

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2016**

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The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 15, 2016 in the Founders Hall Chapel to consider University matters.

**PRESIDING: MR. MACKE MAULDIN**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:32 p.m. by Mr. Macke Mauldin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals registered to speak to the Board.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call, the following Board members were present and constituted a quorum to conduct business:

Ms. Crystal Brown  
Mr. Ronnie Chronister  
Mr. Macke Mauldin  
Senator Arthur Orr  
Ms. Maxine Randolph  
Mr. Clint Shelton  
Mr. Taze Shepard  
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried

Also present were Dr. Robert Glenn, President of Athens State University and Ms. Jackie Gooch, Secretary to the Board, and Mr. Shane Black, University Legal Counsel. Governor Robert Bentley, Ms. Cathy Dickens and Dr. Mark Heinrich were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board approved the agenda by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Shepard and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the minutes of the January 15, 2016 Board meeting by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

**OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Mr. Chris Anderson distributed and presented a report from CDPA Certified Public Accountants regarding the audit of the University's financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2015. The firm issued an unqualified opinion regarding the audit. Mr. Anderson stated that this is the best rating the University could

receive on an audit. On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board accepted the 2015 Fiscal Audit report.

## **NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **2016-2017 Tuition/Fee Schedule (Attachment A)**

Mr. Shepard provided a report from the Finance and Facilities Committee regarding this agenda item. Upon review of the recommendation, Mr. Shepard motioned to amend the Recommendation for Action to read:

It is recommended that the Athens State University Board of Trustees authorize the Executive Committee of the Board, pending further budget analysis, to adjust the distance learning tuition rate and/or increase the traditional tuition rate with a net effect of no greater than 5%.

This motion and amendment was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

### **Strategic Plan Report Card (Attachment B)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board accepted the 2014-2015 Strategic Plan report card. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

### **Retirement Scholarship Program (Attachment C)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board authorized Dr. Robert Glenn to implement the Retirement Scholarship Program which requires the transfer of monies from *unrestricted* into *restricted* budget categories for the endowment of retirement scholarships. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Area updates were presented to the Board of Trustees during the working lunch by the following individuals:

Dr. Ron Ingle, Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. Mike McCoy, Vice President for Financial Affairs  
Mr. Keith Ferguson – Vice President for University Advancement  
Ms. Sarah McAbee – Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services  
Ms. Belinda Krigel – Chief Information Officer  
Dr. Michael Essary – Presiding Officer, Faculty Senate

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Glenn reviewed updates and announcements with the Board during the working lunch.

## **REPORT AND CLOSING COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance

**Enrollment and Students Services – chaired by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried**

**Academic Affairs – chaired by Mr. Mauldin** in the absence of Dr. Heinrich  
**Finance and Facilities – chaired by Mr. Shepard** in the absence of Ms. Dickens

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Ms. Brown, the Board accepted the Enrollment/Student Services Board Committee report, the Academic Affairs Committee report and the Finance and Facilities Committee report. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried expressed appreciation to the Mauldin family for the recent scholarship endowment. Mr. Mauldin credited Mr. Rick Mould for the inspiration to establish this endowment and also Dr. Keith Ferguson for his support with this effort.

Mr. Mauldin and Dr. Sims-deGraffenried expressed gratitude to Dr. Ingle for his service to the University.

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried expressed appreciation to Senator Orr for his continued support of the University.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Shepard, Mr. Mauldin adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:13 p.m.