

Chicago State University
Board of Trustees Meeting
Full Board Meeting Minutes
Academic Library – Auditorium, Room 415
June 23, 2016
8:35 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Board Members Present

Trustee Anthony L. Young, Chairman
Trustee James T. Joyce, Vice Chairman
Trustee Michael L. Curtin, Secretary
Trustee Marshall Hatch, Sr.
Trustee Spencer R. Leak, Sr.
Trustee Horace Smith
Trustee Nikki Zollar
Trustee Jourdan Facen, Student Representative

Others Present

President Thomas J. Calhoun, Jr., Ph.D.
Dr. Angela Henderson, Provost and Senior Vice President
Mr. Patrick Cage, Esq., General Counsel for Labor and Legal Affairs
Mr. Cecil B. Lucy, Interim Vice President of Finance
Ms. Bonnie Phillips, Office of Board of Trustees

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 Item**

1. Approve Previous Meeting Minutes – May 6, 2016

Trustee Curtin moved to approve the May 6, 2016 Meeting Minutes. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes 6

Nays 0

5. President's Report

President Calhoun reported that the university along with other universities in the state did endure a protracted budget struggle. We received some funds toward the end of the year, which was after we had to make some extraordinary moves, such as pushing up our spring commencement date and reducing the workforce. He stated that CSU declared fiscal exigency and there were a number of administrative changes as a result of that at the senior level.

President Calhoun stated that there was an enormous amount of time spent working with the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The HLC did find that we met and were compliant with all matters relating to our fiscal health, however that does not mean that we got everything we needed, but it does mean that we were found to be in compliance. There is a great credit that goes to Interim Vice President of Administration and Finance Cecil Lucy and Provost Angela Henderson for working with the HLC. President Calhoun stated that we are proud that we were able to prevail.

President Calhoun stated that strengthening relationships with the community, community colleges, and K-12 districts would yield very good results. He stated that we would not see a long-term reduction of enrollment.

President Calhoun reported that CSU in 2017 will be 150 years old and we will have a convocation in the fall, at which time we will announce the official celebration for that marvelous milestone. A committee will be announced in the very near future that will begin to work on that celebration.

6. Reports

a. Academic and Student Affairs

Trustee James Joyce presided over the meeting.

Provost Angela Henderson gave an overview of the academic and student affairs resolutions.

Provost Henderson stated that there are four undergraduate and one graduate program eliminations. She reported that all academic programs were reviewed, with consideration for student needs, market and labor needs, program costs, enrollment, and degree completion as well as other factors. Provost Henderson stated that all students will be “taught out” of each programs.

Trustee Curtin asked if the programs that are eliminated would have a financial impact on the school. Provost Henderson stated that there would be a positive financial impact.

Trustee Zollar asked about the length of the “teach out” for each program. Provost Henderson stated that we are contacting the students in the programs to get them enrolled. For part-time students that are on a cycle we will service them until the last student has completed their major. She noted that the last program on sunset took about four years for a small number of students to complete. Provost Henderson stated that depending on the program, on average, there have been less than five completions over the last five years. Enrollment ranges from one to less than ten students.

Trustee Curtin stated that he want to go on record in opposing the elimination of the M.S. Ed. in the Teaching of Reading. Rather than eliminating the program, the university needs to pursue Chicago Public School (CPS) and the teachers unions trying to encourage them to enroll students into this program.

Trustee Young stated that each program should be voted on individually and asked Provost Henderson to report on the communication that was received from the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) regarding our programs. Provost Henderson stated that two years ago the IBHE notified all public institutions regarding programs that they labeled as low producing and low enrolled. CSU had fifteen programs on the list. The IBHE requested that we determine whether we would work on a redesign or sunset the programs. A report regarding the low producing low enrolled programs was written. Provost Henderson stated that this review started not as a part of our own program review process, which we do every four years, but because of the IBHE request. She stated that the General Assembly requires that we send a report on these programs annually and there is a report due on June 30, 2016. Working with faculty, chairs, deans and the academic program elimination review committee this is the second year

programs the programs will be reviewed. Provost Henderson stated that of the fifteen programs that were on that list, five are being recommended for review and we are going to continue to review the list. Unfortunately, the college of education has taken the largest hit. The State has made some changes with testing to go into teaching, now you must pass the state board of education test before you go into teaching.

Provost Henderson stated that with the IBHE we have five years before programs actually go off the books, therefore if there is a turnaround or a need we can resurrect that program within the five years.

1. Action Items

Provost Henderson presented the resolutions.

a. Program Elimination - B.A. Geography Resolution.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Program Elimination - B.A. Geography Resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

b. Program Elimination - Bachelor of Music Education Resolution

Trustee Hatch asked for the number of students in the music program. Provost Henderson stated that there are thirteen students who are enrolled in the program and no new majors for the last two years. The average completers in the program over the last five years have been three.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the Bachelor of Music Education Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

c. Program Elimination - B.S. Ed. in Career and Technical Education Resolution

Trustee Young moved to approve B.S. Ed. in Career and Technical Education Resolution. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

d. Program Elimination - B.S. Pre-Physical Therapy Resolution

Trustee Hatch moved to approve - B.S. Pre-Physical Therapy Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

e. Program Elimination - M.S. Ed. in the Teaching of Reading Resolution

Trustee Hatch asked for the number of students that enrolled in the program. Provost Henderson stated that there are three students in the major. No students were enrolled in 2015 and no new students are enrolled in 2016. For the last five years the completions have averaged 3.2 students.

Trustee Hatch asked if the low number is directly contributable to the changing in the way students are admitted to that program across the state, where student have to take the test before they are admitted into the program. Provost Henderson reported that reading specialist were in high demand ten years ago. For CSU, we found that there is a low demand for the reading specialist and we are seeing more students come for our other programs. The M.S. Ed. in the Teaching of Reading unfortunately has suffered and we have not been able to attract the number of students for this particular program.

Trustee Hatch asked if there are any other schools that are doing better at attracting students to this program. He stated that he imagines that there are still great challenges in terms of teaching reading in urban schools, somewhere somebody is focusing on that need. Provost Henderson stated that there are other schools focusing on that need and the dean of the college of education has stated that it is a challenge when you run traditional programs to attract working adults. We are going to have to make some changes and this is a program that could very well comeback, but we need to build a pipeline and find out what the community needs and design a curriculum that works.

Trustee Young moved to approve - M.S. Ed. in the Teaching of Reading Resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes 6

Nays 2 (Trustee Curtin, Student Trustee Facen)

f. Naming of SUB Rotunda and African American Male Resource Center (AAMRC) Resolution.

Trustee Jourdan Facen presented the resolution and introduced the Teaching, Educating Men of Black Origin (TEMBO) students.

Mr. Landis Houston stated that as a member of TEMBO he is here today to hear the resolution for renaming the AAMRC and the rotunda in the student union building the Ronald "Kwesi" Harris African American Male Resource Center and Ronald "Kwesi" Harris Student Union Building Rotunda.

Mr. Andre Fredericks stated that he was there to hear and view the resolution. Mr. Fredericks major currently is occupational therapy.

Mr. Adrian Mercado stated that he is a senior, majoring in communications a member of TEMBO, and member of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Incorporated. Mr. Mercado stated that he was there to hear and the resolution. He acknowledged that he would not be here without Ronald "Kwesi" Harris and he is sure that most of the brothers that are present would agree. Ronald "Kwesi" Harris has been more than just an inspiration to the brothers on campus, but also to the entire community.

Mr. Darren Martin stated that he is a senior, majoring in early childhood education. Mr. Martin stated that support of the resolution. He stated that although Baba Ronald “Kwesi” Harris is not present he is with us in spirit. Mr. Martin acknowledged that without Ronald “Kwesi” Harris none of our legacy could exist without his teachings.

Jamie L Morris stated that he is a junior and a first generation college student, a member of TEMBO, and a member of Phi Beta Sigma Incorporated. Mr. Morris acknowledged that he would not be the man that he is today without Ronald “Kwesi” Harris shaping his life and him joining an elite group of black men working all towards the same goals. Mr. Morris stated that he is here to support the resolution.

Mr. David Flynn stated that he is the President of TEMBO. He stated that TEMBO as a collective came together to support the resolution. He noted that when people think about CSU (lot of the time), Ronald “Kwesi” Harris is the first person they think about. He has been at the forefront of student movements. He has been a father to so many men, not just in TEMBO, on this campus.

Trustee Joyce thanked the student for coming and telling the Board about Ronald “Kwesi” Harris. He asked if there were any comments or questions from trustees.

A detailed discussion was held concerning the naming of two locations after Ronald “Kwesi” Harris as opposed to one location.

Trustee Young moved to approve - Naming of SUB Rotunda and African American Male Resource Center (AAMRC) Resolution. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

This resolution was presented after executive session.

g. Student Health Care Provider Change Resolution.

Mr. Cecil Lucy presented Student Health Care Provider Change resolution. He stated that currently United Healthcare Insurance Company is the underwriter for our student health care. We were able to have the same coverage and switch carriers to Edna Insurance with less than a one percent increase for the academic year 2016 and 2017 and a rate increase cap of 12 percent for the academic year 2017 and 2018. Our recommendation today is that we approve Edna Health Insurance as our provider for our student health insurance.

Chairman Young asked for the amount of savings for the academic year 2016 and 2017 for students. Mr. Lucy stated that for each student it is approximately 146 dollars.

Trustee Young moved to approve the Student Health Care Provider Change Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 6
Nays 0**

This resolution was presented after executive session.

h. Transfer CSU Property to the Foundation Resolution.

Mr. Lucy stated that this resolution is for the transfer of real property to the University Foundation at Chicago State. There are twenty properties, which including the president's residence. The president's residence was purchased by the Chicago State University Foundation in 1971 and sold to the Chicago State University Board of Governors in 1987 for one dollar plus all necessary expenses incidental to the transfer of title. Mr. Lucy stated that we are recommending the transfer of this property in addition to nineteen other properties to the University Foundation at Chicago State and these properties were not appropriated by the state in any way. Mr. Lucy stated that these are unrestricted assets and the total value at this time for this transfer is \$8,594,516. That includes the insurable building values and the purchase prices for the lots and land.

Trustee Joyce asked if these are properties other than the president's residence. He noted that there are many vacant lots. Mr. Lucy stated that there are fifteen vacant lots.

Trustee Joyce moved to approve the Transfer CSU Property to the Foundation Resolution. Trustee Zollar seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 6
Nays 0**

b. Finance and Audit

Trustee Nikki Zollar presided over the meeting.

1. Information Item

a. Administration and Financial Affairs Update

Mr. Cecil Lucy gave an overview of the University's cash position and provided the board with a 90-day cash projection through August 31, 2016. He reported on the net cash in the bank and the unrestricted cash balance. Mr. Cecil Lucy stated that the current cash balance is \$21.5 million and we reduce from that restricted cash for special projects, which is \$2.1 million. The net unrestricted cash is \$19.3 million. The total projected collections of \$29.2 million and over the 90 days we have our projected expenditures including payroll and payments a total of \$17.3 million and that leaves us with a balance at the end of August 31st, of \$31.2 million.

Mr. Lucy reported on the budget crisis and the effect it is having on the university. He stated that there has not been a conclusion as it relates to the State appropriation for a final 2016 budget. CSU has received \$20 million (stopgap funding); however, there is some uncertainty as it relates to state appropriations for 2016. Mr. Lucy stated that there is a continuation of discussing and dialog in the state regarding a fiscal year 2017 budget. He acknowledged that we must continue to maintain and watch cash on a regular basis and continue to look for new streams of revenue to diversify our revenue sources and we must also continue to control and maintain cost and expenses.

1. Action Items

Mr. Lucy presented the resolutions.

a. FY 2016 Revised Preliminary Operating Budget Resolution.

Trustee Joyce moved to approve the FY 2016 Revised Preliminary Operating Budget Resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

b FY 2017 Preliminary Operating Budget Resolution

Chairman Young asked if this budget required by the state, how did we arrive at these figures and why we are passing a 2017 budget when we do not have a 2016 budget. Mr. Lucy stated that the budget is required by the state and the figures are from the state. This a number that the governor put in his budget address as related to an appropriation for Chicago State University. However, there are many discussions relating to where that number might wind up and when we might receive it. As it stands now the state is discussing bridge funding and the expectation is that we may not have a real or final appropriation until after the November election, which would mean possibly January of 2017. Chairman Young asked fi the bridge funding for 2017. Mr. Lucy stated that the bridge funding could be 2017 money to get us through or it could also part be used for 2016 as well. So we are hearing mixed stories at this point.

Trustee Hatch stated that Governor Rauner has a proposal, there may be three proposals floating around, and CSU is in all three of those proposals. We have reason to be very hopeful. Mr. Lucy stated that is correct and we can hopefully expect that there will be some bridge funding within the next month.

Trustee Smith moved to approve the FY 2017 Preliminary Operating Budget Resolution. Trustee Young seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

c. FY 2018 Operating and Capital Appropriation Budget Request Resolution

Trustee Smith moved to approve FY 2018 Operating and Capital Appropriation Budget Request Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

d. FY 2017 Tuition and Fees Waiver Budget Resolution

Trustee Smith moved to approve FY 2017 Tuition and Fees Waiver Budget Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

**Ayes 8
Nays 0**

e. Spring 2016 Laboratory, Class Fees and Miscellaneous Fees Resolution

Trustee Smith moved to approve Spring 2016 Laboratory, Class Fees and Miscellaneous Fees Resolution. Trustee Joyce seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes 8

Nays 0

f. Appointment of Ex-officio Treasurer Resolution

Trustee Hatch moved to approve Appointment of Ex-officio Treasurer Resolution. Trustee Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows.

Ayes 8

Nay 0

g. Appointment of Ex-officio Municipal Clerk Resolution

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Nays 0**

Trustee Zollar acknowledged former Student Trustee Ismael Reyna who was present at the meeting. She announced the Trustee Reyna will be headed off to medical school in August.

Chairman Young reported that this is Trustee Jourdan Facen last Board of Trustees meeting. He stated that the student trustee position is a very important. Chairman Young thanked Trustee Facen, who has admirably served the students of Chicago State University as a member of the Board of Trustees since 2015, her term will end July 1, 2016. Trustee Facen has been a stellar student throughout her career at the university. He stated that Trustee Facen has served through a very trying and difficult financial crisis and has been a strong advocate and role model for her fellow students. Chairman Young stated that the Board of Trustees expresses its heart-felt appreciation for the valuable service she has provided to Chicago State University as a member of the Board of Trustees. Again, we all thank you very much and appreciate you.

c. Student Trustee Report

Trustee Facen stated that she did not have a report, but would like to say it has been a pleasure serving on this board. It was a very trying year; however, we have also had some highlights this year. She reported that she participated in the presidential search, which help to select and appoint the new president and this was an awesome experience. She has met amazing people and made wonderful connections. Trustee Facen stated that she has really connected with the student body because we were in such a financial crisis and then she has to touch students on an emotional level. Trustee Facen thanked the students for being so vocal and willing to communicate with her. This allowed her to make sure she represented and served the students well. Trustee Facen stated that it has been a pleasure to serve.

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

Trustee Joyce moved to Recess into Executive Session. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

**Ayes: 8
Nays: 0**

8. Reconvene into Open Session

Chairman Young stated that the Board took no action in executive session that requires a vote or discussion in open session.

9. Other Matters

a. Public and Employee Comments

Chairman Young stated that comments should be limited to two minutes and that we do not discuss personnel matters in public.

Chairman Young called Darren Martin.

Darren Martin thanked the members of the board, CSU community, faculty and staff. He thanked the board for naming the AAMRC and SUB Rotunda after Ronald “Kwesi” Harris our late great mentor and director of the AAMRC. He was a father to many when we did not have men in our community or in our household. He mentored us and guided us. In the old African proverb, there was a ritual that men had to do to become men. Baba Harris gave us that ritual. He anointed us with the power to become men and guided us down that path. Mr. Martin stated that Baba Harris anointed him as a public speaker by giving him the opportunity to speak out at the million-man march in 2015 on behalf of CSU.

Chairman Young: Andre Fredrics – Not present

Chairman Young: Landis Houston - Not present

Chairman Young: Adrian Mercado – Not present

Chairman Young: David Ellis – Not present

Chairman Young: Jamal Morris – Not present

Chairman Young: Tim Lee – Not present

Chairman Young: Matoya Marsh

Matoya Marsh, Director of Student Activities and Student Leadership thanked the Board for accepting the proposal that was presented by TEMBO this morning to name the AAMRC and SUB Rotunda after Ronald “Kwesi” Harris. She stated that these young men worked extremely hard and it is a very difficult time not only for them and for us that have worked very closely with Kwesi and understand the work that he has done. Ronald “Kwesi” Harris has charged all of us with continuing to do the work. Ms. Marsh reported that she spoke with his wife this morning and she was extremely pleased with the naming of the AAMRC and SUB Rotunda after her husband.

Chairman Young: Ray Violetto.

Ray Violetto: I am a union representative for lieutenants, sergeants, patrol officers and tele communicators at the University Police Department. I am somewhat disappointed that I am here because I have reached out to the Board and President Calhoun and I have received no correspondence back. At this time, it is on behalf of the officers at the University Police Department, that I want to bring to your attention that the officers and the command staff have lost faith in Police Chief Walsh in her abilities to lead at the University. Mr. Violetto voiced a number of issue/concerns: She has spent 90% of her time behind closed doors. She does not give her staff direction. She does not communicate or disseminate information. She does not make decisions without consulting with the prior Chief Ronnie

Watson. She gives her secretary power over police personnel. She reversed supervisory roles placing all junior sergeants over the senior sergeants. She has laid off police officers and brought in Chicago Police Department and Illinois State Police to patrolling the campus. She has placed police personnel as well as the entire campus at risk by continually understaffing the events. She has jeopardize the compliance officer and refused to work with already trained personnel. She continually violates the contract. She has yet to establish a clear consistent chain of command. She refuses to meet with her staff and she has been retaliatory in some of her decisions and she has destroyed the morale of the officers that work for the University for the Safety of the students, Faculty and Staff. 100% of the patrol staff signed the no competence vote. From lieutenant all the way down to tele communicators. That would be 28 individuals in all.

Chairman Young: Ismael Reyna

Ismael Reyna: First, I want to thank God for the opportunity to be here one more day. Mr. President, Mr. Chairman, Esquire Cage, distinguished members of the Board of Trustees at Chicago State University. Thank you for the opportunity to publically comment. Two years ago, I left to care for my mother and father in Greenville, South Carolina after completing my duties here. I recall the great and some of the not so great memories as a student trustee. Just as the prodigal son returns home, here I am to remind you what a great home this is and this home must remain open for all to attend. In the same manor that I went home to honor my mother and father. I came here today from South Carolina 704 miles away to honor you. To remind the Board of the contribution you have made to help students. On June 1, 2016, I was accepted to medical school. I stand here today and publically proclaim that he has answered my prayers and he will answer yours my CSU beloved family. Before I conclude, I would like to dedicate this in the memory of Kwesi and people like Kwesi, and those that came before us and paved the way for the son of a Mexican immigrant to stand before you and power through education. For the Kings, for the Malcolms, for the Chavezs, for the Vias, and the Zapatas! I want to thank you for all of your selfless and loving contributions; I will honor your example by doing my very best.

Chairman Young asked all board members to remain for a few minutes after the Board meeting. The chair of the foundation committee and members of her development team are here and she would like the Board to meet them.

10. Adjournment

Trustee Joyce moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Hatch seconded the motion. The motion passed as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.