

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
APRIL 19, 2013**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2013 in the Chapel of Founders Hall to consider University matters.

**PRESIDING: MR. TAZEWELL SHEPARD
VICE CHAIR PRO TEMPORE OF THE BOARD**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Mr. Tazewell Shepard.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no individuals registered to address the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Cathy Dickens
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter
Mr. Garth Lovvorn
Mr. Macke Mauldin
Ms. Maxine Randolph
Mr. Clint Shelton
Mr. Tazewell Shepard

Senator Arthur Orr arrived at 2:06 p.m. after official roll call was taken.

Also present were Dr. Robert Glenn, President of Athens State University and Ms. Tonyia Bowling, in substitution for Jackie Gooch, Recording Secretary. Governor Robert Bentley, Dr. Mark Heinrich, and Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Ms. Mary Scott Hunter made a motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Glenn requested that the Board consider an amended agenda with an item, Faculty Constitution, added to the agenda under VII. New Business, Pending Motions and Resolutions. Upon request of the Chair, Ms. Mary Scott Hunter suspended her motion to approve the original agenda. Ms. Mary Scott Hunter made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Mr. Clint Shelton seconded the motion. The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph.....Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton.....Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The amended agenda was approved by the affirmative votes of members present (7-0) per the roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Ms. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, approval of the minutes of the January 11, 2013 Board meeting, as presented, was put to a vote. The chair directed the secretary to call the roll.

Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph.....Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton.....Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The minutes of the January 11, 2013 Board meeting were approved by the affirmative votes (7-0) of members present per the roll call.

OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Board meeting dates for 2013 (Attachment A)

Approval of the Board meeting dates of Friday, July 19, 2013 and Friday, October 18, 2013 was put to a roll call vote. Mr. Tazewell Shepard explained that the time of each meeting would be 2:00 p.m. in order to allow Mr. Macke Mauldin travel time from the Federal Reserve Board meetings held in Birmingham. The chair directed the secretary to call the roll.

Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes

Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph.....Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton.....Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

Board meeting dates of Friday, July 19, 2013 and Friday, October 18, 2013 were approved by the affirmative votes (7-0) of members present per the roll call.

Statement of Economic Interest Forms filed by April 30, 2013

Mr. Tazewell Shepard announced that the Statement of Economic Interest Forms must be filed by April 30, 2013 by all Trustees and that the form is available online.

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Amend Rules of Procedure Item V.B. Agenda Format (Attachment B)

On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Ms. Mary Scott Hunter, approval of the amendment to the Rules of Procedure, Item V.B. Agenda Format, to read as follows was put to a vote:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
- V. Approval of Minutes
- VI. Old Business, Pending Motions and Resolutions
- VII. New Business, Pending Motions and Resolutions
- VIII. Other Business
- IX. Report and Closing Comments of Board Members
- X. Adjourn

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph.....Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton.....Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

Amendment to the Rules of Procedure, Item V.B. Agenda Format, was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

Amend Rules of Procedure Item V.C. Public Comment: state specific time limit for public comments (Attachment C)

Mr. Tazewell Shepard requested clarification that under exceptional circumstances the chair could override the three (3) minute time limit on comments of non-board members. Dr. Glenn confirmed. On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens, the approval of the amendment to the Rules of Procedure, Item V.C. Public Comment: state specific time limit for public comments, was put to a vote:

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter..... Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

Amendment to the Rules of Procedure, Item V.C. Public Comment: state specific time limit for public comments, was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

Board of Visitors (Attachment D)

Dr. Glenn explained that the Board of Visitors would be structured as three advisory boards, one for each of the three colleges. Dr. Glenn recommended that Article III – Membership be amended to strike item number six

“6. Upon leaving the office, the President of Athens State University shall also Become an *ex officio* member of the Board of Visitors.”

On a motion made by Ms. Mary Scott Hunter and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens, the recommendation to approve the Board of Visitors and amend the bylaws to strike Article III, item number six, was put to a vote:

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter..... Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The Board of Visitors and amendment to bylaws was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

Contract for the President of the University (Attachment E)

Dr. Glenn requested that the recommendation for the Contract for the President of the University be tabled until a later meeting when Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, Chair Pro Tempore of the Board, was present. On a motion made by Mr. Garth Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, the recommendation to table the Contract for the President of the University was put to a vote.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The Contract for the President of the University was tabled by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

Computer Science – Information Technology Security Option - College of Arts and Sciences (Attachment F)

Dr. Ron Cromwell explained that the Computer Science – Information Technology Security Option is an addition of a minor. Mr. Macke Mauldin commended Dr. Glenn and the University for pursuing this specific minor of increasing demand in the information technology environment. On a motion made by Mr. Macke Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn, the recommendation to approve the addition of the Information Technology Security Option in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science major was put to a vote.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The recommendation to add the Information Technology Security Option in the Bachelor of Science in Computer Science major was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

Criminal Justice: Juvenile Justice Option – College of Arts and Sciences (Attachment G)

Dr. Glenn explained that Athens State University would be the first institution in the State of Alabama to offer the Criminal Justice: Juvenile Justice Option and that the University plans to approach other institutions about sharing this program. Mr. Tazewell Shepard stated that District Judges have identified juvenile justice as an area in need of additional qualified professionals. Mr. Macke Mauldin commended Athens State University for selecting and pursuing this important and specific minor. On a motion made by Mr. Garth Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, addition of the Criminal Justice: Juvenile Justice Option within the College of Arts and Sciences was put to a vote.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The recommendation to add the Criminal Justice: Juvenile Justice Option within the College of Arts and Sciences was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

University Vision and Mission Statement (Attachment H)

On a motion made by Mr. Garth Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens, the recommendation to approve the University Vision and Mission statement was put to a vote.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The recommendation to approve the University Vision and Mission statement was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

Foundation Agreement (Attachment I)

Dr. Glenn requested that Mr. Rick Mould explain the Agreement between Athens State University Foundation and Athens State University. Ms. Cathy Dickens asked if the agreement had been reviewed by legal counsel. Mr. Mike McCoy confirmed that the agreement had been reviewed by Shane Black with Hand Arendall, L.L.C. On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Ms. Maxine Randolph, the recommendation to approve the Agreement between Athens State University Foundation and Athens State University was put to a vote.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The recommendation to approve the Agreement between Athens State University Foundation and Athens State University was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

University Policies (Attachment J)

Dr. Glenn explained that Dr. Joe Sparks had helped develop the 13 policies being placed before the Board for approval/adoption. After no questions or comments, a motion was made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn to approve/adopt the University policies. Approval/adoption of the policies was put to a vote.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The recommendation to approve/adopt the University policies was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

Faculty Constitution (Attachment K)

Dr. Glenn explained that through approval of the Faculty Constitution recommendation, the Board of Trustees would direct him to appoint a task force, composed primarily of faculty members, to review and revise the current faculty constitution. The Faculty Senate and the Deans of each of the colleges would recommend individuals for service on the Task Force. Staff membership on the task force would include the Director of Human Resources and one or two others. On a motion made by Senator Arthur Orr and seconded by Ms. Cathy Dickens, the recommendation of appointment of a task force to review and revise the faculty constitution was put to a vote.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter..... Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes
Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard.....Yes

The recommendation to appoint a task force to review and revise the faculty constitution was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Dr. Ron Cromwell, Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs
Mr. Rick Mould, Vice President for University Advancement
Mr. Jim Hutto, Vice President for Enrollment & Student Services
Ms. Belinda Krigel, Chief Information Officer
Ms. Lynn Frank – Presiding Officer, Staff Senate
Dr. Amanda Branscombe – Presiding Office, Faculty Senate
Mr. Evan Thornton, Business Manager/Office Manager, Financial Affairs
Mr. Mike McCoy, Vice President for Financial Affairs

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Plans continue for the Phase II facility of the Alabama Center for the Arts. The cost estimate for building the facility is just under \$15 million. The budget for the building cannot exceed \$10 million inclusive of the estimated \$2 million in expenditures for furnishings and equipment. An extension of timeline may have to be requested from the State Board of Education.

A Memorandum of Agreement will be sought with the Alabama Community College System to formalize the relationship between Athens State University and the community colleges. Although the University is not under the State Board of Education, it is still a part of the Alabama Community College System. Approval by the State Board of Education will be requested for the Memorandum of Agreement.

Dr. Glenn reported that he has received e-mail communication regarding the liability of the Board of Trustees from J.R. Brooks. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees pass a resolution that clarifies how the University would handle the amount above the liability policy coverage.

Commencement will be held on Saturday, May 4. Dr. Glenn invited the Board of Trustees to attend. He explained that they would be seated with the platform party.

The Athenian Players, under the direction of Dr. Hugh Long, Assistant Professor of English (Drama), will present a dinner theater performance of *The Glass Menagerie* on Saturday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Glenn announced that a possible tuition increase will be considered at the next meeting of the Board of Trustees, after final budget information has been received.

Dr. Glenn discussed the Evaluation of the President. He explained that the evaluation of the President is one of the duties of the Board of Trustees. He recommended that a consultant be engaged to establish a baseline and set goals for the President for the coming year. Next year the President could be evaluated on whether he is moving the agenda of the Institution forward. Mr. Macke Mauldin commented that the consultant may need to be hired by the Board of Trustees. Senator Arthur Orr asked how often the services of the consultant would be used. Dr. Glenn explained that only one initial service of the consultant would be needed to establish goals. Senator Arthur Orr made a motion to recommend that the President provide a list of possible consultants to the Chair. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garth Lovvorn.

The chair directed the secretary to call the roll. Responses to the roll call vote were as follows:

Ms. Cathy Dickens.....Yes
Ms. Mary Scott Hunter.....Yes
Mr. Garth Lovvorn.....Yes
Mr. Macke Mauldin.....Yes
Senator Arthur Orr.....Yes
Ms. Maxine Randolph..... Yes

Mr. Clint Shelton..... Yes
Mr. Tazewell Shepard..... Yes

The recommendation to have the President provide a list of possible consultants to the Chair was approved by the affirmative votes (8-0) of members present per the roll call.

REPORT AND CLOSING COMMENTS OF BOARD MEMBERS

Mr. Tazewell Shepard commended Ms. Cathy Dickens for her verification of counsel review of the Agreement between Athens State University Foundation and Athens State University.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further business and Mr. Tazewell Shepard adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 3:47 p.m.