

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**The University of West Alabama**  
**Bell Conference Center**  
**March 2, 2009, 10:30 a.m.**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes for December 1, 2008, Meeting
- V. Report of the Board President (Mrs. Margaret Lovett)
  - A. Approval of Board and Committee Meetings Schedule for 2009-2010
- VI. Report of Executive Committee (Mrs. Margaret Lovett)
- VII. Report of Student Affairs Committee (Mr. Thed Spree)
- VIII. Report from Black Faculty and Staff Association (Dr. B. J. Kimbrough)
- IX. Report from University Provost (Dr. David Taylor)
- X. Report from University President (Dr. Richard Holland)
- XI. Adjourn

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Margaret Lovett, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. Ballow, Secretary, to call the roll. Attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Tom Ballow, Mr. Terry Bunn, Mrs. Becky Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, Mr. John Northcutt, Rev. Willie O'Neil, Mr. Alex Saad, and Mr. Thed Spree. Trustees not attending were: Mrs. Lena Hardaway, Dr. Louise Nolen, and Mr. John Smith.

Mr. Ballow announced that a quorum was present.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There were no changes to the Agenda as previously transmitted to the Board.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2008, MEETING**

Mrs. Lovett asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the December meeting. Mr. Saad made a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting held on December 1, 2008; Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion; and the minutes were approved.

## **V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Lovett said one item that needs to be considered is the schedule for regular Board Meetings and Committee Meetings for 2009-2010. She said some changes had to be made to the schedule because the regular meeting dates have conflicts. Mrs. Lovett stated that the September 7, 2009, meeting will be held on September 14, due to the Labor Day holiday and the December 7, 2009, meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009. She said this change is necessary because of the annual SACS meeting being held on the first Monday of December. A motion was made by Mr. Northcutt and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to approve the schedule with the noted changes.

Mrs. Lovett said the next item in her report is concerning a resolution that is going to be presented to some guests in attendance. She asked Mrs. Denise Taylor, Public Relations and Communications Manager, and Mr. Craig Romanelli, Plant Manager, from CIBA Corporation to join her at the podium, along with the Board members, as she proceeded to read the resolution. CIBA presented the University with a check for \$100,000 in support of the UWA Organic Chemistry program and the laboratory will be named the CIBA Organic Chemistry Laboratory in recognition and appreciation of CIBA's

friendship, continued support, and lasting commitment to the University.

Mrs. Taylor and Mr. Romanelli extended their appreciation for the resolution. Mrs. Lovett said the University would have the resolution framed and sent to the McIntosh office.

## **VI. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lovett reported that the Executive Committee met this morning and they discussed an amendment to the Board Bylaws. She indicated, however, that the matter was tabled to obtain more information about the proposed change. Mrs. Lovett said the budget was discussed and how proration had affected the current financial situation at UWA. She said a new University Strategic Plan will be in the development stages in the near future. Other informational items were presented, in particular the agreement with the Guangdong University of Finance in China and the agreement with the Konyang University in Korea.

Mrs. Lovett indicated a motion was passed in the Executive Committee meeting to give Dr. Holland the authority to proceed in hiring an agent and pursuing the registration process for the University of West Alabama in Nicaragua at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. She asked for approval of the full Board on the Committee's action and added the President indicated that this effort would be self-sustaining

once it is operational. Mr. Northcutt moved to approve the motion, as stated above, and Rev. O'Neil seconded the motion. The motion passed.

## **VII. REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Thed Spree reported that several items were discussed this morning. He said the Student Wellness Center has been renovated and new equipment purchased and added that this project would be mostly funded by membership fees. Mr. Spree said they sponsored a health fair for health screening purposes. He also reported that a large number of students participated in intramurals on campus.

Mr. Spree said Mr. Rainer, the Director of Financial Aid, reported that the Federal Stimulus Package has allotted more Work Study funding and Pell Grants for the students. He said Mr. Hester reported on the applications received, as well as other scheduled events for prospective students. Mr. Spree said the Patterson Apartments will no longer be for just married students -- that they are being made into apartments for students exiting Reed Hall after one year.

## **VIII. REPORT FROM BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION**

Dr. B. J. Kimbrough, President, reported that this organization was formed in September 2008 and serves as an advocate for the enhancement of educational equality. She said they have been working diligently with the University to address the needs and

concerns of the University's black students, faculty and staff. Dr. Kimbrough said the other officers of the Association are: President-Elect-Dr. Frank Rogers, Vice President-Dr. Marvin Grant, Chaplain-Mr. Arthur Presswood, Secretary-Mrs. Loretta Danner, Parliamentarian-Dr. Erica King, Treasurer-Dr. Natasha Satcher, and Historian-Ms. Rosie Campbell.

#### **IX. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY PROVOST**

Dr. David Taylor, Provost, reported that the Ed.S. Program in Elementary Education and Guidance and Counseling will begin in the summer. He said a survey indicated there is a tremendous demand for these courses to be taught. Dr. Taylor added that the Ed.S. in Library Media will begin in the fall. He said currently there are 2,462 online students and they expect that number to rise sharply with the launch of these majors.

Dr. Taylor said the University will start a new remote proctoring system for the online students and the faculty members are in the process of being trained, with the students scheduled to be trained next.

Dr. Taylor distributed a report on faculty and staff searches in the academic areas and also a list of the faculty who were promoted or tenured during this academic year. He said the faculty evaluation process will begin this week.

Dr. Taylor reported that due to the installation of the new heating and cooling in Bibb Graves Hall, the faculty/administrative offices and the classes will be relocated for the summer. He said the faculty and key offices will be located on the first floor of Spieth Hall, and the classes will be taught in Wallace Hall, the Library, and perhaps even in the SUB, if needed.

Dr. Taylor said the University has contracted with Goodwyn, Mills and Cawood to update the Master Plan. He said two committees have been appointed and these people will be working with the firm to come up with a plan for the next ten to fifteen years.

#### **X. REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

Dr. Holland reported that Mr. Jeff Manuel, the newly hired Director of Campus Security, is doing a great job. He said he recently submitted a request to the President Council for some equipment needs in his department. Dr. Holland said each member of Chief Manuel's staff recently become NIMS certified. He encouraged everyone to thank Chief Manuel for his efforts.

Dr. Holland said an advisory committee was appointed to look at covering the Rodeo Arena. He said they met with the architect last week and have submitted requests for funding to the State as part of the stimulus package. Dr. Holland said that the arena would be

constructed in three phases and bids would be solicited after approval by the State Building Commission.

Dr. Holland reported that the old gym in Foust Hall is being renovated to be used as a practice room for the University Band. He said the Band has definitely outgrown the Pruitt Hall facility. Dr. Holland said the renovation is about 80% complete. He added that the Band hosted the Honor Band event on campus last weekend and a good crowd of students attended.

Dr. Holland said that an ongoing project is behind Patterson Apartments. He said it was due to a serious erosion problem, but an NRCS grant was obtained to correct this, as well as dress up the area. Dr. Holland indicated the upgraded area would now be ADA compliant and he thinks it will be finished by the end of the month.

Dr. Holland expressed his appreciation to the University departments for working with the administration on the 9% budget cuts due of proration. He said the cuts have not affected the integrity of the University programs nor has any employee been laid off.

Mr. Saad added that the University band did a great job in one of the Mardi Gras parades in Mobile a few weeks ago.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

There was no other business and Mrs. Lovett adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Ballow, Secretary

Earlene Lindsey, Assistant Secretary