

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The University of West Alabama
Bell Conference Center
December 8, 2010, 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes for September 13 and November 11, 2010
- V. Report of the Board President (Mr. John Northcutt)
 - A. Request to name conference room in Homer Hall the Adam Kramer Conference Room
 - B. Evaluation of the University President 2009
 - C. Association of Governing Boards Strategic Finance Workshop
January 25, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Webb 239
 - D. Next Board Meeting - March 7, 2011
- VI. Report of the Executive Committee (Mr. John Northcutt)
 - A. Honorary Doctorates
 - i. Dr. E. Lyle Cain, Jr.
 - ii. Dr. E. O. Wilson
- VII. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee (Rev. Willie O'Neal)
- VIII. Report of the Athletic Committee (Mr. Thed Spree)
- IX. Report of the University Facilities Committee (Mr. Tom Ballow)
- X. Report of the University Provost (Dr. David M. Taylor, Provost)
 - A. Online Programs
 - B. New Academic Programs
 - C. Sponsored Programs
 - D. McIlwain Bell Awards
- XI. Report of the University President (Dr. Richard D. Holland)
- XII. Adjourn

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Northcutt, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He asked Rev. O'Neil to give the invocation.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Northcutt asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Rev. O'Neil made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 13 AND NOVEMBER 11, 2010

Mr. Northcutt said a motion to approve the minutes from the recessed meeting on September 13 and the reconvened meeting on November 11, 2010, is needed. Mrs. Lewis

made a motion to approve these minutes; Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. Naming of Adam Kramer Conference Room in Fieldhouse

Mr. Northcutt asked Dr. E. J. Brophy to present this matter to the Board. Dr. Brophy said that one of the University's former football players, Mr. Adam Kramer, donated \$25,000 toward the construction of the new fence and columns at the Tiger Stadium. He said the University would like to name the conference room in the Homer Fieldhouse the Adam Kramer Conference Room in appreciation for Mr. Kramer's gift.

Mr. Northcutt asked for a motion to approve this request. Mr. Spree made a motion to name the conference room in the Homer Fieldhouse the "Adam Kramer Conference Room"; Mrs. Hardaway seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

B. Evaluation of the University President 2009

Mr. Northcutt reported that a committee was appointed to evaluate the University President and asked Mrs. Jean Anderson, Chair of the Committee, to give a report. Mrs. Anderson said Mr. Ballow, Mr. Hillman, and she served on the Committee. She said that Dr. Holland has met or exceeded the goals and/or expectations of the Board of Trustees and they have utmost confidence in his leadership for the University (Note: a copy of this evaluation is made a part of these minutes).

Mr. Northcutt asked for a motion to approve this report. Mrs. Lewis made the motion, Rev. O'Neil seconded, and the Board approved the evaluation of the President for 2009.

C. Association of Governing Boards Strategic Finance Workshop

Dr. Holland announced that the AGB Strategic Finance Workshop for the Board of Trustees will be on January 25, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. in Webb Hall 239. He said AGB is the governing association for Boards in the United States. Dr. Holland said all of the material will be sent to the Trustees that will be discussed at the workshop.

D. Next Board Meeting – March 7, 2011

Mr. Northcutt announced that the next Board meeting will be on Monday, March 7, 2011.

VI. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Northcutt said the Executive Committee met this morning to consider two candidates for honorary degrees at the May 2011 Commencement. Members of the Committee attending were: Mr. Thomas Ballow, Mrs. Becky Lewis, and Mr. Northcutt. Dr. Holland said that in the honorary degree process of choosing candidates, the University Honorary Degree Committee meets, considers all nominees, and makes recommendations to the Executive Committee.

He indicated a biography was distributed earlier to the Board of Trustees and that the Honorary Degree Committee recommends the following candidates: Dr. E. Lyle Cain, Jr. and Dr. E. O. Wilson. He said Dr. Cain has been working with the University Athletic

Training/Sports Medicine Department for several years and also recently gave a generous monetary pledge to the University.

Dr. Holland said Dr. Wilson is a premier biologist who attended the University of Alabama, and is also a professor emeritus at Harvard University. Mrs. Anderson moved to accept this slate of candidates for honorary degrees; Mrs. Hardaway seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

VII. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Rev. O'Neil, Chair, reported that the Academic Affairs Committee met this morning and he asked Dr. Taylor to give a brief presentation of his report. (Due to the length of the Academic Affairs Report, it will be attached as part of the Committee minutes.) Dr. Taylor synopsized the highlights of the report.

Dr. Taylor briefly discussed the new personnel and the ongoing search for a new Dean of Graduate Studies. He distributed a list of faculty who were promoted and who were tenured in the 2010 process, noting that three of the seven were minorities. Dr. Taylor said the Deans' Council has been working to develop the Distinguished Professor Program, which will focus on the faculty who have reached the pinnacle of their career, but are still excelling at what they do. He said he hopes to have this proposal out of committee and to the President's Council very soon.

Dr. Taylor gave a report on the Division of Online Studies, stating that since its inception in 2002, the Program has grown from an enrollment of 13 students to 2,542 in the Fall 2 Online Session.

Dr. Taylor said a concentrated effort will be made to increase the enrollment at the Demopolis Higher Education Center, adding that an advisory board is now in place. He said

the Advisory Board is made up of local Demopolis business leaders and some UWA faculty and staff.

Dr. Taylor reported that the International Program is going well. He said 50 students from Guandong University, China, will be enrolling at UWA in the Fall 2011. Dr. Taylor said the Kelly Hester Land house that the University purchased several months ago has been renovated to be used for the International Program.

Dr. Taylor said the Office of Educational Outreach reported a massive amount of activities during the last year. He said Theatre is moving from the Division of Language and Literature to the Division of Fine Arts and that a new Interdisciplinary Arts Degree will now be offered by the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Taylor discussed briefly the grant activity in the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Rev. O'Neil thanked Dr. Taylor for the report. Mr. Saad added that he wished to express his appreciation to the faculty and staff for making the University the success it is today.

VIII. REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Northcutt asked Mr. Spree, Chair of the Committee, to present this report. Mr. Spree commended Dr. Brophy on the outstanding job he has done as Director of Athletics. He reported on the successes of the UWA Athletic Programs during the year, announced that Craig Roden was recently hired as the new Women's Basketball Coach, Coach Wallace retired and Coach Will Hall was hired to replace him as Head Football Coach. Mr. Spree said the fundraising has been going really well for Athletics, the publicity by the media has been positive, and he praised Dr. Holland and Dr. Brophy for the stability they have brought to Athletics.

IX. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Northcutt asked Mr. Ballow, Chair of the Committee, to present this report. Mr. Ballow reported that the Committee met at 10:30 this morning. He said he was pleased to announce that the University received a great rating for a bond issue sale and the bond sale was completed yesterday. Mr. Ballow said the addition to Hoover Apartments that will provide 96 more beds will be completed for occupancy in August 2011 and the new Robert B. Gilbert Residence Hall is on schedule to be completed in the Fall of 2012.

Mr. Ballow said the University Facilities Committee recommends for the Board to authorize President Holland to purchase the Joe Wilkins property at a cost of \$152,000. Mr. Northcutt said this recommendation would need a second, of which Mr. Saad provided. The motion was approved.

Mr. Ballow said the Facilities Committee also recommends for the Board to authorize President Holland to continue negotiations for the purchase of the Livingston High School property. Mr. Northcutt called for a second, Mr. Saad seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

X. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PROVOST

Mr. Northcutt requested Dr. Taylor to present his report. Dr. Taylor indicated that most of his report was covered in the Academic Affairs Committee's report presented earlier in this meeting.

Dr. Taylor presented to the Board of Trustees the slate of nominees who were selected by the McIlwain Bell Awards Committee recently. Mr. Northcutt asked for a motion to approve the slate of nominees. Mrs. Lewis made a motion to approve the list of nominees for the McIlwain Bell Awards, as presented; Rev. O'Neil seconded the motion; and the motion passed.

The approved slate of recipients is as follows:

Support Staff Excellence Award – Mrs. Emily McInnis

Professional Staff Excellence Award – Mrs. Nicki Hines

Trustee Professor Award – Dr. Richard Schellhammer

After each person received the award, they had comments of appreciation to the University and their peers for being selected for this honor.

XI. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Dr. Holland also extended his congratulations to the above recipients.

Dr. Holland said the University is in the process of hiring a consultant to perform an economic impact study and hopes to present the findings at the June 22 Board Meeting.

Dr. Holland reported that the 2011-2012 budget process will be underway next week and plans are to have a workshop for the Trustees sometime in May.

Dr. Holland said that during the process of receiving a rating for the purpose of selling bonds, he was pleased to report that Moody Rating Service gave the University an A2 rating, which is outstanding. He said the representative from Moody plans to come to the campus in the next few months, adding that the organization is very interested in seeing that the University's benchmarks are reached.

Dr. Holland commended the Trustees for their interest and how they have helped the University to reach its goals and enjoy the successes it has seen. Mr. Northcutt thanked Dr. Holland for his comment.

XII. ADJOURN

There was no further business, and the meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Earlene Lindsey

Assistant Secretary to the Board