

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 17, 2015**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, April 17, 2015 in the Founders Hall Chapel to consider University matters.

PRESIDING: MR. MACKE MAULDIN

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by Mr. Macke Mauldin.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals registered to speak to the Board.

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Cathy Dickens
Mr. Garth Lovvorn
Mr. Macke Mauldin
Senator Arthur Orr
Ms. Maxine Randolph
Mr. Tazewell Shepard
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried

Mary Scott Hunter joined the meeting at 1:03 pm.

Also present were Dr. Robert Glenn, President of Athens State University and Ms. Jackie Gooch, Secretary to the Board, and Mr. Shane Black, University Legal Counsel. Governor Robert Bentley, Dr. Mark Heinrich and Mr. Clint Shelton were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the agenda by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Dickens and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board approved the minutes of the January 23, 2015 Board meeting by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

A copy of the Board of Trustees By-Laws and the Executive Committee charter was provided with recommended changes in tracking. Pursuant to current Board By-Laws the changes must be presented for review and no votes taken until the preceding Board meeting. Mr. Mauldin requested that the Board of Trustees review these recommendations for discussion and approval at the July Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution: MAED Elite Program with the University of North Alabama (Attachment A)

On a motion made by Ms. Hunter and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board adopted a resolution to authorize the President of the University to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the University of North Alabama and Athens State University for the MAED Elite Program. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Resolution: Service Commendation (Attachment B)

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Dickens, the Board adopted a resolution honoring Dr. Robert Burkhardt for his 38 years of service to the University. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Board of Visitors Nomination and Appointment (Attachment C)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board appointed the following nominee to the Board of Visitors:

College of Education

Marsha White (3 years)

This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

President's Evaluation Process (Attachment D)

On a motion made by Ms. Dickens and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved the contract with Penson Associates for the purpose of conducting an evaluation of the President of the University. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Program Approval: Bachelor of Arts in Drama and Theatre Arts (Attachment E)

On a motion made by Mr. Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board approved the Bachelor of Arts in Drama and Theatre. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Approval of Non-Degree Programs (Certificate Programs) (Attachment F)

On a motion made by Ms. Hunter and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board approved the following non-degree (certificate programs) offered by the University:

- Educational Technology
- English Language Learner
- Instructional Design
- Instructional Technology
- Aviation Management
- Management of Technology
- Project Management

This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

2015-2016 Tuition/Fee Schedule (Attachment G)

On a motion made by Mr. Lovvorn and seconded by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried, the Board approved a range for tuition increase for 2015-2016. The range would be from 0% to 5% depending on budgetary needs. The Board of Trustees further authorized the Executive Committee of the Board to grant the final approval for the specific amount of increase pending further budget analysis.

This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-1) of members present. Ms. Hunter was the only dissenting vote.

Following discussion, Ms. Dickens offered a friendly amendment to the Action Item. Mr. Lovvorn accepted and Dr. Sims-deGraffenried seconded the friendly amendment to the original recommendation. The action item was amended to read:

It is recommended that the Athens State University Board of Trustees approve a range for a tuition increase for 2015-2016. The range would be from **1% to 5%** depending on budgetary needs. The Board of Trustees further authorized the Executive Committee of the Board to grant the final approval for the specific amount of increase pending further budget analysis.

This motion was approved by affirmative votes (7-1) of members present. Ms. Hunter was the only dissenting vote.

OTHER BUSINESS

Area updates were presented to the Board of Trustees by the following individuals:

Dr. Ron Ingle, Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Mike McCoy, Vice President for Financial Affairs
Mr. Rick Mould, Vice President for University Advancement
Ms. Sarah McAbee – Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services
Ms. Belinda Krigel – Chief Information Officer
Dr. Robert White – Presiding Officer, Faculty Senate
Mr. Damon Lares – Presiding Officer, Staff Senate

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Glenn reviewed updates and announcements with the Board.

REPORT AND CLOSING COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Presentation from Senator Orr

Senator Orr presented Senate Resolutions to Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried and Mr. Garth Lovvorn for their service to the Athens State University Board of Trustees.

University Mission Statement Revision Approved by Executive Committee

Mr. Mauldin provided copies of the Board of Trustees Executive Committee minutes approving the revision of the University Mission Statement. On a motion made by Ms. Hunter and seconded by Senator Orr, the Board affirmed the revision of the University Mission Statement.

Board Committee Updates and Report Acceptance

Enrollment and Students Services – chaired by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried

Academic Affairs – chaired by Mr. Mauldin in absence of Dr. Heinrich

Finance and Facilities – chaired by Ms. Dickens

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, Mr. Mauldin adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 2:00 p.m.