

MINUTES
SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, October 17, 2006

OPENING SESSION

Chairman Barber called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Barber introduced Dr. David Whitlock, dean of the College of Business and Computer Science, who presented a devotional. Gary Longenecker led in prayer.

Secretary Houston called the roll. Trustees in attendance were Art Allen, Chairman Clarence Barber, Gary Brown, Marcy Carter, Clyde Elder, Vice Chairman Don Fahrni, Phil Franz, Rick Hedger, Secretary Mark Houston, Wayne Hutchins, Bob Killian, Ray Leininger, Gary Longenecker, David Mason, Larry Payton, Mark Rains, David Tolliver, and Gary Urich.

Trustees Bill Cox, Wayne Gott, and Berniece Hamilton arrived after the roll was called.

Trustees Gary Gilmore, Bill Henks, Rebecca Randles, and Cary Summers were unable to attend.

Faculty and staff in attendance were Ronda Credille, Darren Crowder, Ashley Dinwiddie, Gordon Dutile, Bob Glidwell, Brent Good, Rob Harris, Ron Maupin, Bob McGlasson, Stephanie Miller, Sharina Smith, Shawn Summers, President Pat Taylor, Steve Whisler, David Whitlock, and Jennifer Wilson.

Guests in attendance were Allen Palmeri, reporter for The Pathway, and Vicki Brown, representing Word and Way.

Barber called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2006 board meeting. Houston moved and Hutchins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Ronda Credille, President of Faculty Senate, gave a Faculty Senate report. She gave a brief review of the Senate's actions and accomplishments. This included approving an academic review committee, an interdisciplinary studies proposal, receiving results from the faculty welfare committee internet morale survey, and reviewing the role of the FIT committee and their recent candidate interviews. Credille also emphasized that we must strive for faculty retention as much as we do student retention, since our faculty largely determines the quality of our University.

Taylor delivered the State of the University address.

At 10:02 a.m. the meeting recessed for standing committee meetings and the trustee luncheon.

BUSINESS SESSION

At 1:52 p.m. the Board meeting resumed.

Commendation for Rosalyn Snellen

A motion was made by Clyde Elder to commend Rosalyn Snellen for outstanding leadership in her service to the University as Associate Provost, Director of the University's Self-Study Report, and Professor. The motion was seconded by Houston, and passed unanimously. She was presented a plaque by Chairman Barber.

Presentation of BKD Audit

Kim Hamm of BKD reviewed the Audit of the Financial Statements for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and the Federal Awards Program audit that had been sent to each of the trustees. She specifically called attention to a new item in the opinion letter, the change of method in accounting for the University, and the new asset retirement obligation. No discussion or questions followed. Chairman Barber called for a motion to accept the reports. Motion made by Hedger, seconded by Allen. The audits were accepted by a unanimous vote.

Jim Mellers Center Renovation

Lead architect Joe Vejraska of GHN gave a review of the plan and schedule for the renovation project. He reported that the project should be completed prior to the 2007 fall semester.

Finance Committee

Committee Vice Chair Art Allen delivered the report. He presented the resolution to adopt the revised FY 2006-07 budget. Motion was made by Longenecker and seconded by Hutchens. Motion passed unanimously. Ron Maupin presented the updated Commerce Bank Corporate Resolution Form. The revised form requires all three authorized administrators' signatures to open a new credit card account. Motion to adopt this revised form was made by Allen, seconded by Killian. Motion passed unanimously.

Admissions and Student Life Committee

Stephanie Miller, Vice President for Enrollment Management, delivered the report. Miller emphasized what a great decision hiring Noel-Levitz had been, and discussed the five areas in which they are supporting us: market research, quality service analysis, financial aid, a contracted Noel-Levitz admissions consulting team, and guidance for a new SBU marketing team. Miller discussed the large freshmen class and reported that the admissions department still needs improvement in transfer student enrollment.

Building and Grounds Committee

Committee Chair Phil Franz delivered the report.

Educational Policies and Personnel Committee

Committee Chair Clyde Elder delivered the report. Motion was made by Elder to adopt the recommendation for the approval of a Staff Council. The motion was seconded by Houston. Motion passed unanimously.

University Advancement and Estate Planning Committee

Committee Chair Wayne Gott delivered the report. Taylor announced that the new Vice President for Development, Dr. Stan Norman, will begin working on January 1, 2007.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee consisted of board members: Rebecca Randles, Phil Franz, Ray Leininger, Gary Gilmore, Clarence Barber, and President Pat Taylor. The nominating committee recommended Don Fahrni for Chair, Mark Rains for Vice Chair, and Mark Houston for Secretary. Barber asked if there were other nominations from the floor. Payton moved that the recommendations from the nominating committee be approved by acclamation. Motion passed unanimously.

The nominating committee recommended the following standing committee assignments:
Admissions and Student Life: Chair Rebecca Randles, Vice Chair Gary Gilmore
Buildings and Grounds: Chair Phil Franz, Vice Chair Gary Urich
Educational Policies and Personnel: Chair Clyde Elder, Vice Chair Marcy Carter
Finance: Chair Cary Summers, Vice Chair Art Allen
University Advancement and Estate Planning: Chair Wayne Gott, Vice Chair Wayne Hutchens

Motion to approve the committee assignments was made by Barber and seconded by Cox. Motion passed unanimously.

Other Business

Fahrni then presented Barber with a plaque for his work as Chair of the Board.

Barber recognized and presented a certificate to the three trustees rotating off the Board: Cox, Henks, and Leininger.

At 3:15 p.m. the business session adjourned and executive session commenced.

Minutes submitted by Ashley Dinwiddie

Mark Houston, Secretary
Southwest Baptist University Board of Trustees

Date