

**MINUTES**  
**SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**Tuesday, October 16, 2007**

**OPENING SESSION**

Chair Don Fahrni called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Prayer was led by Clyde Elder. Pat Taylor introduced Dr. Kelly Malone, assistant professor of intercultural studies, who presented the devotional.

Secretary Mark Houston called roll. Trustees in attendance were Clarence Barber, Mark Boley, Marcy Carter, Clyde Elder, Chair Don Fahrni, Phil Franz, Berniece Hamilton, Rick Hedger, Secretary Mark Houston, Wayne Hutchins, Rebecca Randles, Cary Summers, David Tolliver, Gary Urich, and Jerry Williams.

Trustee Wayne Gott arrived after the opening session.

Trustees Art Allen, Gary Brown, Gary Gilmore, Bob Killian, Gary Longenecker, David Mason, David McAlpin, Larry Payton, and Vice Chair Mark Rains were unable to attend.

Faculty and staff in attendance were Allison Blamey, David Bolton, Darren Crowder, Theresa Daniels, Ashley Dinwiddie, Gordon Dutile, Bob Glidwell, Brent Good, Rob Harris, Ron Maupin, Bob McGlasson, Stephanie Miller, Stan Norman, Sharina Smith, Shawn Summers, President Pat Taylor, Ed Walton, Steve Whisler, Jennifer Wilson, and Linda Wooderson.

Guests in attendance were Allen Palmeri, reporter for The Pathway, and Jennifer Harris, reporter for Word and Way.

Chair Fahrni called for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 8, 2007 Board meeting. Hedger moved and Hutchins seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Dwight Haun, assistant professor of education and president of Faculty Senate, gave the Faculty Senate report.

Houston led in prayer for trustees who are ill and for Gary Gilmore who is serving in Iraq.

Taylor delivered the State of the University address.

At 10:07 a.m. the meeting recessed for standing committee meetings, trustee luncheon, and the Jim Mellers Center tour.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

At 2:30 p.m. the Board meeting resumed.

### **Executive Committee**

Secretary Houston presented the recommendation from the Executive Committee to approve the 2007-2012 Strategic Plan. Secretary Houston informed the Board of three bullet points which the executive committee had made minor wording revisions. No discussion followed. The recommendation passed unanimously.

The second recommendation from the Executive Committee will be presented during executive session.

Chair Fahrni solicited honorary doctorate nominations from the trustees to be submitted to the president's office by the end of October. Chair Fahrni asked Hutchins to serve as the trustee-at-large on the honorary doctorate committee. Hutchins agreed.

### **Admissions and Student Life Committee**

Committee Chair Rebecca Randles delivered the report. Randles directed board members to the admissions' publications that had been distributed to each trustee, pointing out that all of it is created in house. The contract with Noel-Levitz has been extended for 3 years to include EMS, a predictive modeling tool used for enrollment, as well as web design instruction. Rob Harris has created an Applied Christian Living Committee to get students involved in activities that creatively teach them how to live out a biblical worldview. Randles pointed out the email printed in the trustee report commending the football player's behavior.

### **Buildings and Grounds Committee**

Committee Chair Phil Franz delivered the report. Franz reported about the Leslie Hall mold problem and Taylor gave more information. The committee is working on determining more specific ways to enhance the appearance of the campus.

### **Educational Policies and Personnel Committee**

Committee Chair Clyde Elder delivered the report. The committee expressed appreciation for new personnel and the recent equity increases.

### **Finance Committee**

Committee Chair Cary Summers delivered the report. Summers introduced Kim Hamm with BKD who presented the 2006-2007 audit findings. Summers presented the recommendation to accept the FY 2006-2007 audit; no discussion, motion passed unanimously. Summers presented the recommendation to adopt the future fund spending policy; no discussion, motion passed unanimously. Ron Maupin distributed two contingency explanation documents concerning the budget to each board member. Summers presented the recommendation to adopt the revised FY 2007-2008 budget; no discussion, motion passed unanimously. Summers presented the recommendation to adopt the changed investment asset allocation with the Missouri Baptist Foundation. Brief discussion followed, motion passed unanimously. Summers presented the recommendation to adopt the investment policy changes suggested by the SBU Investment Committee; no discussion, motion passed unanimously.

**University Advancement and Estate Planning Committee**

Committee Chair Wayne Gott delivered the report. Gott highlighted some of the totals in the trustee report. The total for the endowment at the end of the 2006-2007 fiscal year was \$18,494,269.

**Other Business**

Taylor recognized three trustees who are rotating off of the board: Art Allen, David Tolliver, and Mark Boley (most likely will switch to Hannibal-LaGrange with Mike Green joining the SBU board).

At 3:30 p.m. the business session adjourned and executive session commenced.

*Minutes submitted by Ashley Dinwiddie*

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*Mark Houston, Secretary  
Southwest Baptist University Board of Trustees*

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