

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The University of West Alabama
Bell Conference Center
March 1, 2010, 1:00 p.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, 2009
- V. Report of the Board President (Mrs. Margaret Lovett)
- VI. Report of Student Affairs Committee (Mr. Thed Spree)
- VII. Report of Finance Committee (Mr. John Northcutt)
- VIII. Report of Facilities Committee (Mr. Alex Saad)
- IX. Report of the Black Faculty & Staff Association (Dr. B. J. Kimbrough)
- X. Report from the University Provost (Dr. David Taylor)
- XI. Report from the University President (Dr. Richard Holland)
- XII. Adjourn

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Margaret Lovett, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Mrs. Lovett requested Mr. Thomas Ballow, Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Thomas Ballow, Mr. Terry Bunn, Mr. Randall Hillman, Mrs. Becky Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, Mr. John Northcutt, Mr. Willie B. O'Neil, Mr. Alex Saad, and Mr. Thed Spree. Absent: Mrs. Lena Hardaway and Mr. John Smith. A quorum was present.

Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. O'Neil to give the invocation.

At this time, Mrs. Lovett announced that the Board would consider a motion to recess and enter into an Executive Session for the following purposes:

- ◆ to discuss pending litigation and
- ◆ to discuss the possible purchase of real estate

Mrs. Lovett asked Mr. Mike Kendrick, Attorney for the University, to inform the Board if the motion to go into an executive session would meet the criteria of the Alabama Open Meeting Act. Mr. Kendrick stated that the motion would indeed meet the criteria as stated in the Alabama Open Meeting Law.

Mr. Saad made a motion to go into Executive Session, and Mr. Ballow seconded the motion. Mrs. Lovett asked the Secretary, Mr. Tom Ballow, to call the roll of those present to obtain the official vote for going into an executive session. All members of the Board attending voted to go into the Executive Session, as follows: Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Ballow, Mr. Bunn, Mr. Hillman, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Lovett, Mr. Northcutt, Rev. O'Neil, Mr. Saad, and Mr. Spree. Mrs. Lovett indicated the Executive Session would probably be over in about one hour. The Regular meeting of the Board recessed at 1:15 p.m.

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Mrs. Lovett declared the Regular Board Meeting back into session at 2:43 p.m.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Lovett asked for a motion and second to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Saad moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR DECEMBER 1, 2009

Mrs. Lovett called for a motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Ballow moved to approve the minutes; Mr. Saad seconded the motion; and the motion passed.

V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Lovett announced the appointment of a nominating committee, as follows: Mr. Alex Saad, Chair, Mr. Thed Spree and Mr.

Terry Bunn. She said the charge to the committee is to present a slate of officers for the Board of Trustees at the Regular Board Meeting that is scheduled for June 7, 2010.

Mrs. Lovett reported that the 175th Anniversary Gala was a huge success.

At this time, Mrs. Lovett said Mr. Saad would present a couple of matters to be considered by the full Board that were discussed in the Executive Session. Mr. Saad made a motion that the Board of Trustees allow the University President, Dr. Richard Holland, to purchase two pieces of property - (1) the Sumter Theater and (2) the Brown property. Mr. Northcutt seconded the motion. The motion passed.

VI. REPORT OF STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Spree, Chair, reported that Dr. Ken Tucker requested that he take a Fulbright Scholar, who recently visiting UWA, to tour several places in Greene County and they visited the Head Start Center. He stated the children really enjoyed his visit.

Mr. Spree said the Student Affairs Committee met this morning and a report was presented by Vice President Danny Buckalew. He said Mr. Buckalew distributed a list of staff in his area and stated the Admissions staff has traveled to their assigned areas and will have completed all of their follow up visits by the end of March, including the spring college fairs. Mr. Spree said that the campus tours are going actually better than last year at this time. He said 100+ scholarships have been awarded for the Fall 2010 Semester.

Mr. Spree discussed the contract that Admissions has with Education Dynamics and how it is having a positive impact on recruiting efforts. He also announced that the Spring Preview Day is April 17, 2010.

Mr. Spree said the renovations to the fitness center have been a huge success and has generated approximately \$36,000 in revenue, which will pay the first installment on the new equipment.

VII. REPORT OF FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. John Northcutt, Chair, said the Finance Committee met earlier today and a quorum was present. He said the budget process for the next fiscal year has already begun and a budget recommendation will be made to the full Board at its June meeting. He added there will be a work meeting of the Financial Affairs Committee in mid-May and that all members of the Board would be invited to attend this work meeting.

VIII. REPORT OF FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Alex Saad, Chair, reported that the Facilities Committee met earlier today and discussed the University Facilities Master Plan that was developed for the next 25 years. He said the Committee approved the Plan unanimously and recommends it to the full Board for approval. Mr. Ballow provided a second, and the Facilities Master Plan was adopted by the Board.

IX. REPORT OF THE BLACK FACULTY AND STAFF ASSOCIATION

Dr. B. J. Kimbrough reported that the Association recently hosted an event on campus as part of the celebration of Black History Month.

She said Ms. Gayle Conner, UWA alum, was the guest speaker. Dr. Kimbrough also stated that they recently hosted a health forum on campus. She thanked the administration for their support of the Association.

Dr. Kimbrough said the election of officers for the Association will be held in April.

X. REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PROVOST

Dr. David Taylor, Provost, reported the University now has a Leadership Development Program that began in the Spring 2010 Semester. He said the program is designed to expose potential campus leaders to administrative responsibilities and procedures and to help develop knowledge and skills necessary to become successful administrators.

Dr. Taylor said faculty members chosen for this program are assigned to a specific administrator, who they shadow during a fall or spring semester. He said they must commit a minimum of ten hours per week and indicated their assignments are listed in the handout found in the binders.

Dr. Taylor said he was happy to report that there are two participants, Dr. B. J. Kimbrough and Dr. Denise Knight, in the Leadership Program this semester. He asked them to stand and be recognized. Dr. Taylor said Dr. Ken Tucker is the mentoring administrator for Dr. Kimbrough and Dr. Venkat Sharma is the mentoring administrator for Dr. Denise Knight.

Dr. Taylor reported that a search was initiated for a director of international programs and announced that Mr. John Key has been hired to fill the position. He said Mr. Key was formerly the Program Director for International Trade with the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, and he brings an extensive network of world-wide contacts within the International area to this position.

XI. REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Dr. Holland said he did not have a report, but encouraged the members of the Board to attend the dedication of the Kelly Hester Land Hall that will begin at 3:15 this afternoon.

XII. ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ballow, Jr.
Secretary to the Board

Earlene Lindsey
Assistant Secretary to the Board