



**ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
RECONVENED FROM THE MAY 6, 2011 MEETING**

DUNN-OLIVER ACADOME BOARD ROOM

September 23, 2011

10:30 A.M.

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Alabama State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Elton N. Dean, Sr. at 10:53 a.m. in the Dunn Oliver Acadome Boardroom.

II. INVOCATION

The invocation was given by given by Trustee Marvin Wiggins.

III. ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Upon roll call, President Harris affirmed a quorum. Trustees present were Dean, Crawley, Baker, Crutcher, Figures, Green, Hodge, Lemak, Sawyer, Wiggins and Young. Trustee Junkins was absent.

University officials in attendance: President William H. Harris, John Knight, Executive Vice President; Alfred Smith, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Freddie Gallot, Vice President for Business and Finance; Danielle Kennedy-Lamar, Vice President for University Relations; Carmen Douglas, Vice President for Human Resources; Kippy Tate, Vice President for Buildings and Grounds; Rick Drake, Interim Vice President for Student Services; and Stacy Danley, Athletic Director.

IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Trustee Baker moved to adopt the agenda. Trustee Hodge seconded the motion and the agenda was unanimously adopted.

V. ADOPTION OF MINUTES – May 6, 2011

Trustee Crawley moved, seconded by Trustee Baker to approve the minutes of May 6, 2011. The motion was unanimously accepted.

VI. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Harris stated that much of his report would come through the reports of the various standing committees. He further said that there are several items that he wants the Board to consider. He presented the following Resolutions:

1) Resolution for the naming of the Wheller-Watkins Baseball Complex

Trustee Crawley moved, seconded by Trustee Baker to approve the Resolution presented by the University for the naming of the Wheller-Watkins Baseball Complex. The motion passed unanimously.

2) Resolution to Name the Thomas Lyles Marching Hornet Band Room

Trustee Crawley moved, seconded by Trustee Figures to approve the Resolution naming the Thomas Lyles Marching Hornet Band Room. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote.

3) Resolution to Establish Office of General Counsel

Trustee Figures stated that the budget that was on the agenda for consideration did not reflect what is itemized in the Resolution and he was not prepared to adopt it.

Trustee Sawyer requested a comparison of the actual dollars expended for legal services for FY11 and the projection of legal expenditures for FY12.

Trustee Young pointed out that outside legal counsel would still be used as requested by the appointed in-house counsel.

After a lengthy discussion, Chairman Dean called for the vote on the Resolution to Establish the Office of General Counsel.

Trustee Crawley moved, seconded by Trustee Wiggins to approve the Resolution to Establish the Office of General Counsel. The Resolution passed by majority vote. Trustee Figures opposed and Trustee Young abstained.

President Harris mentioned two other matters that have been brought to the Board before. The division of Human Resources in conjunction with University Counsel has made changes to the Human Resources Policies and Procedures Manual Handbook to bring it up to date with applicable laws.

Trustee Dean asked if this item was being presented for information only at today's meeting. President Harris responded yes, however the Board will need to take action on the document at its next meeting.

The second item for consideration is the revised SGA Constitution. It has been circulated on several occasions and was vetted on all levels. Once approved by the Board, it will be signed by former SGA President Ashley Thomas and Professor William Dowdy because of their hard work on getting the document revised.

Trustee Sawyer moved to approve the revision of the SGA Constitution. Trustee Baker seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Hodge, Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee stated that at its meeting on September 1, 2011 the Committee adopted three matters to recommend for Board approval. He asked Interim Provost Smith to present the Resolutions.

The Board acted on each Resolution as follows:

- 1. Approval of Resolution to Change the Name of the School of Graduate Studies**

Trustee Wiggins moved to approve the Resolution to change the name of the School of Graduate Studies to The Graduate School. The motion was seconded by Trustee Crutcher and passed by unanimous vote.

- 2. Approval of Resolution to Change Title at Alabama State University Southern Normal from Headmaster to Director of Alabama State University Southern Normal**

Trustee Sawyer moved, seconded by Trustee Green, to approved the Resolution to Change the Title at Alabama State University southern Normal from Headmaster to Director of Alabama State University Southern Normal

- 3. Approval of Resolution to Offer a Certificate in Maternal and Child Health in the College of Health Sciences**

Trustee Wiggins moved, seconded by Trustee Hodge to adopt the Resolution to Offer a Certificate in Maternal and Child Health in the College of Health Sciences. The motion was adopted by majority vote. Trustee Figures abstained.

VIII. ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

Trustee Oscar Crawley, Chairman of the Athletics Committee reported

that there were no action items from the September 1, 2011 meeting of the the Committee.

IX. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Trustee Alfreda Green, Chair of the Audit Committee, stated that the Committee met on September 1, 2011 and has no action items to bring before the Board at this time.

X. COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

Trustee Locy Baker, Chair of the Compensation Committee stated that the Committee met on September 1, 2011 and there are no action items.

XI. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Trustee Sawyer stated the Development Committee convened its inaugural meeting on September 1, 2011. There is one action item for Board consideration.

1. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Reconstruction of the Relationship between the ASUT Foundation and Alabama State University

Trustee Crawley moved to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Reconstruction of the Relationship between the ASU Foundation and Alabama State University. Trustee Young seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the Resolution.

XII. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Trustee Young, Chair of the Finance Committee reported that the Committee met on September 1, 2011 and earlier today. The Committee recommends two Resolutions for Board consideration.

1. Approval of Resolution to Set University Fees

A motion was made by Trustee Crawley to approve the Resolution to set University fees. Trustee Wiggings seconded the motion. By majority vote, the Resolution was approved. Trustees Figures and Green opposed; Trustee Sawyer Abstained.

2. Resolution to Approve the 2011-2012 Operating Budget

Trustee Sawyer moved to approve the 2011-2011 Operating budget contingent upon amending the budget of the Admissions Office to bring its funding back to the FY11 budget level. The motion was seconded by Trustee Crutcher and passed by majority vote with one opposition from Trustee Figures.

XIII. PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Trustee Buford Crutcher, Chair of Property Committee, reported that there were no action items from the meeting of the Property Committee which was held on September 1, 2011.

XIV. STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Trustee Marvin Wiggins, Student Affairs Committee, reported that there were no action items from the meeting of the Committee which was held on September 1, 2011.

XIV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

In accordance with the certified letter submitted by Attorney Kenneth Thomas, University Counsel, stating the matters to be discussed in the executive session, Trustee Hodge moved to convene an executive session of the Board. Trustee Wiggins seconded the motion and the Board unanimously agreed to convene into executive session at 11:15 a.m.

XV. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Harris reported that during the executive session, the Board denied to hear the matter of employee appeals.

XVI. APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS REPORT

President Harris presented the personnel report covering the period April 20, 2011 through September 14, 2011 for Board approval. Trustee Crawley moved to adopt the report as presented. Trustee Wiggins seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

XVII. FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Dr. William Dowdy, Chair made distributed a written report to the board and made comments on the activities of the Faculty Senate.

XVIII. STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT

Mr. Travis Smith, SGA President gave a short report on student body activities.

XIX. NON-TEACHING STAFF COUNCIL REPORT

Mrs. Varner, President of the NTSC did have a formal report. She thanked the university leadership for their support of the staff Interaction Day which was held on August 4, 2011.

XX. OTHER BUSINESS

President Harris presented the following lease agreements for Board approval. Upon motion and properly seconded, the lease agreements as

listed below for the West Fairview Farmers Market were unanimously approved.

1. Approval of Lease Agreement between the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries and Alabama State University for the West Fairview Farmers Market
2. Approval of Sublease Agreement between Alabama State University and the city of Montgomery for the West Fairview Farmers Market

Chairman Dean asked for an update from Trustee Lemak, Chair of the Stadium Committee. Trustee Lemak reported that the Stadium Committee met and the project is on schedule. He said stated that excellent progress is being made and there seems to be a lot of excitement around the new stadium project.

Trustee Young mentioned the ticket pricing for the new stadium that were distributed at the Finance Committee.

Executive Vice President John Knight said that the ticket prices are due to be published on October 1, 2011 and it is necessary for the Board to approve them.

Trustee Young moved to approve the ticket prices as published with the omission of the \$5 ticket price for students. He recommended that students not be charged with the exception of the Classic games. Trustee Hodge seconded the motion and it passed by majority vote with Trustees Figures and Sawyer abstaining.

XXI. RECESS

It was moved and properly seconded to recess the meeting until the call of the chair. The meeting recessed at 12:05 p.m.



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



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

October 27, 2011

DATE