

**The University of West Alabama
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
December 3, 2001, 10:30 a.m.**

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting
- IV. McIlwain Bell Awards
- V. Land Use and Facilities Committee Report
- VI. Report from Student Government Association
- VII. Consideration of Extension of President Roach's Contract
- VIII. Recess

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Student Union Building**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Preston Minus, Chairman *pro tem*, called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Minus asked Mr. Noland to call the roll. Members present were as follows:

Mr. Terry Bunn
Mr. Dwight Duke
Mrs. Lena Hardaway
Mr. Robert Keahey
Mr. Preston Minus
Mrs. Louise Nolen
Dr. Doris Oliveira
Mr. Alex Saad
Mr. John Smith
Mr. Thed Spree
Dr. Tom Umphrey
Mr. Nat Watkins

Mr. Paul Hamrick was absent.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no changes to the minutes from the meetings held on September September 10, 2001, which had previously been sent to the Trustees. Mr. Spree moved to approve the minutes, with Mr. Smith seconding, and the motion passed.

IV. MCILWAIN BELL AWARDS

President Roach presented the McIlwain Bell Awards that were endowed by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cunningham several years ago. Dr. Roach reported that the McIlwain Bell Awards Committee recommended the following: Dr. Louis Smith for the Trustee Professorship Award, Mrs. Nancy Taylor for the Professional Staff Award, and Mrs. Kaye Bryan for the Support Staff Award. Mr. Nat Watkins moved to accept this slate of recipients; Mr. Dwight Duke seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Dr. Roach presented each recipient with a plaque and a check.

V. LAND USE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Dwight Duke, Chair, reported that the Land Use and Facilities Committee makes the following motions:

Motion #1 - to approve plans for construction of the Waste Water Treatment Center from private funds. Motion passed.

Motion #2 - to approve the sewer easement on University property for the Crawford/Patrenos property. Motion passed

Motion #3 - to allocate \$100,000 of PSCA funds to the construction of the Library addition and the Bell Conference Center projects, which will replace \$100,000 of 1999 Bond Funds to be transferred to the UWA Foundation and designated for Baseball Dressing Rooms in the amount of \$75,000 and the Rodeo Complex in the amount of \$25,000.

Motion #4 - to allocate two grants in the amount of \$50,000 each (total \$100,000) from the Department of Agriculture and Industries given for the furtherance and promotion of agriculture for the benefit of the citizens of Alabama to the Rodeo Complex; and, further, these funds are to be transferred to the UWA Foundation for use with other funds for the Rodeo complex.

Mr. Smith seconded these motions, and they passed, with Mr. Saad voting against Motion #4.

VI. SGA Report

Ms. Erin Ekhart, President of UWA SGA, reported on the SGA and student activities. She said that the SGA attend the Higher Education Partnership meetings on a regular basis.

VII. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Roach requested that his remarks become a part of the official minutes of this meeting and that he had provided the Assistant Secretary a copy for this purpose.

He congratulated John Crawford on being hired at the University of Montevallo, and explained that this position is similar to Clemit Spruiell's at UWA.

Dr. Roach reported that even after 6.2% proration the University faced this past year, there was an increase in the ending fund balance in the amount of \$80,000. He credited this increase to realized savings across campus, as mandated by the Governor's declaration of proration, and also an increase in overall revenues.

The Wastewater Training Center received a \$150,000 grant from ALFA and a \$17,000 grant from ADEM.

The College of Business received full accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

Dr. Roach said the student enrollment is the highest it has been since 1998, with the highest number of transfer students and graduate students.

Dr. Roach reported on the campus building projects -- Bell Conference Center, addition to the Julia Tutwiler Library, and the baseball clubhouse. He also said that the Greenways/Tiger Trails Project, which will enhance the overall appearance of the campus, is in the planning stage.

He said the Annual Fund Campaign exceeded its goal by 31% and the Technology Capital Campaign has reached the half million-dollar mark in pledges, making it the largest fundraising campaign in the institution's history.

Dr. Roach reported on the success of Homecoming and the unveiling and dedication of the UWA Gallery of Presidential Portraits.

He stressed the importance of the upcoming visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools on April 14-17, 2002.

VIII. CONSIDERATION OF EXTENSION OF PRESIDENT'S CONTRACT

Mr. Watkins made a motion to consider the extension of President Roach's contract, which is scheduled to expire on February 28, 2002. The

motion was seconded by Mr. Bunn. Mr. Saad and Dr. Umphrey expressed their support for President Roach.

The Chairman *pro tem* requested that Mr. Noland have a roll call vote.

Voting was as follows:

Terry Bunn - Aye
Dwight Duke - Nay
Lena Hardaway - Abstained
Robert Keahey - Nay
Preston Minus - Nay
Louise Nolen - Aye
Doris Oliveira - Nay
Alex Saad - Aye
John Smith - Nay
Thed Spree - Nay
Tom Umphrey - Aye
Nat Watkins - Nay

Mr. Minus said the motion to extend President Roach's contract failed. He then appointed a committee to search for an interim president, as follows: Clemit Spruiell (Chair), Bob Holycross, Richard Holland, Micky Smith, Gary Stone, Lawson Edmonds, Danny Buckalew, Raiford Noland, and Janis Beard. He requested that a slate of at least three names, but not more than five, be presented to the Board for consideration. He said he would call Mr. Spruiell to advise him when the committee should meet to begin this process.

Mr. Bunn said the University's Attorney, Mike Kendrick, advised him that it would take eight votes to terminate the President. Mr. Minus then stated that the vote to renew the President's contract did not pass, the contract expires February 28, 2002, and the President's employment is terminated as of that date.

VIII. RECESS

There was no further business, and Mr. Minus recessed the meeting at 11:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Saad, Secretary

T. Raiford Noland, Assistant Secretary