

JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES

The Board of Trustees of **JACKSONVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY** held its summer meeting in Jacksonville, Alabama on **Monday, July 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. CDT.**

Mr. Jim Bennett, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order and requested that Dr. William Meehan open the meeting with an invocation.

Roll call showed the following members of the Board of Trustees were:

PRESENT:

Mr. Jim Bennett
 Mr. Jim Coxwell
 Mr. Clarence W. Daugette, III
 Mr. Thomas Dedrick
 Senator Vivian Davis Figures
 Mr. Randall Jones
 Mrs. Gale Saxon Main
 Mr. Randy Owen
 Mr. Ronnie Smith
 Dr. Teresa Gardner, Faculty Senate President
 Mr. Brett Johnson, Student Government Association

ABSENT:

Governor Robert Bentley
 Dr. Thomas Bice

Chairman Bennett welcomed Mr. Ron Sparks, Head of the Alabama Office of Rural Development, to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Dr. Teresa Gardner, Faculty Senate President, to the Board of Trustees meeting. He noted that Dr. Gardner has returned for a second term as Faculty Senate President.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Mr. Brett Johnson, of the Student Government Association, to the Board of Trustees meeting. Mr. Johnson was representing Ms. Jade Wagner, President of the Student Government Association.

Chairman Bennett welcomed Mrs. Beth Meehan, First Lady of JSU, to the Board of Trustees meeting.

Dr. Meehan congratulated Mr. Bennett for having been appointed by Governor Bentley as Secretary of State for the State of Alabama. He stated that a copy of a press release announcing this appointment was located in the front of the Trustees binder.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chairman Bennett asked that the minutes of the April 15, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting be reviewed.

Mr. Daugeette made a motion to approve the Board of Trustees minutes as written. Senator Figures seconded and the minutes were approved unanimously.

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STUDENT HEALTH

Mr. Jones presented a contract between Jacksonville State University and Regional Medical Center for services at the student health clinic and asked that the contract be approved by the Board. Senator Figures reminded the Board of changes that were requested at the breakfast meeting.

Mr. Randy Jones made a motion that the contract be accepted with the requested changes incorporated. Mr. Thomas Dedrick seconded the motion and the contract was approved.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Randy Owen, Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee, presented the Board of Trustees with the proposed Faculty Handbook and asked that it be accepted as written.

Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Owen presented the following resolution for the Board's review and made a motion that it be adopted:

RESOLUTION 554

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University has a goal of increasing enrollment to 10,000 students; and

WHEREAS, awarding the faculty scholarships, implemented in fall 2010, has increased the ACT score, academic profile, and enrollment of JSU freshmen; and

WHEREAS, the success of recipients, including a retention rate of 69%, can be attributed to this scholarship, which provides a limited 4 year, 128 hours tuition and books scholarship to students with a minimum ACT of 26 or a minimum SAT 1190, and whereas, 533 students were enrolled as faculty scholars in spring 2013; and

WHEREAS, the average cost for these scholarships has been \$3,450 per student, per semester; and

WHEREAS, meals and housing expenses are paid by the students thus generating revenue for the university.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jacksonville State University will continue the faculty scholarship program in its current form and that data will be gathered and analyzed at the end of the spring semester, 2014, a time that completes the four-year cycle of faculty scholarships, to determine the feasibility of scholarship continuation and modifications to eligibility criteria as appropriate.

Coming from the Academic Affairs Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Jim Coxwell, Chairman of the Athletic Committee presented the following resolution for the Board's review and made a motion that it be adopted:

RESOLUTION 556

WHEREAS, the improvements taking place at Gamecock Softball Complex, known as University Field, have and will continue to have a positive impact on the institution's ability to recruit quality student athletes; and

WHEREAS, it was the initial intent to complete the softball complex to include a locker room for the home team and sunken dugouts for both home and visiting teams at the outset; and

WHEREAS, action items Jacksonville State University committed to complete for compliance with Title IX in the most recent NCAA Self-Study included the replacement of bleachers in the women's softball field and updating softball facilities to include locker rooms and laundry facilities similar to baseball facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Jacksonville State University wishes to continue momentum generated by the success of the JSU softball program from appearances in the NCAA Regionals in five of the last six years.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to solicit bids and award a contract(s) for the design and construction of a locker room for the softball home team and sunken dugouts for both home and visiting teams.

Coming from the Athletic Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

BUILDING AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Ronnie Smith, Chairman of the Building and Finance Committee, presented the following resolutions for the Board's review and made a motion that they be adopted:

RESOLUTION 555

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining a robust out-of-state student population; and

WHEREAS, State of Alabama Governor Robert Bentley signed into law House Bill 424 (HB 424) allowing one who, at the time of registration, is a full-time

undergraduate student enrolled at an institution whose board of trustees has authorized resident tuition rates to apply to those non-resident students receiving a partial or full scholarship award in recognition of a particular talent or ability, provided such student possessed the talent or ability at the time of initial enrollment and maintains continuous scholarship eligibility at that institution.

WHEREAS, House Bill 424 (HB 424) requires the Board of Trustees of each public institution of higher education in the state to adopt rules and guidelines necessary to implement Section 16-24-2, Code of Alabama 1975, as amended by Act 2013-423, 2013 Regular Session that clarified the requirements for admission and tuition at public institutions of higher education; to require that certain active duty service members and their spouses and dependents and certain veterans be considered resident students.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to take steps as are necessary to allow, as appropriate, the granting of resident tuition rates to those non-resident, full-time undergraduate students receiving a partial or full scholarship award for a talent or ability possessed by any such student who may apply and qualifies for the same pursuant to provisions of HB 424.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to take steps as are necessary to allow, as appropriate, the granting of resident tuition rates to those active duty service members and their spouses and dependents and certain veterans considered resident students.

Coming from the Building and Finance Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Smith presented the Interim FY 2013-2014 operations budget for the University. The budget allows the University to operate until the final budget is presented at the October 21, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting.

Coming from the Building and Finance Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

EMERGENCY RESOLUTION 557

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees is committed to maintaining the infrastructure of the campus to support the delivery of quality educational programs and support services to the citizens of the State of Alabama and surrounding region; and

WHEREAS, the Trustees are committed to the enhancement of the campus community and recognize the importance of the campus community experience to the growth of Jacksonville State University.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees authorizes the President to proceed with the installation of an HVAC system in the Coliseum and modification of the ceiling in the gymnasium area. The anticipated cost of the project is \$1,500,000 to be paid from internal funding.

Coming from the Building and Finance Committee the motion did not require a second. After discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Smith requested that Dr. Meehan organize a seminar during the month of August to be presented by Merchant Capital on bonding options that all members of the Board of Trustees may attend in order to review options with regard to bonding.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Anders Hall (Round House) Phase II/Hammond Hall Restrooms

Dr. Meehan told the Board that this project reconfigures space for the Art Department and provides general meeting space for general campus use. It was bid on June 13, 2013 and J. F. Morgan, General Contractors, Inc. was the apparent low bidder. However, J. F. Morgan withdrew their bid due to an administrative error/omission in their bid. The next lowest bidder was Forsyth Building Company of Anniston, AL and was subsequently awarded the project. Work began on July 15 and should be completed by September 1.

Dixon Hall Bus Pull-off Lane

Dr. Meehan reported that this project provides a safer zone for our second highest utilized campus bus stop. It was bid on June 13, 2013 and Hale Building Company of Anniston, AL was the low bidder. Work commenced on July 1, 2013 and should be completed in early August. This project will create a bus pull-off and help alleviate traffic congestion on Forney Avenue when the bus stops in front of Dixon Hall.

Little River Canyon Pavilion

Dr. Meehan stated that Hale Building Company of Anniston, AL was the successful low bidder. Construction began in April and should be completed in late August 2013. The work is progressing very well except for rain delays.

Salls Hall Emergency Chiller Replacement

Dr. Meehan told the Board that the 1988 chiller at Salls Hall failed on June 3, 2013. The chiller was successfully replaced and began operating on June 10, just seven days after the catastrophic failure. This success was largely due to the tremendous effort of Mr. Randy Whorton, Mechanical Engineer, and H&M Mechanical of Birmingham who installed the unit.

Stephenson Hall Boiler Replacement

Dr. Meehan said that bids were opened on June 27 for the Stephenson Hall boiler replacement. H&M Mechanical of Birmingham, AL was the low bidder with a cost of \$164,000. The project is scheduled to be completed in mid-September.

Stephenson Hall Wellness Center

Dr. Meehan stated that substantial completion of the Stephenson Hall Wellness Center occurred on February 13, 2012 and the Year End Inspection was held February 23, 2013. A final change order is still pending submission by the contractor, RFI. On April 1, 2013, the contractor requested a hearing before the Director of the State Building Commission concerning his claims for additional compensation. That hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

Storm/Roof Damages of March 22, 2013

Dr. Meehan reported that the Library repairs are complete. Final Inspection is scheduled for July 16, 9:00 a.m. The protective covered walkway was removed on June 28 by Hale Building Company.

He also said that at Campus Inn Apartments – Prime Contracting of Odenville, AL is making progress on the construction of a pitched roof system. Metal roofing panels were installed on July 3. Project is anticipated to be completed by the end of July.

Athletics

Mr. Warren Koegel, Director of Athletics, introduced Mr. Rick Pietri as the new Head Women's Basketball Coach and welcomed him to JSU. He stated that a meet & greet session was being held today at 3:00 p.m. and invited everyone to come by the Coxwell Room to meet Coach Pietri.

Mr. Koegel stated that his full report was placed in the Trustees binder under Tab 4. He stated that 61 athletes made all-conference and 10 out of 16 sports averaged a 3.0 GPA or better.

Mr. Koegel stated that Rob Lilly, JSU baseball player, scored the highest GPA of all male students during the spring semester and was awarded the Dr. Clarence William Daugette Award.

Mr. Koegel thanked the Board of Trustees for approving the new HVAC system for the Coliseum and the improvements for the softball field.

Mr. Koegel stated that buses will be making the trip the Alabama State football game in Montgomery on August 31st. He told the Board to contact the Athletic Department if they are interested in making the trip.

Academic and Student Affairs

Dr. Rebecca Turner, Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, introduced Dr. Christie Shelton as the new Dean of the College of Nursing.

Dr. Turner thanked the Board of Trustees for approving the ACT scholarships.

Dr. Turner stated that we are in the process of developing a retention plan with the Enrollment Management Committee Subcommittee on Retention to help keep students at the University until they graduate. The plan should be completed later this year.

Dr. Turner stated that seventeen Chinese students from Taizhou University are currently on campus taking classes and learning American culture. An All American Barbeque is planned for them at the home of the President on the evening of July 16th.

Dr. Turner announced that the Masters of Public Administration has recently received accreditation from NASPA. She thanked everyone who worked hard to accomplish this honor.

Reaffirmation of Accreditation

Dr. Meehan said that in order to keep the Board apprised of the status of the SACS COC reaffirmation of accreditation, he had asked Dr. Louise Clark and Dr. Alicia Simmons, Co-Chairs of the SACS Compliance Certification Committee, to give a brief update of the reaffirmation process.

Dr. Clark and Dr. Simmons gave a Powerpoint presentation which updated the Board on the status of the SACS reaffirmation process. They stated that there are ninety-seven requirements that JSU must meet in order to maintain its accreditation and 56% of these are now complete. All report drafts must be completed by August 1st and all reviews by August 15th. The QEP report will be due in February of 2014. The on-site review team will be on campus April 8-14, 2014. Trustees will be asked to participate in the on-site review process.

Dr. Simmons gave an update on summer enrollment, Distance Education and external funding.

Dr. Meehan stated that seventeen programs had completed the Program Review process and called on Dr. Simmons to make their presentations. The departments receiving Program Review recognition were:

Academic Advisement
Admissions
Career Services

Criminal Justice
 Emergency Management
 English Language Institute
 Environmental Policy and Information Center
 Government Relations
 History, Foreign Languages and Liberal Studies
 In Service Education Center
 Internal Audit and External Funds Compliance
 International House and Programs
 Marketing and Public Relations
 Physical and Earth Sciences
 Physical Plant
 Psychology
 TV Services

Dr. Simmons also recognized the following for their service chairing the review teams over the 7 year period:

Dr. Jordan Barkley
 Dr. Maureen Newton
 Dr. Louise Clark
 Ms. Judy Harrison
 Dr. Sarah Latham
 Ms. Belinda Blackburn
 Ms. Lisa Williams

University Advancement

Dr. Charles Lewis, Vice President for University Advancement, stated that the Capital Campaign is still in the planning stages. The slogan for the campaign will be *deeply rooted, future driven*. They are currently working on the internal case statements and the Foundation Board will be meeting July 26th to discuss the campaign focus.

Dr. Lewis stated that Alumni Affairs conducted a very successful leadership conference on June 1st and is in the middle of a direct mail and Facebook campaign to reach out to alumni.

The Department of Marketing & Communications is working on a special homecoming edition of the *Gem of the Hills* to be mailed in August. The Department is working closely with each department on campus to help market their programs.

Dr. Lewis thanked Mr. Randy Owen for his \$10,000 donation to the campaign.

Information Technology

Mr. Vinson Houston, Vice President for Information Technology, stated that the CRM program is set to begin in August or September. This will greatly enhance recruiting, enrollment and student retention. Mr. Houston's full report was placed in the Trustees binder under Tab 4.

Executive Session

Dr. Meehan presented a statement from Mr. Sam Monk, University Counsel, who certified the Executive Session necessary to discuss pending litigation and controversies

not currently being litigated, but likely to be litigated if the Board takes a proposed course of action.

Dr. Meehan called roll for voting to approve the Executive Session. The following persons voted:

Chairman Jim Bennett, Aye
Mr. Jim Coxwell, Aye
Mr. Clarence W. Daugeette, Aye
Mr. Thomas Dedrick, Aye
Senator Vivian Davis Figures, Aye
Mr. Randall Jones, Aye
Mrs. Gale Saxon Main, Aye
Mr. Ronnie Smith, Aye
Mr. Randy Owen, Aye

Chairman Bennett reported a unanimous vote for the Executive Session and stated that the Board members would return for a public vote on any actionable items.

Upon returning from Executive Session Mr. Bennett presented the following motion for the Board's approval:

It is the directive of this Board that the President, in consultation with counsel and other institutions of higher education, review the University's security plan and implement such polices as appropriate to regulate the possession of weapons on University property.

Mr. Clarence Daugeette moved that the motion be approved. Senator Vivian Figures seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by the Board of Trustees.

Senator Vivian Figures made a motion to amend the agenda to add the following action item. The motion was seconded by Mr. Thomas Dedrick and after discussion was approved unanimously by the Board.

Senator Figures made a motion that the Board accept the Memorandum of Understanding concerning Little River Canyon and the New Start Community Development, LLC which requests ninety days to bring to the Board of Trustees a proposal and during those ninety days we will not accept, initiate, nor solicit any more proposals from anyone else.

The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Jones and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

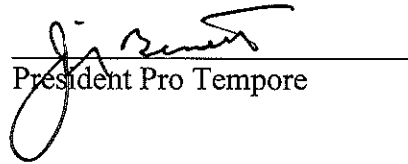
There being no further business, Chairman Bennett declared that the meeting was adjourned and stated that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, October 21, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. on the 11th Floor of the Houston Cole Library.

Mr. Bennett called the Board back to order for one more action item.

Mr. Randy Jones made a motion that the Honorary Doctor of Letters be granted to Mr. Rick Bragg during the August 2nd Commencement ceremony when Mr. Bragg will be the speaker. The motion was seconded by Mr. Daugette and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees.

Upon completing this motion Mr. Bennett adjourned the Board.


Secretary


President Pro Tempore

