

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
May 31, 2018**

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Athens State University (the "University") convened at 2:04 pm on Thursday, May 31, 2018 in the 3rd floor conference room of McCandless Hall, Athens, Alabama. On roll call, the following members of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University answered present:

Mr. Ronnie Chronister
Ms. Cathy Dickens
Mr. Macke Mauldin
Mr. Clint Shelton
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried

Members present constituted a quorum to conduct business.

Mr. Shane Black (University Legal Counsel), Dr. Keith Ferguson, Ms. Laura Lynn Kerner, Ms. Belinda Krigel, Mr. Chris Latham, Ms. Sarah McAbee, Mr. Mike McCoy, Dr. Ronnie Merritt, Dr. Jackie Smith, and Ms. Jackie Gooch (recording) were also present.

Contract for Interim President

Contract negotiation for Dr. Ron Ingle was discussed. On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the Executive Committee authorized Chair *Pro Tempore* Dickens to begin negotiations with *The Registry* to employ Dr. Ron Ingle as Interim President of Athens State University for a salary of \$208,000 with a maximum fee of 33%. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (4-1) of the members present. Against: Mr. Shelton.

Ms. Dickens distributed a draft of proposed objectives for the Interim President. Ms. Dickens requested feedback and recommendations for edits be sent to Ms. Gooch by Wednesday, June 6, 2018.

Presidential Search Process

Following discussion, the Executive Committee established that additional data should be gathered regarding external search firms. On a motion made by Mr. Shelton and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Executive Committee authorized Mr. McCoy and Ms. Gooch to draft a *Request for Proposal* (RFP) to solicit proposals from external search firms. This RFP will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Executive Committee to be held within the next two weeks.

On a motion by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the meeting adjourned at 3:48 pm.