

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 21, 2017**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017 in the Founders Hall Chapel to consider University matters.

PRESIDING: MS. CATHY DICKENS

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:28 p.m. by Mr. Ronnie Chronister.

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. Tazewell 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. Chris Anderson and Stephanie Blair from Christopher, Pepper, Durham and Armstrong (CDPA) Certified Accountants were also present. Governor Kay Ivey, Chancellor Jimmy Baker, and Cathy Dickens were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board approved the minutes of the January 20, 2017, 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, 2016. The firm issued an

unqualified opinion regarding the audit. On a motion by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board accepted the 2016 Fiscal Audit.

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

2017-2018 Tuition Rate Authorization (Attachment A)

On a motion made by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board authorized the Executive Committee of the Board, pending further budget analysis, to adjust the tuition/fee rate no greater than 5% for AY 2017-2018. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Balancing the needs of the University with keeping tuition costs as low as possible was reiterated by Mr. Mauldin.

President's Contract Amendment 2017 (Attachment B)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved amendment to Sections 3.2, 3.4, 4.1, 4.2, and 4.5 of the President's contract. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Board of Visitor Nomination/Appointments (Attachment C)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Mauldin, the Board approved the appointment of Jim America to the College of Business Board of Visitors for a second term (3 years). This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Academic Program – Option: Health Care Management for B.S. in Health Science (Attachment D)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the Option: Health Care Management for the B.S. in Health Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Academic Program – NISP Approval: B.S. in Health Care Management (Attachment E)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the NISP: B.S. in Health Care Management for the College of Business. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Academic Program – Certificate Approval: Human Resources Management (Attachment F)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the Certificate in Human Resources Management for the College of Business. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Affirmation and Acceptance and Adoption: Board of Trustees Statement on Inclusion and Civility (Attachment G)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board affirmed, accepted, and adopted the Statement on Inclusion and Civility. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Resolution 1-04-21-2017: Service Commendation (Attachment H)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board adopted a resolution honoring Dr. Jesse Brown for his 26 years of service to the University. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

OTHER BUSINESS

None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Glenn reviewed announcements with the Board during the Retreat.

REPORT AND CLOSING COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance

Enrollment and Student Services – chaired by Ms. Randolph

Academic Affairs – chaired by Ms. Brown

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

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board accepted the Enrollment/Student Services Board Committee report, the Academic Affairs Committee report and the Finance and Facilities Committee reports as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Shepard, and on a voice vote of members present, Mr. Chronister adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:17 pm.