

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The University of West Alabama
Bell Conference Center
November 28, 2011, 1:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda
- IV. Approval of Minutes for September 12, 2011, Board Meeting
- V. Report of the Board President (Mr. John Northcutt)
 - A. President's Evaluation
Report of ad-hoc committee on Evaluation of the University President for 2010-11
 - B. Schedule for Board and Committee Meetings for 2012
- VI. Report of Athletics Committee (Mr. Thed Spree)
- VII. Report of University Facilities Committee (Mr. Tom Ballow)
- IX. Report from the University Provost (Dr. David Taylor)
 - A. SACS Visit
 - B. Fall Preview Day
 - C. University Grant Programs: University Research Grants, Teaching Excellence Grants, and Service Learning Grants
 - D. New Program Proposals
 - E. 2012 Loraine McIlwain Bell Trustee Awards
- X. Report from the University President (Dr. Richard Holland)
 - A. Enrollment Report
 - B. UWA Economic Impact Study
- XI. Adjourn
Next meeting of the Board - March 5, 2012

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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Northcutt, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He welcomed everyone to the meeting and requested Rev. O'Neill to give the invocation.

II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Northcutt requested Mrs. Becky Lewis, Secretary to the Board, to call the roll. Members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Thomas Ballow, Jr., Mr. Terry Bunn, Mrs. Lena Hardaway, Mrs. Becky Lewis, Mr. John Northcutt, Mr. Willie B. O'Neill, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Bill Sager and Mr. Thed Spree. Absent: Mr. Randall Hillman, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, and Mr. John Smith. Mrs. Lewis announced that a quorum was present.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Northcutt asked for a motion to approve the agenda for today's meeting. Mr. Ballow moved to approve the agenda, Mr. Sager seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 12, 2011

Mrs. Anderson made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 12, 2011; Mrs. Hardaway seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. President's Evaluation

Mr. Northcutt requested Mrs. Anderson, Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee, to give this report. She said she met with the other members of the Committee – Mr. Ballow and Mr. Hillman – and it was their conclusion that President Holland exceeded all goals expected of him. She said it was the consensus of the Committee to continue with Dr. Holland's contract as it is currently written and stated this was as a recommendation of the Committee. Mr. Sager provided a second, and the motion was approved.

Dr. Holland thanked the Committee and the Board for their support and he expressed his appreciation to the faculty and staff for the work they have done in helping the University move forward.

VI. REPORT OF ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Spree, Chair, reported that the Committee met this morning and he introduced the new Director of Athletics, Mr. Stan Williamson. Mr. Spree reported on all sports, as follows: Football finished with a 8-3 overall record and Coach Hall was selected as Co-Coach of the Year; Volleyball finished 21-10 for the season; Cross Country finished third in the Gulf South Conference; Women's Basketball and Men's Basketball are just starting their seasons; Baseball will begin their season soon; and work is ongoing to obtain funding to cover the Rodeo Arena and build a new athletic arena.

Mr. Spree commended Mr. Williamson for working diligently to develop the proposed strategic plan for Athletics, stating he wrote it in his first 45 days of employment at UWA.

VII. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Ballow, Chair, reported that the Committee met this morning and received a report on the Gilbert Hall building project, which is on schedule to be completed before the Fall Semester 2012 begins. He said grant money has been received to move two historic churches to the campus, several paving projects have been completed, and the Moon Hall and Young Hall Cafeteria additions are underway.

Mr. Ballow reported that the University has been approached by the Livingston Presbyterian Church, who would like to sell the Manse house and lot to the University and the Houston house that they would like to have purchased and moved from its premises. He said the Committee gave its approval and recommends to the Board, in the form of a motion, that President Holland move forward on obtaining an appraisal of each piece of property. Mr. Sager provided a second, and the motion was approved.

Mr. Ballow reported that the agreement between UWA, the City of Livingston, and Jeff Anderson Regional Medical Center was discussed. He said a proposed Letter of Intent was presented to the Committee and the Committee approved the document and recommends that

the full Board consider approval of same. A motion was made by Mr. Saad and seconded by Mrs. Hardaway to move forward with the Letter of Intent, after review of the document by the University's attorney, Mike Kendrick; and the motion passed.

Mr. Ballow said the Facilities Committee recommends the adoption of a resolution to name the Campus Police facility the John C. Craiger House. He indicated that Mr. Craiger taught at UWA many years and lived in the house about thirty years. Based on the recommendation of the Committee, Mr. Bunn provided a second and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Ballow presented a Resolution for Reimbursement which the Facilities Committee adopted at its meeting this morning. He said this will allow the University to be reimbursed for any capital monies that are spent prior to negotiating a construction contract with bond issue or other funds. After adoption of the resolution by the Committee and its recommendation for approval by the full Board, a second was provided by Mrs. Jean Anderson and it was approved.

VIII. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY PROVOST

Dr. David Taylor, Provost, requested that Item B be moved to the end of his report.

A. SACS

Dr. Taylor said that the members of the Board were provided with a copy of the lengthy response that UWA sent to SACS regarding the probation matter. He said the probation was due to the University not capturing its success as SACS had required. Dr. Taylor said 87% of the institutions were found non-compliant in this area of reporting. He said the University's response that was sent to SACS after the probation was applied clearly satisfied the standard of measuring student success. Dr. Taylor thanked the Deans, Dr. Tina Jones, Ms. Angel Jowers, and all others who worked so hard on this. He said the next regular re-accreditation visit from SACS is scheduled for 2013.

B. University Grant Programs

Dr. Taylor earlier distributed a list of faculty who have applied for University Research Grants, Teaching Excellence Grants, and Service Learning Grants.

C. New Program Proposals

Dr. Taylor reported on the status of some new programs: the B.B.A. in Marketing and a B.B.A. in Finance are on the calendar for ACHE to consider approval at their meeting in December 2011; and the College of NS&M has also sent a notification of intent for a proposed new track for Actuarial Science in Mathematics.

D. 2012 Loraine McIlwain Bell Trustee Awards

Dr. Taylor reported that each year at this time a committee selects a slate of nominees for the Trustee Professor Award, the Professional Staff Award and the Support Staff Award. He said these awards were endowed by Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Cunningham in memory of her mother, Mrs. Loraine McIlwain Bell, who was a former educator and nurse in the County. Dr. Taylor indicated each recipient would receive a plaque and \$1,000.

The slate of nominees was distributed for consideration by the Board. Mr. Bunn made a motion to approve the slate of nominees, Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Recipients were as follows:

Dr. Alan Brown – Trustee Professor

Mr. Rance Stevenson – Professional Staff

Mrs. Bessie Williamson – Support Staff

All were very appreciative of the award.

E. Fall Preview Day

Dr. Taylor introduced Mr. Olivier Charles, Interim Director of Admissions and Enrollment Management, who reported on the recent Preview Day that was held on campus. Mr. Charles said at least two such events are held each year, usually in the Fall and Spring. He said this provides an opportunity for the students and their parents to come to the campus for tours and to hear about the programs that UWA offers. Mr. Charles indicated that approximately 700 attended, including student prospects and parents, and he stated this number was an increase of about 300 over last year.

IX. REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT**A. Enrollment Report**

Dr. Holland distributed a chart on the Fall 2011 Enrollment figures. He said there was a 20% increase in beginning freshmen and transfers over 2010; the online enrollment increased 5% over 2010; and the total enrollment increased 164 from 2010 for a 3% increase.

B. UWA Economic Study

Dr. Holland discussed the Economic Impact Study that was recently prepared by Dr. Kelvan Deravi, from AUM. He stated that the rate of return is \$7.70 for each dollar of State revenue provided to the University and that there is a large amount of revenue being generated by the University faculty, staff, and students to the area. Dr. Holland said UWA has a total of 872 fulltime equivalent employees. Dr. Holland indicated that the economic study will be presented in brochure form for future use.

Mr. Saad said that Mr. Mike Kendrick, the University's attorney, needs to attend all meetings of the Board of Trustees. He also said he would like for all budget information to be submitted to the Trustees on an Excel spreadsheet, and he would like to see all revenue combined into one fund, instead of two funds.

X. ADJOURN

Mr. Northcutt asked if there was any other business to be brought before the Board. There was none and he thanked everyone for their attendance.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lewis
Secretary to the Board

Earlene Lindsey
Assistant Secretary to the Board