

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
JULY 17, 2015**

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The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015 in the Founders Hall Chapel to consider University matters.

**PRESIDING: MR. MACKE MAULDIN**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. by Mr. Macke Mauldin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dr. Sam Khoury, requested via email to Mr. Mike McCoy dated July 2, 2015, to address the Board.

Dr. Sam Khoury, via email to Mr. Mike McCoy dated July 17, 2015 at 11:57 am CDT, requested to withdraw his request and be removed from the agenda.

**ROLL CALL**

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

Ms. Crystal Brown  
Dr. Mark Heinrich  
Mr. Garth Lovvorn  
Mr. Macke Mauldin  
Ms. Maxine Randolph  
Mr. Clint Shelton  
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. Mark Waggoner, University Legal Counsel and Representatives from the CDPA Accounting Firm. Governor Robert Bentley, Ms. Cathy Dickens, Senator Arthur Orr and Mr. Tazewell Shepard were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, the Board approved the agenda by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board approved the minutes of the April 17, 2015 Board meeting by the affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

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

Chairman Mauldin presented the minutes and action from the June 3, 2015 Executive Committee meeting.

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, 2014. The firm issued an unqualified opinion regarding the audit. Mr. Anderson stated that this is the best rating the University could receive on the audit.

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

### **Amended Board of Trustee By-Laws (Attachment A)**

On a motion made by Dr. Heinrich and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board approved the amended Board of Trustee By-Laws. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **Board of Trustees Executive Committee Charter (Attachment B)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, the Board approved the Charter for the Board of Trustees Executive Committee. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **AY 2015-2016 Tuition/Fee Schedule (Attachment C)**

On a motion made by Mr. Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the AY 2015-2016 Tuition/Fee Schedule. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **AY 2015-2016 Budget (Attachment D)**

On a motion made by Dr. Heinrich and seconded by Mr. Shelton, the Board approved the 2015-2016 Budget as presented by Vice President McCoy. This budget included a 2% pay raise for University employees and \$63,299 in Step Increases. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **Advance Refunding of 2007 Bond Issue (Attachment E)**

On a motion made by Dr. Heinrich and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, the Board approved the advanced refunding of the 2007 bond issue through private financing from a local financial institution. In addition, the Board approved that the Board of Trustees Executive Committee has the authority, once refinance details are finalized, to grant final approval on the refinance up to \$9.8 million. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

### **Board Retreat and 2016 Board Meeting Dates (Attachment F)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Brown, the Board approved the following Board of Trustee Retreat and meeting dates with the understanding that the time format could be altered based on Board preference.

Board Retreat: April 15, 2016 (8:00 am – 12:00 Noon)

Board Meetings: January 15, 2016  
April 15, 2016  
July 15, 2016  
October 21, 2016

This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

**Athens State University Board of Trustees Committees and Composition (Attachment G)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Shelton, the Board approved the following committees and membership for 2015-2016. Further, the Board approved the individuals who served by position in 2014-2015 continue service in 2015-2016.

**Executive Committee**

Macke Mauldin, Chair  
Cathy Dickens  
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried  
Dr. Mark Heinrich  
Dr. Robert Glenn (non-voting)

**Enrollment/Student Affairs Committee**

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, Chair  
Macke Mauldin, *Ex-Officio* (voting)  
Maxine Randolph  
Ronnie Chronister  
1 faculty member  
1 staff member  
Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services  
2 Board of Visitors  
Dr. Robert Glenn (non-voting)

**Finance and Facilities Committee**

Cathy Dickens, Chair  
Macke Mauldin, *Ex-Officio* (voting)  
Tazewell Shepard  
Senator Arthur Orr  
1 faculty member  
1 staff member  
Vice President for Financial Affairs  
2 Board of Visitors  
Dr. Robert Glenn (non-voting)

**Academic Affairs Committee**

Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chair  
Macke Mauldin, *Ex-Officio* (voting)  
Cathy Dickens, *Ex-Officio* (voting)  
Clint Shelton  
Crystal Brown  
1 faculty member – College of Education  
1 faculty member – College of Business

1 faculty member – College of Arts and Sciences  
1 staff member  
Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs  
1 Board of Visitor – College of Education  
1 Board of Visitor – College of Business  
1 Board of Visitor – College and Arts and Sciences  
Dr. Robert Glenn (non-voting)

This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

**President’s Contract (Attachment H)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Brown, the Board approved to amend Section 8.1 of the President Contract.

**Section 8.1 (Current)**

As a condition of his employment as President, the University requires the President to drive, in the performance of his duties, an automobile that appropriately reflects his position. Therefore, the University will pay to the President a vehicle allowance of \$650.00 per month for the President to lease or purchase and maintain such an automobile.

**Section 8.1(Amended)**

The University desires that the President should drive, in the performance of his duties, an automobile that appropriately reflects his position. As such, the University will provide the President with an automobile for his use. The President may select the desired make and model of the automobile, and to the extent the same is reasonably available, the University will obtain such type of automobile at its expense, but the University shall not be required to expend more than \$650.00 per month for such purpose.

This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

**Resolution: Service Commendation (Attachment I)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Dr. Heinrich, the Board adopted a resolution honoring Mr. Rick Mould for his service to the University. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

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

- Dr. Jackie Smith, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs
- Mr. Mike McCoy, Vice President for Financial Affairs
- Ms. Sarah McAbee – Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services
- Ms. Belinda Krigel – Chief Information Officer
- Dr. Robert White – Presiding Officer, Faculty Senate
- Mr. Damon Lares – Presiding Officer, Staff Senate

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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

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

### **Presentation from Chairman Mauldin**

Chairman Mauldin recognized Mr. Lovvorn's service on the Athens State University Board of Trustees. Mr. Lovvorn's term will end on September 30, 2015.

### **Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance**

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

Academic Affairs – chaired by Dr. Heinrich

Finance and Facilities – chaired by Mr. Mauldin in the absence of Ms. Dickens

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Shelton, Mr. Mauldin adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 2:28 p.m.