

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The University of West Alabama
Bell Conference Center
December 3, 2012, 1:00 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda (*Action Item*)
- IV. Approval of Minutes for September 10, 2012, Board Meeting (*Action Item*)
- V. Report of the Board President (Mr. John Northcutt)
 - A. Schedule of Board and Committee Meetings for 2012-2013 (*Action Item*)
 - B. Report of Ad-hoc Committee to Evaluate University President (*Action Item*).
 - C. Status Report of Proposed Legislation (Letter from Mike Kendrick)
- VI. Report of the Executive Committee (Mr. John Northcutt)
 - A. Approval of Minutes for October 16, 2012, recessed meeting. (*Action Item*)
- VII. Report of Athletic Committee (Mr. Thed Spree)
- VIII. Report of the Finance Committee (Mr. Terry Bunn)
- IX. Report of University Facilities Committee (Mr. Tom Ballow)
- X. Report from the University Provost (Dr. David Taylor)
 - A. 2013 Loraine McIlwain Bell Trustee Awards
 - B. 2013 Nellie Rose McCrory Service Excellence Award
- XI. Report from the University President (Dr. Richard Holland)
 - A. Work Force Development Grant – U. S. Department of Labor
\$2.2 million over four-year period
- XII. Adjourn

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Regular Meeting
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I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. John Northcutt, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order. He asked Mrs. Becky Lewis, Secretary, to call the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

Members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Thomas Ballow, Jr., Mr. Terry Bunn, Mrs. Rebecca S. Lewis, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, Mr. John Northcutt, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Bill Sager, Mr. Jerry F. Smith, Mr. Thed Spree, and Mr. Victor Vernon. Absent: Mr. Randall Hillman. Rev. Willie B. O'Neil. 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. Vernon moved to approve the agenda, Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion, and the agenda was approved.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2012, BOARD MEETING

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on September 10, 2012; Mr. Spree seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

A. *Schedule of Board and Committee Meetings for 2012-2013*

Mr. Northcutt said the Board and Committee Meeting schedule has been revised due to requests from Trustees to have certain committee meetings more than once per year. A motion was made by Mrs. Anderson to approve the revised schedule and Mrs. Lovett seconded the motion. No vote was held on this motion.

Mr. Smith made a motion to revise the schedule further to have a meeting of the Institutional Advancement Committee every quarter, and Mr. Bunn seconded the motion. No vote was held on this motion.

B. Report of Ad-hoc Committee to Evaluate University President

Mr. Northcutt asked for a report from the Chair of the Committee, Mr. Bill Sager. Mr. Sager said he had included all members of the Board in this evaluation process, as well as the President's Council. He said the Ad-hoc Committee has not met with Dr. Holland to finalize the evaluation. Mr. Sager suggested that this process needs to start earlier each year if a report is to be made at the December meeting. He said he will present his written report to the Committee and finish the evaluation process by the March meeting of the Board of Trustees.

C. *Status Report of Proposed Legislation*

Mr. Northcutt said one of the primary reasons for having the Executive Committee meetings recently was to look into being able to have teleconferencing at Board and committee meetings. Mr. Northcutt asked Mr. Kendrick, University Attorney, to discuss this. Mr. Kendrick said that he had reviewed the legislation authorizing teleconferencing at several other state universities. He said legislation to allow teleconferencing has been adopted for Troy University. He said that the Board cannot amend the Bylaws regarding teleconferencing – that it must be passed by the State Legislature allowing the University to have the teleconferencing capability.

At this time, Mr. Saad brought to the attention of Mr. Northcutt that no vote was cast on the motions regarding the adoption of the proposed Schedule for Committee and Board Meetings. Another motion was made by Mr. Saad and seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the revised schedule, with the addition of the Institutional Advancement Committee. The motion was approved.

Mr. Northcutt asked if there was any discussion on the changes to the Bylaws. Mr. Kendrick said there is nothing further he or the Board can do until the State Legislature adopts the teleconferencing capability for the University. Mr. Saad inquired as to how willing the Trustees are to use this capability before it is carried to the Legislature. Mrs. Anderson said she did not think it would be a Legislative battle. Mr. Northcutt stated it would be wise to have it in place since it would be another year before they meet. After discussion, Mr. Bunn made a motion to table this action, with Mr. Smith seconded the motion. The Motion passed.

VI. REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Northcutt reported that the Executive Committee met on October 16 and November 1, 2012, and discussed several matters, such as: teleconferencing and video-conferencing for meetings of the Board and committees, proposed changes to the Board's Bylaws in Article I regarding Communication, officers of the Board, and the agenda. He said they also discussed Article II regarding notice of committee meetings, Article III regarding the President, Article IV regarding granting of degrees, Article VII regarding budget of the University, Article VIII regarding audit, and Article IX regarding amendments to the bylaws, and a need for a way to remove trustees who do not participate in board and committee meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Saad asked how many votes by members of the Board are required to amend the Bylaws. Mr. Kendrick, the University Attorney, said a motion has to be made, seconded, and passed unanimously by the full Board to amend the Bylaws. He said if such a motion is approved, a proposed amendment requires 8 members of the Board to pass after a motion is made and seconded.

Mrs. Lewis made a motion to approve the minutes of the Executive Committee dated October 16 and November 1, 2012; Mrs. Lovett seconded the motion; and the motion was approved.

VII. REPORT OF THE ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Spree reported that the Athletic Committee met this morning and had a lot of good discussion, adding he would provide a copy of his report to the Secretary for filing purposes. He reported on the standings of each sport, as follows: Men's Cross Country finished 2nd in the GSC, Women's Cross Country finished 7th, Women's Soccer ended the season with a 7-8-3 overall record, Men's Soccer finished with 12-7 overall, Volleyball ended with a 12-16 overall record, Men's Basketball has a record so far this season of 3 wins and 4 losses, while the Women's team is 4-4 overall. He said the Men's Rodeo team finished 5th in the Ozark Region, and the Women's team finished 8th.

Mr. Spree reported that the Football team finished 9-4 for the season, won the Gulf South Conference Championship for the first time ever, and at this time he welcomed Head Football Coach Will Hall to the Board meeting.

Coach Hall thanked the Board members for their support. He said his coaches had a great year in recruiting. He said they held several football camps on campus that brought a large number of high school students to campus. Coach Hall said he was glad to report that during this year's season they accomplished several things: one was to defeat Valdosta State University, the University of North Alabama, and Delta State University; they won the first round of NCAA Division II Playoffs on campus; and also won the Gulf South Conference Championship. Coach Hall also reported that one of the team players, Ridge Wilson, has a good chance to be drafted by the NFL, as well as Otho Foster. He again thanked everyone on the Board and the Administration for their support.

VIII. REPORT OF THE FINANCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Mr. Terry Bunn, Chair, reported that the Committee met this morning and reviewed the financial stability of the University. He also said the Committee approved and recommends that \$1.5 million of the Bryant Bank Bond Issue money be used to add more space to the Athletic Training facility and the Weight Room in the Homer Fieldhouse, and to install new bleachers, flooring and scoreboard at the Pruitt Hall Gymnasium. Mr. Saad seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

IX. REPORT OF UNIVERSITY FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Ballow, Chair, reported that the Facilities Committee met this morning and they were briefed on several ongoing projects. He stated the renovation of the Cafeteria was moving along and it should be open by next summer.

X. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY PROVOST

Dr. Taylor presented a slate of recipients for the McIlwain Bell Awards and the Nellie Rose McCrory Award to the Board for consideration. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the slate of recipients, Mrs. Anderson seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Dr. Taylor indicated each recipient would receive a plaque and a \$1,000. The 2013 McIlwain Bell Awards are as follows:

Mr. Dustin Prine – Support Staff Excellence Award

Mr. Glenn Smith – Professional Staff Excellence Award

Dr. Wayne Bedford – Trustee Professor

Dr. Taylor invited each recipient to come forward to receive their award and make a comment. All three expressed their gratitude for this award.

Dr. Taylor announced Dr. R. T. Floyd as the winner of the 2013 Nellie Rose McCrory Service Excellence Award. Dr. Floyd also expressed his gratitude for this honor.

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Northcutt extended his congratulations to each winner.

XI. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Dr. Holland reported that the University received a \$2.2 million grant to establish a comprehensive industrial technology training program. He said there is a shortage of skilled workers for the manufacturing plants in the Black Belt and indicated they will work with Mercedes-Benz to train individuals in industrial technology.

XIII. 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 and support.

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Lewis
Secretary to the Board

Earlene Lindsey
Assistant Secretary to the Board