

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The University of West Alabama
Regular Quarterly Meeting
Bell Conference Center
March 7, 2016, 1:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order (Mr. Terry Bunn)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda *(Action Item)*
- IV. Approval of Minutes of December 1, 2015 *(Action Item)*
- V. Report from the Student Affairs Committee (Mr. Vernon)
- VI. Report from the Academic Affairs Committee (Mr. Hillman)
- VII. Report from the Facilities Committee (Mrs. Cloud)
- VIII. Report from the Finance Committee (Mr. Saad)
- IX. Report from the University President (Dr. Ken Tucker)
 - A. Faculty Senate Update
 - B. SGA Update
- X. Report of the Board President (Mr. Bunn)
 - A. Committee Appointments
- XI. New Business
- XII. Other Business
 - A. Resolutions for Former Trustees** *(Action Item)*
- XIII. Adjourn

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Terry Bunn, President *Pro Tempore*, called the meeting to order and asked Dr. John Killian to lead a prayer. Mr. Bunn recognized the new members of the Board: Mr. Joseph Brown, Dr. John Killian, and Mr. Justin Smith. He invited the new Trustees to say a few words.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bunn asked Mrs. Lindsey to call the roll. Other than Mr. Bunn, members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Joseph Brown, Dr. John Killian, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Jerry Smith, Mr. Justin Smith, Mr. Thed Spree and Mr. Victor Vernon. Absent: Mr. Hal Bloom, Mrs. Sheila Cloud, Mr. Jerry Groce, and Mr. Randall Hillman. Mrs. Lindsey announced there was a quorum present. Also attending were: Mr. Mike Kendrick (University Attorney), President Ken Tucker, and several other administrators and staff members, with Earlene Lindsey recording the minutes.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Jerry Smith moved to approve the agenda; Mr. Spree seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM December 1, 2015

Mr. Bunn asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the meeting held on December 1, 2015. There were none. *Mr. Vernon made a motion to approve the minutes; Mr. Saad seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.*

V. REPORT FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Vernon, Chair of the Committee, reported the Committee met this morning and heard a lot of good things from Mr. Richard Hester and key members of his staff. He said the dorms are almost filled to capacity, student life activities are going well, and there has been some increase in enrollment.

VI. REPORT FROM THE ACADAMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

In the absence of Mr. Hillman, Chair, Mr. Bunn reported that the Committee heard a report from Dr. Edwards, Provost, about the new programs that are being presented to ACHE for approval, along with the new Ed.D. in Rural Education. He said they also heard a presentation from representatives of the Learning House group. He said they are offering a contract to work with UWA's Online Programs to increase enrollment; however, due to the different nature and conditions of the proposal, the Academic Affairs Committee recommended that it be referred to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

VII. REPORT FROM THE FACILITES COMMITTEE

In the absence of Mrs. Cloud, Chair, Mr. Jerry Smith reported that they heard updates from Mr. Bobby Truelove on several campus projects, such as the President's Home, Brock Hall, Bibb Graves, Black Belt Museum, Elizabeth Church, Covered Bridge, and the Glen Bridges (Wallace Hall) Auditorium. He said they also heard a status report on the efforts of the Delta Chi Fraternity, who is trying to purchase and move the Houston-Bailey House.

Mr. Smith stated the University made an offer to purchase the Nichols/Mayfield house and it was accepted, subject to Mrs. Mayfield finding suitable housing in the area in which she plans to move. He said the Committee recommends that the Board adopt a resolution to authorize President Tucker to execute the Agreement to Purchase, per Exhibit A that is attached to the resolution; that the funds to satisfy the obligation shall be paid from the General Fund of the University; and that it shall become effective on this date. ***Mr. Vernon made a motion to adopt the resolution, Mr. Jerry Smith seconded the motion, and the resolution was adopted.***

Mr. Jerry Smith said that it is necessary to go into an Executive Session to discuss a minimum amount to be advertised via sealed bids for the Hunt House that will be sold in accordance with all state laws and regulations. ***Mr. Smith made a motion to go into Executive Session for this purpose; Mr. Vernon seconded the motion; and the motion passed to go into Executive Session at 1:17 p.m.*** Mr. Mike Kendrick explained the reason for the session and indicated it should last only for a few minutes.

At 1:23 p.m., Mr. Saad made a motion to go back into the Regular Session of the Board Meeting; Mr. Vernon seconded the message, and it was approved.

Mr. Jerry Smith reported that the Committee recommends that the Board accept the appraised value as the starting point for the bidding process on the Hunt House; Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion; and it passed.

VIII. REPORT FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Saad, Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met earlier today and discussed several items, of which no action was required. He stated that this Committee will review and consider the proposal from The Learning House organization.

Mr. Saad announced that as soon as the University receives word on the budget appropriation for the coming year, he will call a meeting of this group to finalize the budget that he hopes to present at the June meeting.

IX. REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

A. Faculty Senate Update

Dr. Tucker introduced Dr. James Robinson (President of the Faculty Senate), who would discuss what they are doing in the Senate. Dr. Robinson said he has served one year as President of the Senate and that he has been very excited about the work they are doing. He said they made the Handbook Committee a standing committee of the Senate, and they will also help the Staff Senate develop a handbook for the staff employees. Dr. Robinson added that both handbooks would be brought before the Board at some time in the future for approval.

Dr. Robinson reported the Senate has also been working on some changes in the Sabbatical Leave Policy. He said they have also established a UWA Food Bank that will assist students who may need help.

Dr. Tucker extended kudos to Dr. Robinson for his work on the Food Bank and his leadership resulted in this becoming a reality. He also stated he has met with the Faculty Senate and he looks forward to working more collaboratively with the organization and using their knowledge and skills to work together as a team.

B. SGA Update

Dr. Tucker asked Ms. Jasmine Knox to present her report. Ms. Knox reported that the Student Government Association is made up of six officers and several senators.

She stated they participated in the College Colors Day in Montgomery recently, raised funds for the Breast Cancer Awareness project, and attended Higher Education Day in Montgomery last month. Ms. Knox said the SGA also held book drives and donated some to the local elementary and junior high schools.

Dr. Tucker thanked Ms. Knox for her report and for her dedicated leadership of the SGA. He indicated this concluded his report.

X. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. Committee Appointments

Mr. Bunn announced that he and Mr. Kendrick are working on the committee assignments, as well as naming members to the Committee to Evaluate the President.

B. Nominating Committee Appointments

Mr. Bunn stated the terms of the existing officers of the Board will expire in June and he is appointing the following to serve on this committee:

Mrs. Sheila Cloud, Chair
Mr. Randall Hillman
Mr. Alex Saad
Mr. Victor Vernon

Mr. Bunn requested that this Committee present a slate of officers at the June meeting for approval by the Board.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Bunn asked if there were any other matters to discuss. There were none.

XII. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolutions for Former Trustees

Mr. Bunn said he would like to recognize three people who have faithfully served on the Board – Mr. Thomas Ballow, Rev. Willie O’Neal, and Mr. John Northcutt. He said they provided tremendous leadership and will be missed. He asked for a motion to approve a resolution for each thanking them for their service to the Board and the University. ***Mr. Saad made a motion to approve the three resolutions; Mr. Vernon seconded the motion; and the motion passed.***

Mr. Spree said it might be nice to have these three back for Homecoming this Fall and present the resolutions to them.

XIII. ADJOURN

Mr. Bunn asked for a motion to adjourn. ***Mr. Jerry Smith moved to adjourn; Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion; and the meeting adjourned at 2:32 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,

Earlene Lindsey

Assistant Secretary to the Board