resources:

- Human Resources will roll out an electronic job description database in the next couple of months.
- The Office of Human Resources is at the final stage of the Web-Time Entry Project. The faculty phase began on January 16, 2013.
- The Office of Human Resources is addressing audit findings regarding time sheets and compensated absences.

b. Governmental Affairs Update

Ms. Farah C. Muscadin, Esq., Director of Intergovernmental Affairs, provided the following highlights with respect to government affairs:

- The University received \$6.5 million from the State to upgrade the electrical switchgear system.
- The State also re-instated the grant funding for the Department of Pharmacy at \$307,000.
- CSU was the only state university to receive funding in the supplemental appropriation bill.
- State Senator Donne Trotter and State Senator Mattie Hunter and State Representative Al Riley provided legislative support to CSU.
- The State is undergoing significant debate around concealed carry and a law must be passed this year. The initial proposal is a full exemption for universities and community colleges.
- The State is dealing with an approximate \$90 billion pension liability and more than likely universities will experience a cost shift with pensions. CSU is accounting for this increase in its budget projections.
- CSU has submitted a budget proposal to the State for funding of approximately \$39 million. CSU will work with the Senate and House appropriators regarding the funding.
- CSU is working to attain its gaming funds of approximately \$8 million annually.
- CSU has initiated a bill for the sale of alcohol at non-student related events. Other state universities have a similar allowance. These events will include concerts and conferences hosted on campus.
- CSU students are participating in the Minority Internship Program and a CSU student has become Head Intern in U.S. Senator Dick Durbin's Office and a CSU student interning in State Senator Kimberly Lightford's Office attended the swearing-in ceremony in Springfield.

*Trustee Young stated he appreciates the diligence with respect to governmental matters.*

6. Other Matters

Mrs. Thelma Johnson Alexander, a public citizen, supports the University President.

Mr. Gerald Shinn, CSU graduate student, does not support the University President.

Mr. Marc Allen, a public citizen, supports the University President.

Dr. Gabrielle Toth, Associate Professor at CSU, has questions regarding web-time entry and wants an accounting of her vacation days.

Rev. J. Leon Thorn, Pastor of St. James AME Church, supports the University President and his grateful for his leadership and is concerned about the potential removal.

Mr. Alejandro Rodriguez, a CSU student, supports the University President and stated there should not be a focus on negative energy.

Bishop Albert Tyson, III supports the University President and stated that CSU has undergone a tremendous amount of turnaround.

Ms. Anastasia Dawkins, a CSU student, discussed the image of CSU and its potential impact on future employment.

Dr. Louis McFarland, Associate Professor of Sociology, discussed helping to inform what is happening at CSU.

Pastor Roosevelt Watkins supports the University President and stated that enrollment is down across the board at many universities. He is a former student and is puzzled about the consideration to remove the President.

Mr. Jermaine Perry, a CSU student, discussed working to repair the CSU image and wants to feel campus pride.

Dr. Paul Gomberg, a CSU faculty member in philosophy, discussed racism at CSU because it is a predominantly African-American university.

Dr. Conrad Worrill, Chairman Emeritus at the Black United Fund, supports the University President.

Rev. Janette Wilson, Executive Director of Rainbow PUSH Excel, supports the University President and discussed finding an opportunity for a win-win solution for CSU and doing what is in the best interest of the University. She also mentioned considering the HLC Report and that moving the University President at this time is not wise.

No additional comments from the public or employees.

7. Adjournment

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

**Ayes: 7**

**Nays: 0**

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.