

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 28, 2007**

Chairman Kay Reynolds called the meeting to order at 7:27 p.m.

1.0 Certification of Compliance with RC 121.22(F) - Board Secretary

The Secretary confirmed compliance with RC 121.22(F).

Voting Members

Present: Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. McKinley

Non-voting Members

Present: Dr. Ball, Ms. Seif

Others in Attendance: Dr. Morris, Dr. Perez

2.0 Governor's Compact for Higher Education Proposal

Ms. Reynolds opened the meeting indicating that this meeting was called to brief the Committee on the "Compact for Higher Education" proposal Governor Strickland included in his executive budget.

Dr. Perez provided an overview of the "Compact for Higher Education." He explained the compact offers a five percent increase in state support for higher education in FY 2008 and a two percent increase in FY 2009. In return for this increase, public colleges and universities must agree to hold tuition flat for the 2007-08 academic year and raise tuition no more than three percent in the 2008-09 academic year. Additionally, the colleges and universities must identify "internal efficiency savings" equal to one percent of the school's budget in FY 2008 and three percent in FY 2009.

Dr. Perez explained that the proposed five percent represents the total increased support. Once calculated through the "State Investment in Instruction" (SII) formula some schools receive more than five percent and some receive less. Shawnee State would receive only a 2.44 percent increase in FY 2008, and only 0.98 percent more in FY 2009. The executive budget also includes a \$500,000 increase in the Shawnee State "supplement," which the university has received since its inception to keep tuition low while maintaining the high quality of academic programs.

Mr. McCoy inquired what the impact of the current proposal would be on Shawnee State. Dr. Morris responded that a preliminary fiscal analysis indicated, the governor's proposal would not result in increased revenue for Shawnee State, but rather would require budget

cuts beyond the required efficiency savings. She emphasized that the proposal had only been recently submitted to the House and Senate and that Dr. Morris noted that negotiations with the state legislature regarding the compact are at an early stage. Beyond initial support for flat tuition, the legislative leadership had not taken a position on the compact.

Dr. Morris explained that the members of the Inter-University Council had agreed not to take a position on the compact until negotiations had progressed to the point where the campuses have a solid idea of what the final proposal will be. Items for discussion in the legislature include permitting campuses a three percent tuition increase in FY 2008 to help transition to lower tuition revenue, followed by flat tuition in FY 2009. She noted the new Chancellor, Eric Fingerhut, had suggested that cost-savings resulting from cooperation among campuses could be counted toward the efficiency savings. She also noted that the university would retain any savings it realized.

Mr. Harcha inquired how the legislative negotiations will impact the development of the Shawnee State budget. Dr. Morris noted it had initially been her intention to bring the budget to the Board of Trustees for approval at its April meeting, but the unknowns associated with the state budget dictate presenting the university budget to the board at its June meeting.

3.0 Executive Session

Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. McKinley seconded a motion to go into executive session to consider the employment and compensation of a public employee under RC § 121.22(G)(1).

Ayes: Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. McKinley, Ms. Reynolds

Nays: None

The Executive Committee moved into executive session at 7.23 p.m.

The Executive Committee came out of executive session and returned to a public session at 9:42 p.m.

The Executive Committee adjourned by acclamation at 9:43 p.m.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees