

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**The University of West Alabama**  
**Bell Conference Center**  
**September 12, 2011, 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 June 13, 2011, Board Meeting
- V. Report of the Board President (Mr. John Northcutt)
  - A. President's Evaluation
    1. September Board Meeting
      - a. Board President appoints ad-hoc committee for president's evaluation
      - b. University President submits evaluation material for previous fiscal year to ad-hoc committee
    2. December Board Meeting
      - a. Report of ad-hoc committee
      - b. Board's evaluation is posted on Institutional Effectiveness webpage
- VI. Report of Institutional Advancement Committee (Mrs. Margaret Lovett)
- VII. Report of Academic Affairs Committee (Rev. Willie O'Neal)
- VIII. Report of University Facilities Committee (Mr. Tom Ballow)
- IX. Report from the University Provost (Dr. David Taylor)
  - A. SACS
  - B. New Faculty and Staff
  - C. Faculty and Staff Achievements 2010-11
  - D. International Programs
  - E. Online Programs
  - F. Sponsored Programs
  - G. Educational Outreach
- X. Report from the University President (Dr. Richard Holland)
  - A. Introduction of Athletic Director
  - B. Financial Aid Distribution
  - C. Enrollment Update
  - D. Sumter County Nature Trust Resolution
  - E. Other
- XI. Adjourn
  - Next meeting of the Board is November 28, 2011

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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 welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Northcutt requested Mrs. Becky Lewis, Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Thomas Ballow, Jr., Mrs. Becky Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, Mr. John Northcutt, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Bill Sager and Mr. Thed Spree. Absent: Mr. Terry Bunn, Mrs. Lena Hardaway, Mr. Randall Hillman, Rev. Willie O'Neil, 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. Mrs. Lovett moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR JUNE 13, 2011**

Mr. Saad made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 13, 2011; Mr. Ballow seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

**V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

**A. President's Evaluation**

Mr. Northcutt said it is time to perform the annual evaluation of the University's President and announced the appointment of an *ad-hoc* committee, consisting of: Mrs. Anderson (Chair), Mr. Hillman, and Mr. Tom Ballow.

**1. September Board Meeting**

Mr. Northcutt said President Holland will submit evaluation material for the previous fiscal year to the *Ad-hoc* Committee in a timely manner and the Committee will meet to review the material and make its evaluation.

**2. December Board Meeting**

Mr. Northcutt said a report on the evaluation of the President will be made by the Committee at the next Board meeting and ultimately will be posted on the Institutional Effectiveness webpage.

## **VI. REPORT OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Lovett, Chair, reported that there was no action taken at the meeting of the Committee this morning. She stated, however, that Vice President Clemit Spruiell reported on personnel changes, activities and chapters being developed by the Office of Alumni Relations, discussed the operations of the Public Relations and Development Offices, and also gave a report on the Capital Campaign. Mrs. Lovett said Mr. Spruiell also presented a new video that will be used by the University's Marketing Department for advertising.

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

Mrs. Lovett, acting as Chair in the absence of Rev. Willie O'Neil, reported that the Committee met this morning and received a report from Dr. Tina Jones, Chair of the Executive Committee for SACS Reaccreditation, and she discussed the process and schedule for the SACS Reaccreditation process for the next two years.

Mrs. Lovett said Provost David Taylor distributed a list of the new faculty and staff, and also provided a link to the webpage where the achievements for faculty and staff can be viewed.

Mrs. Lovett said Mr. John Key, Director of International Programs, gave a report on the International Program. She said he discussed the student exchange and reported that there are currently 75 International students enrolled at UWA.

## **VIII. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Tom Ballow, Chair, reported that the Committee was presented an update on the addition to Hoover Apartments, the new dormitory (Gilbert Hall), and the proposed Center for Health and Wellness. He said two naming resolutions were presented and the Committee recommends the naming of the main building at the Livingston High School property for Dr. Ralph Muse and Dr. Margaret Charters Lyon. A seconded was provided by Mr. Saad. The resolution was adopted by the Board.

Mr. Ballow stated that the other naming resolution was for the old Wesley Center to be named The J. C. and Maggie Truelove Place of which the Committee approved and makes this recommendation in the form of a motion to the Board. Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion and the resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Lindsey, Assistant Secretary to the Board, asked to be recognized and she informed President Northcutt that two other motions were approved and are to be considered by the full Board. She said the first recommendation for consideration is that the Committee voted to move forward to develop an agreement between the City of Livingston, Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center,

and the University to build a health and wellness center that can be used by students, faculty, staff, and the community. Mr. Saad provided a second and the motion was approved.

According to Mrs. Lindsey, the other motion that was approved by the Committee and hereby recommended to the Board for consideration is the following: to authorize the University President to move forward on having plans developed with preliminary costs for the renovation of the Livingston High School property, Bibb Graves Hall, Spieth and Selden Halls, and to determine which type of funding may be available for these projects. After the reading of the motion that was approved by the Facilities Committee by Mrs. Lindsey, Mr. Saad provided a second and the motion was approved.

## **IX. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PROVOST**

### **A. SACS**

Dr. David Taylor, Provost, said Dr. Tina Jones gave a very thorough report to the Academic Affairs Committee concerning the upcoming SACS visit. He said the University plans to implement a Quality Enhancement Plan in the immediate future as part of the 2013 accreditation process.

Dr. Taylor said Mrs. Lovett has already reported on Items B and C in the Academic Affairs' Committee report.

### **D. International Programs**

Dr. Taylor reported that Mr. John Key, Director of International Programs, reported at the Committee earlier today that there are currently 75 International students enrolled in this Fall Semester. He said there were only 17 in the Fall 2010 Semester. Dr. Taylor noted that 43 of these current students are from China and the others are from 14 other countries. He said 148 students are expected next year.

### **E. Online Program**

Dr. Taylor reported that the enrollment for the Fall I Online session is down from last year, but he feels like more students will enroll for the Fall II session. He said in order to keep the enrollment healthy, the University has to encourage the students to continue their online studies and graduate on time.

### **F. Sponsored Programs**

Dr. Taylor reported that the Office of Sponsored Programs will focus more on assisting faculty and staff to write grant applications.

G. Educational Outreach

Dr. Taylor referred the Board to the publication by the Division of Educational Outreach entitled *The Black Belt Connection*, which outlines the activities that are planned, such as: the Sucarnochee BBQ and Blues Cook-off, the Sucarnochee Revue, and the news items concerning the Black Belt Gardens, the Black Belt Museum and the Black Belt Hall of Fame.

Lastly, he added that brochures were included in the packets on the membership for the Sumter County Fine Arts Council. He encouraged the Trustees to consider becoming members of the Council and enjoy the entertainment for the coming year.

**IX. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

A. Introduction of Athletic Director

Dr. Holland announced that a search committee was appointed for a new Director of Athletics. He said at the end of the process, a decision was made to offer Mr. Stan Williamson to UWA from Campbell University in North Carolina and he has an extensive record of working with NCAA. He said the Williamsons have three children, two are still in North Carolina, a teenage son who lives here, and his wife (Dr. Debra Williamson), who was recently hired to teach Physical Education and Athletic Training at UWA.

Dr. Holland welcomed both Stan and Dr. Debra Williamson to the UWA community. In his brief comments, Mr. Williamson indicated it is a pleasure for them to be at UWA. He proceeded to give a current report on Athletics for the Fall, stating that the Football record is 1-1, Volleyball is 6-3, Women's Soccer is 2-2, and added that the Cross-Country program is also doing very well.

Mr. Thed Spree, who served on the Search Committee, added his welcome to the Williamsons and thanked Mr. Mike Holliman for his hard work as chair of the Committee.

B. Financial Aid Distribution

Dr. Holland reported that a total of \$46,586,150 has been awarded by the Office of Financial Aid for 2010-2011. He said that the economic impact study for the University has been completed and revealed that the University has a very significant impact on the financial economy of the area and the State of Alabama.

C. Enrollment Update

Dr. Holland reported on the enrollment for this academic year. He said there are currently 4,668 students enrolled, and this figure should improve with the Fall II session of the Online Program. Dr. Holland said the beginning freshmen enrollment is up by 59 students from last year and number of transfer students has also increased by 59. He said the number of students in the University Band has increased to 149 and the Choir has increased to 72.

D. Sumter County Nature Trust Resolution

Dr. Holland said there are currently three vacancies on the Board of Directors of the Sumter County Nature Trust. He said the Trust was created through the generous support of Dr. Margaret Lyon to study, develop and preserve the natural history of Sumter County, Alabama. Dr. Holland said three members of the Trust recently resigned, and the remaining Directors of the Trust have nominated Lee Stanton, Wade Williams and Stephen Liverman to serve as their successors for the remaining terms. He said the Directors of the Trust request the Board of Trustees to confirm these three candidates as Directors of the Sumter County Nature Trust.

Mr. Spree made a motion to confirm these three nominees, Mrs. Lovett seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

E. *Other*

Dr. Holland reminded everyone that the next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be on November 28, 2011, instead of the first Monday in December. He said this change was due to the SACS annual meeting that is scheduled during the first week of December.

**X. ADJOURN**

Mr. Northcutt asked if there was any other business to be brought before the Board.

There was none and the meeting adjourned at 1:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lewis  
Secretary to the Board

Earlene Lindsey  
Assistant Secretary to the Board