

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
JULY 19, 2013**

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The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 19, 2013 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 2:08 p.m. by Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no individuals registered to address the Board of Trustees.

**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  
Ms. Maxine Randolph  
Mr. Clint Shelton

Also present were Dr. Robert Glenn, President of Athens State University and Ms. Jackie Gooch, Recording Secretary. Governor Robert Bentley, Dr. Mark Heinrich, Ms. Mary Scott Hunter, Senator Arthur Orr and Mr. Tazewell Shepard were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn the Board approved the agenda by affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Mr. Garth Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens, the Board approved the minutes of the April 19, 2013 Board meeting by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

**OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

There was no old business, pending motions and resolutions before the Board.

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

### **Adopt Resolution for Legal Liability Policy Coverage for Board of Trustees (Attachment A)**

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens the Board approved the adoption of a Resolution for Legal Liability Policy Coverage for Board of Trustees by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

### **Employment Contract for President (Attachment B)**

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried explained terms of the recommended Presidential Contract to be a roll over contract for \$200,000 per year for 3 years. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried thanked the committee of Mr. Lovvorn, Mr. Shelton and Mr. Shepard for their work on this contract. The Board members have received the proposed contract.

On a motion made by Mr. Clint Shelton and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, the President's contract was approved.

Mr. Shelton amended his motion to allow Dr. Sims-deGraffenried to execute the employment contract for the President on behalf of the Board and the University. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

### **Lease, Sell, Disposal of University Property (Attachment C)**

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens, the recommendation to grant authority to the President of the University to execute any lease, deed, or other instrument of conveyance on behalf of the University and the Board of Trustees was approved by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

### **Tuition/Fee Schedule for AY 2013-2014 (Attachment D)**

Mr. Mike McCoy provided tuition/fee schedule information to the Board and explained options. Dr. Glenn reiterated that the proposed adjustment was for face-to-face and blended courses and would only affect around 40% of Athens State students. Dr. Glenn reaffirmed that the faculty, staff and administration at Athens State is always concerned about access and affordability for the students. Mr. Mauldin stated that for the future, it would be crucial to find more efficient ways to provide education rather than raising tuition. Dr. Glenn concurred with Mr. Mauldin's statement and stated that there were other avenues being researched (i.e., guaranteeing tuition rates for students if they complete their degree within a certain timeframe).

On a motion made by Ms. Cathy Dickens and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn, the tuition/fee scheduled for AY 2013-2014 was approved by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

### **2013-2014 Budget (Attachment E)**

Mr. Mike McCoy presented the 2013-2014 budget to include a 1% cost-of-living increase for University employees.

On a motion made by Mr. Clint Shelton and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, the 2013-2014 Budget was approved by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

**University Legal Counsel (Attachment F)**

On a motion made by Mr. Garth Lovvorn and seconded by Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, the firm of Hand Arendall, LLC was approved as University Legal Counsel for the University and further authorized the President of the University to obtain additional legal Counsel as circumstances dictate.

Mr. Lovvorn amended his motion to add the following statement: "Such legal counsel or legal firm selected by the President shall not have brought legal action against Athens State University nor any other two or four year public education institution in Alabama".

The motion to approve Hand Arendall, LLC and add the aforementioned statement was approved by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

**Appointment of Board Secretary (Attachment G)**

Dr. Robert Glenn recommended that the Athens State University Board of Trustees appoint Jackie Gooch as Secretary to the Board. Dr. Glenn explained that Ms. Gooch has been performing the duties as Secretary to the Board since October 2012 and is uniquely qualified for this appointment. Dr. Glenn further explained that there would be some reorganization of duties within the President's Office to include policy development with Ms. Gooch's duties.

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn, the appointment of Ms. Jackie Gooch as Secretary to the Board was approved by the affirmative votes (6-0) of members present.

**Establishment of/Appointment to Board Committees (Attachment H)**

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried provided a brief overview of the committee structure. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried thanked the trustees for their willingness to serve on the various committees.

On a motion made by Ms. Cathy Dickens and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph the Board approved, by affirmative votes (6-0) of members present, the establishment of the following Board Committees and appointed the trustees as indicated.

**Executive Committee**

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, Chair  
Tazewell Shepard  
Macke Mauldin  
Dr. Mark Heinrich  
Dr. Bob Glenn

**Committee on Finance and Facilities**

Macke Mauldin, Chair  
Mary Scott Hunter  
Garth Lovvorn  
Senator Arthur Orr  
Dr. Bob Glenn  
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, ex-officio (voting)

**Committee on Academics, Student Services, and Enrollment Management**

Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chair  
Clint Shelton  
Maxine Randolph

Cathy Dickens  
Dr. Bob Glenn  
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, ex-officio (voting)

**Final Visit: AGB Consultant – Dr. Tom Meredith**

Dr. Glenn reported that as a follow-up on the original agreement with AGB there will be a final visit from the AGB Consultant who provided Board training, Dr. Tom Meredith. Dr. Glenn recommended that Dr. Meredith conduct this final visit on the morning of October 18, 2013. Board members approved the visit by consensus.

**Board Retreat and 2014 Board Meeting Dates (Attachment I)**

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Clint Shelton the Board approved, by affirmative votes (6-0) of members present, the following dates/times for the Board Retreat and 2014 Board meeting dates.

Board Retreat: Thursday, January 16, 2014  
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Board Meeting Dates: Friday, January 17, 2014 at 9:00 am  
Friday, April 18, 2014 at 9:00 am  
Friday, July 18, 2014 at 2:00 pm  
Friday, October 17, 2014 at 2:00 pm

**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 – Interim Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services  
Ms. Belinda Krigel, Chief Information Officer  
Ms. Lynn Frank – Presiding Officer, Staff Senate  
Dr. Mark Durm – Presiding Office, Faculty Senate  
Mr. Mike McCoy, Vice President for Financial Affairs

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT**

Dr. Glenn provided the dates of the AGB Conference for 2014. Dr. Glenn requested that the Board think about who would need attend next year.

Dr. Glenn announced that Professor Laura Lynn Kerner has been tapped to receive the Girl Scouts of North-Central Alabama’s Distinguished Woman Award. This award will be presented on August 8, 2013.

Dr. Glenn reported that he had appointed a Task Force on Shared Governance. This Task Force has completed their work and the document is being reviewed by University Legal Counsel. Dr. Glenn will give a final report on this document at the October Board meeting.

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

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried thanked everyone for the presentations. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried also shared a list of things learned at the AGB National Conference she attended in April.

Mr. Garth Lovvorn spoke of his recent visit to Belmont College with the Mayor of Athens, City Councilmen, County Commissioners and University Representatives. Discussion is ongoing regarding a partnership with the City, County and the University to renovate Carter Hall into a Civic Center. An RFP will be completed in the near future.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens and there being no further business, Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 4:07 p.m.