

MINUTES
SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, February 6, 2007

OPENING SESSION

Chair Fahrni called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Prayer was led by Rick Hedger. Fahrni introduced Dr. Stan Norman, Vice President for University Development, who presented the devotional.

Rebecca Randles substituted as secretary and called roll. Trustees in attendance were Mark Boley, Gary Brown, Clyde Elder, Chair Don Fahrni, Gary Gilmore, Berniece Hamilton, Rick Hedger, Wayne Hutchins, Vice Chair Mark Rains, Rebecca Randles, Cary Summers, Gary Urich, and Jerry Williams.

Trustees Wayne Gott and David McAlpin arrived after the roll was called.

Trustees Art Allen, Clarence Barber, Marcy Carter, Phil Franz, Secretary Mark Houston, Bob Killian, Gary Longenecker, David Mason, Larry Payton, and David Tolliver were unable to attend.

Faculty and staff in attendance were Ronda Credille, Theresa Daniels, Ashley Dinwiddie, Gordon Dutile, Bob Glidwell, Brent Good, Rob Harris, Ron Maupin, Bob McGlasson, Stephanie Miller, Stan Norman, Cindy Rice, Sharina Smith, Shawn Summers, President Pat Taylor, Steve Whisler, David Whitlock, Jennifer Wilson, and Linda Wooderson.

Guests in attendance were Allen Palmeri, reporter for The Pathway, Jennifer Harris, reporter for Word and Way, and Student Government Association president Laura Towner, and vice president Ryan Puls.

Laura Towner, president of Student Government Association, gave the SGA report. She reported the various events to be led by SGA this semester, including the new “coffee talks” held in the dorms. These talks are hosted by student affairs and are led by Rob Harris, Dean of Students, Zach Waters, Director of Student Activities, and Amy Welch, Director of Residence Life. They discuss issues the students have questions or concerns about, such as visitation, the alcohol policy, and curfew. Towner also read the new SGA mission statement and reiterated SGA’s commitment to continue serving, listening, loving, and promoting unity to the students.

Taylor delivered the State of the University address.

At 10:07 a.m. the meeting recessed for standing committee meetings, trustee luncheon, dedication ceremony honoring Hazel “Frenchy” Newland at Memorial Hall, and the Jim Mellers Center Renovation Project tour.

BUSINESS SESSION

At 2:45 p.m. the Board meeting resumed.

Fahrni called for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 17, 2006 board meeting. Hedger moved and Hutchins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Action Items

Vice chair Mark Rains presented the action item for the recommendation of two honorary doctorates: Norma Bishop, honorary degree in education, and Charles Graham, honorary degree in music ministry. The recommendation passed unanimously.

Cary Summers presented an action item not in the report, a resolution for an agreement with Tomsk State University in Russia. Dr. Vickie Ellis, Assistant Professor of Graduate Studies in Education, and Dr. Robert Klostermeyer, Assistant Professor of Political Science, shared about their trip to Tomsk and writing of the preliminary agreement with Tomsk State University. This resolution is an agreement to proceed with a general agreement of education and scientific cooperation between Southwest Baptist University and Tomsk State University. Two handouts were distributed, discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.

Admissions and Student Life Committee

Committee Chair Rebecca Randles delivered the report. New students will have to sign Student Principles and Expectations upon admission to SBU, with a copy to go into their student file, and a copy for the student. One change was made to the original copy under dress code. Soulforce Equity Ride preparations are in process for when SBU makes their agenda (not on it for 2007). Rob Harris will lead that committee when necessary.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Committee Vice Chair Gary Urich delivered the report.

Educational Policies and Personnel Committee

Committee Chair Clyde Elder delivered the report. Tenure and promotion recommendations will be discussed during the executive session.

Finance Committee

Committee Chair Cary Summers delivered the report. An overall \$83,000 positive margin is projected for this fiscal year. The 403(b) Retirement Roth option resolution passed unanimously. After reviewing the budget analysis, the committee expressed one concern with the new minimum wage. In order for the University to remain within budget, department heads must limit student work hours to 5 ½ hours per week.

University Advancement and Estate Planning Committee

Committee Chair Wayne Gott delivered the report. The annual Phonathon is beginning this week. Gott challenged the trustees to double whatever they gave last year. The committee supports and would like to see an increase in the Polk county scholarship grant.

At 3:21 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