



ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 18, 2009
ASU ACADOME BOARD ROOM

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alabama State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Elton N. Dean at 9:10 a.m.

II. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Trustee Marvin Wiggins.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Upon roll call, President Harris declared a quorum present. In attendance were Trustees Crawley, Crutcher, Dean, Figures, Hodge, Junkins, Lemak, and Wiggins. Trustee Young was absent.

IV. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Trustee Wiggins moved, seconded by Trustee Crawley, to adopt the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

V. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES – JULY 25, 2009

The minutes of July 25, 2009 were approved unanimously upon motion by Trustee Wiggins and properly seconded by Trustee Hodge.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harris stated that his report would come through the various Committee reports during the meeting.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Trustee Oscar Crawley, Chair of the Athletics Committee, stated that the Committee met on September 11, 2009, but did not have a report at this time.

B. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Trustee Taylor Hodge, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee, stated that the Committee met, but did not have a quorum. Therefore, he is presenting one action item for full Board approval.

Dr. Harris indicated that the Rehabilitation Services program would be a part of the College of Health Sciences with identified funding in place.

1. RESOLUTION APPROVING THE REHABILITATION SERVICES PROGRAM WITH A CONCENTRATION IN ADDICTION STUDIES

Trustee Wiggins moved to approve the Administration's recommendation to offer the Bachelor of Science degree in Rehabilitation Services with a concentration in Addiction Studies. Trustee Crawley seconded the motion and it carried by unanimous vote.

C. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Chairman Dean stated that in the absence of Trustee Young, Chairman of the Finance Committee, he would ask President Harris to present the action items vetted and approved at the Finance Committee meeting.

President Harris presented an Operating Budget of \$153,743,014.00 for Board approval for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

1. Resolution Approving the 2009-2010 Operating Budget

Trustee Crutcher moved to adopt the Resolution approving the 2009-2010 Operating Budget. Trustee Wiggins seconded the motion and it passed by majority vote. Trustee Figures abstained.

2. Resolution Approving Debt Policy

Trustee Crutcher moved to adopt the Resolution approving the University's Debt Policy. Trustee Wiggins seconded the motion and it passed by majority vote. Trustee Figures abstained.

3. Resolution Approving Investment Policies and Objectives

Dr. Harris reported the policies were revised in accordance with the instructions of the Finance Committee. Primarily, the change was made to limit the amount of funds that would be exposed in variable equities.

Trustee Crutcher moved, Trustee Hodge seconded, to adopt the Resolution approving the University's Investment Policies and Objectives. The motion passed by majority vote. Trustee Figures abstained.

4. Approval of 2009-2010 Faculty Salary Schedule

Dr. Harris said that the salary schedule was fully vetted by the Finance Committee and is being presented for approval by the full Board.

Trustee Wiggins commented that he would like the matter of faculty salaries to be revisited as it relates to the percentages of grant and base salaries received by faculty.

Trustee Crutcher motion to adopt the 2009-2010 Faculty Salary Schedule with the caveat that the matter of grant percentages and base

salaries be revisited. Trustee Crawley seconded the motion and it passed by majority vote. Trustee Figures abstained.

D. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Marvin Wiggins, Chair of the Student Affairs Committee, stated that there was no report from this Committee.

E. PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Trustee Buford Crutcher, Chair of the Property Committee, stated that there was no report from this Committee.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to memorandum dated May 9, 2008, from Attorney Kenneth Thomas, University Counsel, a motion was placed on the floor by Trustee Crawley to convene an executive session to discuss legal matters. The motion was seconded by Trustee Hodge and was approved by unanimous vote.

IX. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Harris reported that the Administration presented a personnel matter for consideration during the Executive Session which dealt with the good name and character of an individual. He recommended that the Board approve the matter.

Trustee Crutcher moved to accept the University's recommendation as presented by President Harris relating to the personnel matter. Trustee Wiggins seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

X. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL BOARD REPORT

Dr. Harris presented the University's personnel actions that have occurred between April 27, 2009 and August 25, 2009 for Board acceptance.

XI. REPORT OF THE FACULTY SENATE

Dr. Moten thanked the Board and the Administration for work on the Budget. He commended the Marketing and Communication department for the *MYASU* ad that is currently running. He thanked the Board for the salary increases reflected in the Faculty Salary Schedule but stated further that the instrument was flawed and he shares Trustee Wiggins concerns.

XII. REPORT OF THE SGA PRESIDENT

Mr. Stanley Giles, SGA President, shared a brief report on the activities of the Student Government Association. He reported that the fall student elections were conducted online for the first time. SGA will initiate a student tutorial program called "Hornet Elevation". He thanked the Athletics department for assisting a group of students travel to Chicago to support the team at the Chicago Football Classic.

Trustee Dean asked President Harris to have the SGA Leadership and Miss ASU and Court attend the next Montgomery Country Commission meeting.

XIII. REPORT OF THE NON-ACADMEIC STAFF COUNCIL


Mrs. Georgette Varner introduced herself as the new President of the Non-Academic Staff Council. She said that she was looking forward to working with the Board and the Administration on issues affecting the Non-Academic staff.


XIV. OTHER BUSINESS

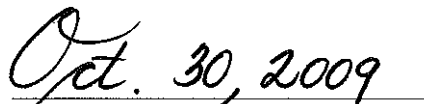
Dr. Harris reported on several capital improvement projects currently underway on the campus. Hall Street has been closed and the gateway project is underway; completion is scheduled for the end of November. He also informed the Board that the library has been shifted to a temporary facility across Hall Street which is surprisingly accommodating. In the next few weeks the current library will undergo demolition so that renovation and expansion project will commence. Demolition of the north and south dining halls is finished; construction of the new Student Services Center will take place at this site. The football facility and playing fields are underway.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Cruthcer moved to recess the meeting to reconvene at the call of the chair. The motion was seconded by Trustee Wiggins and carried by unanimous vote. The meeting recessed at 9:40 a.m.


Elton N. Dean, Sr., Chairman
Of the Alabama State University
Board of Trustees


William H. Harris, Secretary and
and Secretary to the Alabama
State University Board of Trustees


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