

**ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 2014**

The Athens State University Board of Trustees (also referred herein as the Board) held a meeting at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2014 in the Founders Hall Chapel to consider University matters.

**PRESIDING: DR. SANDRA SIMS-deGRAFFENRIED
2012-2014 CHAIR PRO TEMPORE OF THE BOARD**

**MR. MACKE MAULDIN
2014-2016 CHAIR PRO TEMPORE OF THE BOARD**

The Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 2:06 p.m. by Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Professor Laura Lynn Kerner, from the College of Business, addressed the Board on the topic of Athens State Students and Higher Education.

ROLL CALL

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

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried
Ms. Cathy Dickens
Mr. Garth Lovvorn
Mr. Macke Mauldin
Ms. Maxine Randolph
Mr. Clint Shelton
Mr. Tazewell Shepard

Senator Arthur Orr joined the meeting at 2:45 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 Ms. Mary Scott Hunter were absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried requested a motion to amend the agenda to allow Shane Black, Legal Counsel for the University, to present his report at the beginning of the meeting instead of the end.

On a motion made by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board approved the amended agenda by affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

On a motion made by Mr. Mauldin and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn the Board voted, by roll call vote, to recess into executive session to discuss pending or threatened litigation against the University.

Mr. Black, University Legal Counsel, provided oral certification that the executive session would relate to pending or threatened litigation. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried announced that the Board would recess into executive session to discuss pending litigation against the University and would reconvene in approximately 15 minutes.

Cathy Dickens	Yes
Garth Lovvorn	Yes
Macke Mauldin	Yes
Maxine Randolph	Yes
Clint Shelton	Yes
Tazewell Shepard	Yes
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried	Yes

The Board reconvened at 2:35 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion made by Mr. Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Dickens, the Board approved the minutes of the July 18, 2014 Board meeting by the affirmative votes (7-0) of members present.

Mr. Shane Black provided a brief presentation on the Open Meetings Act.

OLD BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

On a motion made by Mr. Lovvorn and seconded by Ms. Randolph, the Board approved the change in Board Retreat dates from January 23, 2015 to April 17, 2015. Board retreat will be from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm on April 17, 2015 with Board meeting at 2:00 pm.

NEW BUSINESS, PENDING MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Passing of Gavel

Dr. Sims-deGraffenried expressed her appreciation to all for allowing her to serve as the Chair Pro Tempore for the last two years. Dr. Sims-deGraffenried passed the gavel and introduced Mr. Mauldin as the Chair Pro Tempore for 2014-2016.

Mr. Mauldin expressed gratitude to Dr. Sims-deGraffenried for her service to the University and to the Board and presented her with a gift of appreciation.

**Athens State University Board of Trustees Conflict of Interest Notification and Disclosure
(Attachment A)**

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board approved the recommendation that each individual Athens State University Board of Trustee reaffirm and sign the Conflict of Interest Notification and Disclosure Statement. This statement will be reaffirmed and signed at the October Board meeting each year. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Athens State University Board of Trustees Roles and Responsibilities (Attachment B)

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Dickens, the Board approved the recommendation that each individual Athens State University Board of Trustee reaffirm and sign the Athens State University Roles and Responsibilities. This document will be reaffirmed and signed at the October Board meeting each year. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Athens State University Board of Trustees Committees and Composition (Attachment C)

On a motion made by Mr. Lovvorn and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board approved the appointment of the following Board committees and members. These committees will serve a one-year term, October 2014 through September 2015. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Executive Committee

Macke Mauldin, Chair
Cathy Dickens
Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried
Dr. Mark Heinrich
Dr. Bob Glenn

Enrollment/Student Affairs Committee

Dr. Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, Chair
Macke Mauldin, Ex-Officio (voting)
Maxine Randolph
Garth Lovvorn
1 faculty member
1 staff member
Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services
2 Board of Visitors
Dr. Bob Glenn

Finance and Facilities Committee

Cathy Dickens, Chair
Macke Mauldin, Ex-Officio (voting)
Tazewell Shepard
Senator Arthur Orr
1 faculty member
1 staff member
Vice President for Financial Affairs
2 Board of Visitors

Dr. Bob Glenn

Academic Affairs Committee

Dr. Mark Heinrich, Chair

Macke Mauldin, Ex-Officio (voting)

Cathy Dickens, Ex-Officio (voting)

Clint Shelton

Mary Scott Hunter

1 faculty member – College of Education

1 faculty member – College of Business

1 faculty member – College of Arts and Sciences

1 staff member

Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs

1 Board of Visitor – College of Education

1 Board of Visitor – College of Business

1 Board of Visitor – College of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Bob Glenn

Athens State University Board of Trustees Committee Charters (Attachment D)

On a motion made by Mr. Shepard and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, the Board approved the committee charters for the Athens State University Board of Trustees committees. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Resolution: Repeal of University Policy 100.02 (Attachment E)

On a motion made by Dr. Sims-deGraffenried and seconded by Ms. Dickens, the Board adopted a resolution to repeal university policy 100.02. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

Board of Visitors Nomination/Appointment Process (Attachment F)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Shepard, the Board appointed/reappointed the following individuals to serve on the Board of Visitors.

College of Arts and Sciences

David Breland (3 years)

Claire Jones (3 years)

College of Business

Ronnie Chronister (3 years)

Charlie Donald (3 years)

College of Education

Vic Wilson (3 years)

Casey Wardynski (3 years)

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

B.A. English and Drama Major (Attachment G)

On a motion made by Senator Orr and seconded by Mr. Lovvorn, the Board approved the B.A. English and Drama Major. This motion was approved by affirmative votes (8-0) of members present.

OTHER BUSINESS

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

Dr. Robert Burkhardt, Interview 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

Mr. Mauldin directed Board members to the AEA letter and response included in their packet.

Mr. Mauldin thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone to keep students first.

ADJOURNMENT

On a motion made by Mr. Shepard and seconded by Ms. Dickens, Mr. Mauldin adjourned the Athens State University Board of Trustees meeting at 4:15 p.m.