

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**The University of West Alabama**  
**Bell Conference Center**  
**June 2, 2008, 10:30 a.m.**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes for March 3, 2008, Meeting
- V. Report of the Board President (Mrs. Margaret Lovett)
- VI. Report of Facilities Committee (Mr. Alex Saad)
- VII. Report of Finance Committee (Mr. John Northcutt)
- VIII. Report on the Capital Campaign (Mr. Wes Gordon)
- IX. Faculty Senate Report (Dr. Gerald Jones)
- X. Report from University President (Dr. Richard Holland)
- XI. Adjourn

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mrs. Margaret Lovett, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order.

**II. ROLL CALL**

Mr. Tom Ballow, Secretary, called the roll. Attending were: Mr. Tom Ballow, Mrs. Lena Hardaway, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, Mr. John Northcutt, Dr. Doris Oliveira, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Thed Spree, and Dr. Tom Umphrey. Trustees not attending were: Mr. Terry Bunn, Mr. Robert Keahey, Mr. Preston Minus, Dr. Louise Nolen and Mr. John Smith.

Mr. Ballow announced that a quorum was present.

**III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Saad made a motion to approve the agenda, Mr. Northcutt seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR MARCH 3, 2008, MEETING**

Mrs. Lovett asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the last meeting. Mr. Saad made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted, Mr. Northcutt seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

**V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Lovett thanked the Board for all of the good wishes while she was recovering from surgery at the time of the last Board meeting. She also thanked Mr. Northcutt for leading the March meeting.

Mrs. Lovett reported that three new members of the Board were approved by the Legislature last week, and Dr. Louise Nolen was reappointed for another term. The newly appointed members are:

(1) Ms. Becky Lewis from Auburn, who will be representing the Third District and will be replacing Dr. Oliveira; (2) Ms. Jean Dearman Anderson from Montgomery, who will be replacing Mr. Preston Minus and will be serving At-Large; (3) Dr. Willie Bruce O'Neal from Midfield, who will be replacing Mr. Robert Keahey and will also be serving At-Large; and (4) Dr. Louise Nolen from Fayette, who was reappointed to represent the Fourth District.

Mrs. Lovett presented a gift to Dr. Oliveira as a token of the Board's and University's appreciation for her service as a loyal and faithful member of the Board of Trustees since 1995.

Mrs. Lovett said that she has to appoint an ad-hoc committee to perform the annual evaluation of the President. She said the evaluation should be done between this meeting and the next meeting of the Board in September 2008. Her appointments to the ad-hoc committee were: Dr. Umphrey to serve as Chair, Mrs. Hardaway, and Mr. Spree.

## **VI. REPORT OF THE FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Mr. Saad, Chair, reported that the Committee met today and acted on several items. He said the Committee recommends that a committee be appointed to proceed with fundraising for the rodeo arena project. Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and it was approved. The Board President *pro tem* will appoint the committee.

Mr. Saad reported that the renovation of the bath house at Lake LU that will be used for the Cross Country team is underway. He said that an anonymous donor provided the funds for this project.

Mr. Saad said the Facilities Committee heard a report on the proposed regional wellness and fitness center. He said a planning committee came up with a concept and it would be used by four groups -- Athletic Training/Sports Medicine, Student Affairs Wellness

Center, Athletics, and the Team/University Student Health Services. On behalf of the Committee, Mr. Saad recommended that the Board President appoint a Committee of the Board to work with the academic committee to develop funding options and a timeline for the proposed project. Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

As an information item, Mr. Saad reported that a new digital aerial and topographical map of the campus has been completed.

Mr. Saad reported that the residential housing project was discussed in the Committee, and after thorough consideration of all options offered by Capstone Developers and what is best for the University, the Committee recommends that the University proceed with the new housing project and allow the Executive Committee of the Board to act on behalf of the Board in authorizing the University President to negotiate and proceed with the project. Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Mr. Saad reported that the University has offered to swap 1.7 acres on campus in front of the Student Union Building for the Wesley Foundation building adjoining University property. On behalf of the Facilities Committee, Mr. Saad recommended that the University proceed with this agreement, Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Mr. Saad reported that the Baptist Campus Ministries' building is for sale and has been appraised at \$261,000. He said it consists of 6,329 square feet and has a lot of space that the University could use for offices. Since it is adjoining the University campus and in the best interest of the University to purchase the facility, Mr. Saad said the Facilities Committee recommends that the University proceed with

obtaining funds to make this purchase. Mr. Ballow seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

#### **VII. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. John Northcutt, Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met this morning and Mr. Clemit Spruiell gave a legislative update on the funding appropriation for the University. Because of the cut in the State appropriation and the rising fixed costs, such as: increases in costs of utilities, gasoline, health insurance premiums, and the mandatory salary increases, Mr. Northcutt said the University will have to absorb approximately \$2,075,905 in order to balance the 2008-2009 Budget. A copy of the proposed 2008-2009 Budget was included in the Trustees' folders for their review. Mr. Northcutt said that tuition would be increased by 12 percent in order to address the shortfall in revenue for the upcoming fiscal year. In the form of a motion, Mr. Northcutt said the Finance Committee recommended the approval of the budget, as presented, and Mr. Saad seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

#### **VIII. REPORT ON THE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN**

Mr. Wes Gordon, Director of Development, reported that \$4.57 million has been committed to date and indicated there are \$6.2 million proposals outstanding. He said 31% of the goal has been reached.

Mr. Gordon announced two new additions to the Office of Institutional Advancement. He said Mr. Stan Narewski will serve as the new Director of Planned and Major Gifts, and Mrs. Tyanne Stone will serve as the new Director of Alumni Relations.

#### **IX. FACULTY SENATE REPORT**

Dr. Gerald Jones, Chair of the Faculty Senate, reported on two items that the Senate is considering at this time. He said a Senate

committee, under the leadership of Dr. Mark Davis, has been performing some research on team teaching methods.

Dr. Jones also reported that the Senate is in the early stages of making a recommendation for the University to offer long-term care insurance to the employees, which would be at the employee's cost.

#### **X. REPORT FROM THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**

Dr. Holland reported on the enrollment figures for the Summer and the applications report for the Fall Semester. He indicated a copy of this report was in each binder. Dr. Holland said the undergraduate enrollment for the Summer is down somewhat, while the graduate is up a substantial amount. He added, however, that the number of beginning freshmen has increased over last year.

Dr. Holland reported that the applications for the Fall 2008 Semester indicates a slight increase in freshmen, but a slight decrease in transfer students at this point in time.

Dr. Holland said in the Spring 2008 the University surveyed partnership schools and UWA graduates to determine if there might be an interest in offering the Education Specialist program in Elementary Education, Library Media and School Counseling. He said the survey proved there is definitely an interest, and Board approval is required before the University can request approval for this program from the Alabama Commission on Higher Education and the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Mr. Saad moved to approve offering this academic program in Elementary Education, Library Media and School Counseling. Mrs. Hardaway seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Dr. Holland announced that the University received a report card grade of "A" from the State Department of Education on the University's teacher preparation program performance.

Dr. Holland announced that Mr. Jeff Hood is retiring as the Chief of Campus Police, and Mr. Jeff Manuel has been selected to replace him as the new Chief of Police and Director of Campus Safety effective July 1, 2008.

Dr. Holland said that Mr. Manuel served as Chief of Police in the City of Livingston from 1980-1999 and as the Director of Public Safety with the City of Demopolis since 1999.

Dr. Doris Oliveira thanked all of the members of the Board and Dr. Holland for the gift. She said it has been a very pleasurable honor to serve as a member of the University's Board of Trustees.

Mrs. Lovett said there are a lot of positive things that are happening at UWA, and she thanked members of the Board for their contributions. She said she looks forward to working with the new members of the Board, as well.

Mr. Spree asked the reporter from the *Tuscaloosa News* not to place the increase in tuition at UWA in the headlines of the paper.

Dr. Holland said the Trustees would find in their binders a copy of an article by Mr. Jason Morton entitled The Promise of Steel. He said the article focuses on the Black Belt region and the industry planned for the area. Dr. Holland said the article indicates that the University of West Alabama serves as the economic and development hub of West Alabama.

## **XI. ADJOURN**

There was no other business and Mrs. Lovett adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ballow, Jr.  
Secretary

Earlene Lindsey  
Assistant Secretary