

MINUTES
SOUTHWEST BAPTIST UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Tuesday, May 6, 2008

OPENING SESSION

Vice Chair Mark Rains called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. Vice Chair Rains introduced Rob Harris, dean of students, who presented the devotional and led in prayer.

Secretary Mark Houston called roll. Trustees in attendance were Clarence Barber, Bill Bolerjack, Gary Brown, Marcy Carter, Syndee Chase, Clyde Elder, Phil Franz, Mike Green, Berniece Hamilton, Rick Hedger, Secretary Mark Houston, Bob Killian, Gary Longenecker, David Mason, Larry Payton, Vice Chair Mark Rains, Cary Summers, Gary Urich, and Jerry Williams.

Trustee Chair Don Fahrni, Gary Gilmore, Wayne Gott, Wayne Hutchins, David McAlpin, and Rebecca Randles were unable to attend.

Faculty and staff in attendance were Allison Blamey, Darren Crowder, Theresa Daniels, Tim DeClue, Ashley Dinwiddie, Gordon Dutile, Bob Glidwell, Brent Good, Rob Harris, Dwight Haun, Greg Lober, Ron Maupin, Bob McGlasson, Stephanie Miller, Stan Norman, Cindy Rice, Sharina Smith, Shawn Summers, President Pat Taylor, Ed Walton, Granville Watson, Steve Whisler, David Whitlock, Jennifer Wilson, Linda Wooderson, and Angie Wright.

Guests in attendance were Charlotte Marsh, reporter for the Bolivar Herald Free Press, Jennifer Harris, reporter for the Word and Way, and student Ivry Karamitros, SGA president.

Vice Chair Rains called for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 5, 2008 Board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

SGA president Ivry Karamitros gave a report on the events and projects that Student Government has been working on this year.

Allison Blamey, payroll supervisor and Staff Council chair, reported on the accomplishments and past and future projects of the Staff Council.

Taylor delivered the State of the University address.

Tim DeClue, chair of the computer and information sciences department, presented the CIS students and their recent accomplishments and awards.

David Whitlock, dean of the college of business and computer science, presented the Students In Free Enterprise. The SIFE Team delivered their competition presentation, outlining their projects and successes of this year.

At 10:25 a.m. the meeting recessed for standing committee meetings and the trustee luncheon.

BUSINESS SESSION

At 1:50 p.m. the Board meeting resumed.

Executive Committee

Committee member Phil Franz presented the action item for the 2008/09 Board meeting dates. Franz informed the Board that the October meeting dates were scheduled after Homecoming events. No discussion followed. The recommendation passed unanimously. Franz presented the action item for assistance to Union University with the proposed changes within the resolution. Discussion followed. The resolution passed unanimously.

Admissions and Student Life Committee

Committee member Gary Longenecker delivered the report. The current enrollment goal for the fall 2008 semester is 1,562, though Taylor would like to see 1,600. Housing numbers reported in the trustee report indicate a total of 955 students assigned to campus housing. The total is now closer to 1,000 students with housing assignments. Longenecker presented the action item for using future fund earnings for a storage area network project. Bob McGlasson, vice president for information and technology services, explained the project in more detail and distributed a handout. This is a three year project requiring about \$40,000 per year. The resolution passed unanimously.

Buildings and Grounds Committee

Committee Chair Phil Franz delivered the report. Franz reported that the total for capital improvement projects is \$1,072,700. Electricity and propane prices are continually increasing, therefore affecting the budget. The physical plant has completed 4,300 work orders so far this year with 200 remaining.

Educational Policies and Personnel Committee

Committee Chair Clyde Elder delivered the report. Elder conveyed how pleased the committee is with the many accomplishments of the faculty and students.

Finance Committee

Committee Chair Cary Summers delivered the report. Summers presented the action item for adoption of the FY 2008/09 budget. He pointed out specific pages within the budget sheets that were previously mailed to each trustee. Discussion followed. The resolution passed unanimously. Summers presented the action item for post-retirement benefits FY 2008/09, a yearly action item. No discussion, resolution passed unanimously. Summers presented the action item for credit and debit card charges with the changes proposed by the executive committee. Discussion followed, resolution passed unanimously.

University Advancement and Estate Planning Committee

Committee member Gary Brown delivered the report. Brown commended fellow committee member Berniece Hamilton on her upcoming SBU graduation. Taylor pointed out the endowment total on page 63, and his hopes to reach the goal of \$19,000,000 soon.

Other Business

Taylor reported about the chemical spill in the Wheeler Science Center last Tuesday. He commended the faculty, staff, safety and security, and the agencies that responded so efficiently. The emergency response information sent through text messaging seemed to work well.

Vice Chair Rains made a motion to form a nominating committee for officers and committee chairs for the next two years. Chair Fahrni, though absent, recommended a committee consisting of himself, Dr. Taylor, Phil Franz, Gary Gilmore, and Wayne Gott. Barber seconded the motion, passed unanimously.

At 2:40 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