

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 17, 2014**

---

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 17, 2014 in the Sandridge Student Center Ballroom to consider University matters.

**PRESIDING: DR. SANDRA SIMS-deGRAFFENRIED  
CHAIR PRO TEMPORE OF THE BOARD**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Mark Durm, Presiding Officer of the Faculty Senate, addressed the Board regarding a request for the Board to consider appointing Faculty members to the Board of Trustee committees.

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried and Dr. Glenn agreed that the Board wants faculty involvement. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried expressed appreciation for all that the faculty does for the University and the students. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried stated that Board committees had not yet met. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried also stated that once the Board the committees got organized and started working that faculty involvement would be solicited.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried  
Ms. Cathy Dickens  
Mr. Garth Lovvorn  
Mr. Macke Mauldin  
Senator Arthur Orr  
Ms. Maxine Randolph  
Mr. Tazewell Shepard

Also present were Dr. Robert Glenn, President of Athens State University and Ms. Jackie Gooch, Secretary to the Board. Governor Robert Bentley, Dr. Mark Heinrich, Ms. Mary Scott Hunter and Mr. Clint Shelton were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Senator Arthur Orr requested to suspend the rules to amend the agenda to allow an addition under New Business concerning a proposed resolution. Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried also wanted to add an item under New Business concerning updating/modernizing the kitchen of the President's Home. On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn, the Board approved the amended agenda by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Tazewell Shepard and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens, the Board approved the minutes of the October 18, 2013 Board meeting by the affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

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

Dr. Glenn reported that the additional sections (students, staff, administration, Board of Trustees) of the shared governance document have been drafted. These sections will be added to the faculty section of the document to form a comprehensive shared governance document for the University. These additional sections are being edited for consistency and sent back for review to the appropriate areas. This task should be completed soon. It is envisioned that the faculty constitution and the staff constitution would be developed from this document.

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

### **Board of Visitors Nomination/Appointment (Attachment A)**

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, the Board approved and appointed the following individuals to serve on the Board of Visitors for the terms specified. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

#### **College of Arts and Sciences**

Lynn Lane (1 year)

#### **College of Business**

Jim America (3 years)

Jeff Bass (1 year)

#### **College of Education**

Guy McClure, Sr. (2 years)

### **President's Goals (Attachment B)**

Dr. Glenn briefly reviewed his goals. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried commended Dr. Glenn for his vision with regards to the goals. These goals will be used for the President's evaluation in July 2014.

On a motion made by Mr. Tazewell Shepard and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn, the Board approved the President's goals as submitted to the Compensation Sub-Committee. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **Degree Review Resolution (Attachment C)**

Senator Arthur Orr distributed the recommended resolution for consideration. Senator Orr reiterated that the University should be doing everything that can be done to increase access for students.

Dr. Glenn read the resolution in its entirety to all present. The resolution authorizes the President to take reasonable steps to review all degree programs for maximum access and to ensure that the baccalaureate degree programs are limited to a 124 credit hour requirement, except for those degree programs that have external accrediting requirements and to provide a report and plan of action at the April 18, 2014 Board of Trustees' meeting.

On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn, the Board approved and adopted a Degree Review Resolution. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **Modernizing/Updating the Kitchen of the President's Home (Attachment D)**

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried stated that the kitchen of the President's Home is in need of modernizing. Item 7.4 of the President's contract states that "Board shall appoint a member or members of the Board to serve as a liaison for the purpose of remodeling, renovating, and/or furnishing of said residence." Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and Mr. Garth Lovvorn volunteered to serve.

Mr. Tazewell Shepard asked Dr. Glenn how many times a month the President's Home is used for University events. Dr. Glenn stated that the President's Home is used 1-2 times per month. Events include campus-wide events, thank you dinners to donors, dinners to solicit support from potential donors, etc.

On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Mr. Tazewell Shepard, the Board approved the updating/modernizing of the kitchen of the President's Home and for Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and Mr. Lovvorn to serve as liaisons for this purpose. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Dr. Ron Cromwell, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs  
Mr. Rick Mould, Vice President for University Advancement  
Ms. Sarah McAbee – Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services  
Dr. Mark Durm – Presiding Office, Faculty Senate  
Mr. Mike McCoy, Vice President for Financial Affairs

Mr. McCoy presented a financial report that included a budget summary and update. On a motion by Mr. Tazewell Shepard and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, the Board accepted the financial report. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Glenn provided updates and announcements and introduced Dr. Patricia Sims as the new Dean for the College of Education and Dr. Kim LaFevor as the new Dean for the College of Business.

Dr. Glenn thanked all faculty, especially members of the College of Education, for attending the Board meeting.

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

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried thanked everyone for the reports/presentations.

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried welcomed Dr. Sims to Athens State University and welcomed Dr. LaFevor to her new role in the College of Business.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Tazewell Shepard and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn, and there being no further business, Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:30 p.m.