

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BOARD MEETING  
JANUARY 21, 2022**

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The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:30 p.m. on Friday, January 21, 2022 in the Sandridge Student Center Ballroom to consider University matters.

**PRESIDING: MR. MACKE MAULDIN**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:33 p.m. by Mr. Macke Mauldin.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No one officially registered for public comment.

**ROLL CALL**

On roll call, the following Board members were present and constituted a quorum to conduct business:

Mr. Ronnie Chronister  
Ms. Cathy Dickens  
Mr. Bill Dunnavant  
Mr. Macke Mauldin  
Senator Arthur Orr  
Mr. Goodrich 'Dus' Rogers  
Ms. Missy Ming-Smith  
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried (electronically)

Also present were Dr. Philip Way, President of Athens State University and Mr. Shane Black, University Legal Counsel, and Ms. Jackie Gooch, Secretary to the Board. Governor Kay Ivey, Mr. Jim America, and Chancellor Jimmy Baker were absent.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the Board approved the agenda by affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the Board approved the minutes of the October 15, 2021 meeting by affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present.

**OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTION**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

### **Review and Affirmation of University Mission Statement (Attachment A)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board affirmed the University Mission Statement. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present.

### **New Academic Program: Certificate - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) with a Specialization in Teaching English to Adults (Attachment B)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board approved the Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) with a Specialization in Teaching English to Adults for the College of Education. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes of (8-0) of members answering present.

### **New Academic Program: Certificate - Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) with a Specialization in Teaching English to Young Learners (Attachment C)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Rogers, the Board approved the Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) with a Specialization in Teaching English to Young Learners for the College of Education. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes of (8-0) of members answering present.

### **New Academic Program: Certificate – Professional and Technical Writing (Attachment D)**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Chronister, the Board approved the Certificate in Professional and Technical Writing for the College of Arts and Sciences. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present.

### **New Academic Program: Bachelor of Science – Public Health (Attachment E)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Dickens, the Board approved the Bachelor of Science in Public Health for the College of Arts and Sciences. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **Family Relationships Disclosure**

The Board received a copy of a family relationship disclosure.

### **Department of Examiners of Public Accounts**

The Board received a copy of the report of the Department of Examiners of Public Accounts.

### **Alabama Commission on Education (ACHE) Update**

The Board received a handout on actions taken by the Commission.

### **Quarterly Financial Update**

The Board received the quarterly financial update.

### **Statement of Economic Interests**

The Board received a reminder that Statement of Economic Interests must be filed by April 30, 2022.

## **President's Report/Update**

Dr. Way provided the following updates:

1. Emeritus Awards
  - a. Dr. Greg Holliday – Staff Emeritus
  - b. Dr. Ron Fritze – Faculty Emeritus
  - c. Dr. Bebe Shaw – Faculty Emeritus
  - d. Dr. Jackie Smith – Faculty Emeritus
2. Dr. Way announced that the University had received the official notification of reaffirmation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges.
3. Dr. Way announced that spring enrollment of new students is at a 9-year high (graduate and undergraduate). Dr. Sims-deGraffenried expressed appreciation for everyone's hard work.
4. New Programs are on target to meet enrollment goals. Some have already exceeded enrollment goals due to, in-part, Archer marketing.

## **Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance**

### **Finance and Facilities Committee – Mr. Mauldin**

Mr. Mauldin provided the Finance and Facilities update.

### **Enrollment and Student Affairs Committee – Mrs. Smith**

Mrs. Smith provided the Enrollment and Student Affairs update.

### **Academic Affairs Committee – Mr. Chronister**

Mr. Chronister provided the Academic Affairs update.

### **Development Committee – Ms. Dickens**

Ms. Dickens provided the Development Committee update to include 1) Capital Campaign is currently at \$19,193,078 of the \$20,000,000 goal and 2) the University has received \$10 million in grant funds since hiring a grants writer and 3) Fiddlers Convention prize money will be increased as well as slight increase in ticket cost.

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board accepted the Board Committee reports. This motion was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members answering present.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Chronister, Mr. Mauldin adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:08 pm.