

**The University of West Alabama
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Monday, June 4, 2001, 10:00 a.m.**

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes form Last Meeting
- IV. Report from Faculty Senate Chair
- V. Report from Staff Senate Chair
- VI. Report from SGA President
- VII. Report from Academic affairs
- VIII. Report of Land Use and Facilities Committee
- IX. Report of Athletic Committee
- X. President's Report
- XI. Joint Resolution by Faculty and Staff Senates
- XII. Report of Nominating Committee for Board Officers

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Board of Trustees
Student Union Building
June 4, 2001, 10:00 a.m.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Terry Bunn, Chairman *pro tem*, called the meeting to order.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Bunn asked Mr. Raiford Noland, Assistant Secretary, to call the roll and the following trustees were present:

Mr. Terry Bunn
Mr. Dwight Duke
Mr. Paul Hamrick
Mrs. Lena Hardaway
Mr Robert Keahey
Mr. Preston Minus
Dr. Louise Nolen
Dr. Doris Oliveira
Mr. Alex Saad
Mr. John Smith
Mr. Thed Spree
Dr. Tom Umphrey
Mr. Nat Watkins

Members absent were: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

Mr. Minus made a motion to ratify the minutes and all action taken at the Board meeting held on December 11, 2001, and Mr. Saad seconded the motion. The motion passed. Mr. Saad asked for a "show of hands" vote, and the motion was approved unanimously.

IV. REPORT FROM FACULTY SENATE CHAIR

Dr. R. T. Floyd, Faculty Senate Chairperson, distributed a report of the Faculty Senate's accomplishments for the past year--Faculty Senate web page, hosted a retirement presentation/counseling session for faculty and staff, implemented the sick leave donation program, flexible spending plan, and the VALIC financial services. He announced the names of the officers for the coming year, as follows: Dr. Janice Beaird - President, Dr. Richard Schellhammer - Vice President, and Mrs. Tina Jones - Secretary.

V. REPORT FROM STAFF SENATE CHAIR

Mr. Danny Buckalew, Staff Senate Chairperson, thanked Dr. R. T. Floyd for his work that resulted in benefits for the staff employees, as well as faculty members, and for the great job he has done on the web page.

He also announced the names of the officers for the coming year, as follows: Mr. John Crawford - Chairperson, Mr. Bob Holycross - Vice Chairperson, and Mrs. Jessie Egbert - Secretary.

VI. REPORT FROM SGA

Ms. Erin Ekhart, SGA President, gave a brief report on the activities of the Student Government officers for the past year, and announced that she had been re-elected another year as President.

VII. REPORT FROM ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Dr. David Taylor, Academic Provost, reported that the University received official notice on April 10, 2001, that the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education continued accreditation of the UWA's College of Education at the initial teacher preparation and advanced levels. He said the next NCATE visit would occur in the Spring of 2005. He thanked Dean Ann Jones and the College of Education faculty and staff for their excellent preparation for the visiting team and also Deans Holland and Underwood and their areas for their good work as well.

Dr. Taylor said that the University received notice on May 10 that the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs at its May 3-4 meeting voted to remove the conditions that caused the University's business program to have "conditional" accreditation and that the programs are now fully accredited by the ACBSP. He also congratulated the College of Business for this achievement and thanked Mrs. Patricia Pratt for working closely with the College of Business to remove the conditional accreditation.

Dr. Taylor said that the various academic units have been presenting a series of status reports to the Board. Dr. Richard Holland, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Dr. Roy Underwood, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts had previously reported on their respective areas and today he asked Dr. Neil Snider would present a report on the Julia Tutwiler Library.

Dr. Snider said that the Library had made tremendous strides in providing computer information to the students. He said the facility is open 89.5 hours each week.

Dr. Snider reported that a faculty member who recently retired, Dr. Patricia DeMay, had given her children's literature collection to the Library.

At this time, Mr. Keahey gave the invocation.

VIII. REPORT OF LAND USE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Alex Saad, Chair, reported that the Committee had met recently (copy of minutes from the recent meeting were distributed). He said Dr. Richard Holland had presented a report on the Greenways/Trails Project and the Wastewater Treatment Center on campus. He mentioned that, at this time, the only wastewater treatment center in the State of Alabama is on the UWA campus. He also announced that ALFA had given \$150,000 to be used on the water treatment facility.

Mr. Saad said that the bids for the three capital projects, which were approved at the December 2000 meeting and again affirmed at this meeting today, were within budget. A question arose about the guidelines for bond issue money, and Mr. Noland said the bond attorney had stated that these funds could only be used for capital projects.

Dr. Tom Umphrey moved to accept the bids for the Library addition and conference center, as presented, and Mr. Saad seconded the motion. The motion passed without opposition.

Mr. Saad said that the Committee also discussed renovating the top floor of Brock Hall for motel-type apartments to be used by guests that might attend events at the Bell Conference Center, and also a building at the baseball field for guests.

He said the Athletic Committee and the Land Use Committee would work together on this matter.

IX. REPORT FROM ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Spree, Chair, reported that the football program was moving along, i.e. that there have been 90 signees, 60 returning players, and 230 evaluated. He also reported that some 300 are expected for the summer camp program.

Mr. Spree said that the Rodeo team has been doing well, and that eight on the team are going to the finals, and that the women have a good chance to be #1 in the national competition.

X. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Roach reported that the enrollment for the summer semester is up slightly over last summer, i.e. there is ten more freshmen than last year, an increase in transfer students, and that the housing applications are up significantly. He said there were 942 who registered for the summer vs. 940 last year.

Dr. Roach announced the gift by ALFA for \$150,000 for the wastewater treatment center on campus.

Dr. Roach announced the promotion of Mr. Danny Buckalew to the position of Vice President for Student Affairs and said he is doing a very fine job and also commended both Mr. Buckalew who served as Staff Senate Chair and Dr. Floyd who served as Faculty Senate Chair. He also thanked Mr. Paul Stewart and his staff for the tremendous amount of work they have done on the computer information services campus-wide.

Dr. Roach said that preparations are being made for the SACS accreditation process, and that Dr. Richard Holland has agreed to be in charge of this review.

XI. JOINT RESOLUTION BY FACULTY AND STAFF SENATES

Mr. John Crawford, Chair-elect of the Staff Senate, read a resolution approved by both the UWA Faculty Senate and the UWA Staff Senate for the service provided for the Board's out-going Chairman *pro-tem*, Mr. Terry Bunn.

XII. REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR BOARD OFFICERS

Mr. Bunn said that he was asked by the Board to call for nominations from the floor for Board officers. Dwight Duke nominated Mann Minus to serve as Chairman *pro tem*, and John Smith seconded the motion. A motion was made by Bobby Keahey that the nominations be closed, with Nat Watkins seconding the motion, and the motion passed. The motion for Mr. Minus passed.

Dr. Umphrey was nominated to serve as Vice-Chairman *pro-tem* by Nat Watkins and Bobby Keahey seconded the motion. John Smith moved to close the nominations and Alex Saad seconded the motion. Motion passed. The motion for Dr. Umphrey also passed.

Nat Watkins nominated Alex Saad to serve as Secretary to the Board, and John Smith seconded the motion. John Smith moved to close the nominations, with Bobby Keahey seconding, and the motion. The motion passed for Mr. Saad to serve as Secretary to the Board.

Nat Watkins nominated Lena Hardaway to serve as Treasurer, and Dr. Umphrey seconded the motion. John Smith moved to close the nominations, with Bobby Keahey seconding the motion, and this motion passed. The motion also passed for Ms. Hardaway to serve as Treasurer of the Board.

Mr. Minus said that the other committees of the Board would serve at the pleasure of the Chair, and subsequently announced his choice of members to serve on the Board's Executive Committee, as follows: John Smith, Chair, Dwight Duke, and Thed Spree.

Mr. Minus moved that the Board approved the Executive Committee appointments, with Bobby Keahey seconding the motion. The motion passed.

Dr. Umphrey made a motion to accept the slate of nominees for honorary degrees, with Mr. Hamrick seconding the motion. The motion passed.

At 11:20 a.m., Mr. Paul Hamrick asked that the Board go into an executive session..

At 11:35 a.m., Mr. Minus called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Dwight Duke made a motion to approve a resolution that the University opt out of a portion of the equitable funding lawsuit that referred to an old law about the right to an education for all Alabama students and to ask that the attorney for the University, Mr. Mike Kendrick, report on this at the next meeting. Mr. Saad seconded the motion, and it passed.

Mr. Minus said that it was his understanding that the meeting could recess, subject to the call of the Chairman *pro tem*. He further said that the By-laws of the Board need to be reviewed, and also asked the members to present to him any concerns they may have as soon as possible.

At 11:55, Mr. Minus said that this meeting would be in recess until Monday, June 18, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. in the Student Union Building.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Saad, Secretary

T. Raiford Noland, Assistant Secretary