

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2007**

Chairperson Howard Harcha called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. noting the meeting was in compliance with RC § 121.22(F).

Roll Call

Members Present: Dr. Ball, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Harcha, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds and Mr. Warren (entered meeting at 1:16 p.m.)

Members Absent: Ms. Seif

Approval of the November 16, 2007 Agenda

Mr. McCoy moved and Mr. Lodwick seconded a motion to approve the November 16, 2007 agenda. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved said agenda.

Approval of the September 14, 2007 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. McCoy moved and Ms. Reynolds seconded a motion to approve the September 14, 2007 Board meeting minutes. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved said minutes.

President's Report

Dr. Morris summarized the written report that she submitted to the Board and is made a part of these minutes.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee – Dr. Gail Ball

Dr. Ball reported on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and said the committee had one action item.

Dr. Ball said the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommended approval of Resolution ASA10-07, Commendation, 2007 Men's Soccer Team and Coaches. Dr. Ball said she was honored to help recognize the men's soccer team for their heroic actions when they helped rescue three people from their vehicle after a wreck. Members of the soccer team and head coach, Ron Goodson, were in attendance at the Board meeting and were recognized by a round of applause. Dr. Ball moved and Mr. Warren seconded a motion to approve Resolution ASA10-07, Commendation, 2007 Men's Soccer Team and Coaches.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Dr. Ball reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee informational items.

Dr. Ball reported that Dr. Michael Field, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported on the Shawnee 5.0 Conference, Interactive Digital Technology, held on the SSU campus on October 26, 2007. Dr. Ball said this conference brings national recognition to Shawnee State as a leader in the field of interactive digital technology.

Dr. Ball stated that Ms. Barbara Bradbury, Director, Financial Aid, reported on financial aid activities. Dr. Ball said the percentage of students receiving financial aid/loans is approximately the same as last year. She said the default rate on student loans has decreased from 20 percent in 1994 to just five percent in 2005.

Dr. Ball stated that Mr. John Campbell, President of the Student Government Association, reported on the activities of the Student Government Association. Dr. Ball said one of the main goals of the SGA is to increase membership and interest in student activities. She said it was nice to see so many of our students active in the community.

Dr. Ball said that Ms. Amy Richardson, Americorps/VISTA coordinator of community service for volunteer programs, reported on the current volunteer activities. Dr. Ball said Ms. Richardson also reported on behalf of Ms. Kelly Hatas, VISTA representative for recycling, on the involvement of the University community on recycling.

Dr. Ball stated that Dr. Settle reported on the latest progress of the University Center renovation and expansion. She said the groundbreaking is scheduled for January, 2008.

Dr. Ball said that Mr. Jim Arnzen, Athletic Director, reported on the Fall Bear Run/Walk and the fall sports. Dr. Ball reported that over 1100 people participated in the run/walk.

Dr. Ball said the personnel appointments would be addressed by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

Finance and Facilities – Mr. Jack McCoy

Mr. McCoy reported on behalf of the Finance and Facilities Committee and said the Committee had four action items.

Mr. McCoy said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F35-07, Enabling and Nurturing Activity Based Learning (ENABL) Grant. Mr. McCoy said the Ohio Board of Regents grant is for an amount of \$120,436.20 and a period of one year. He said

the purpose of the grant is to improve teacher quality in the instruction of mathematics in grades 4-8. Mr. McCoy moved and Mr. Lodwick seconded a motion to approve Resolution F035-07.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Harcha, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. McCoy said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F36-07, Southern Ohio Youth Regents STEM and Foreign Language Academy Grant. Mr. McCoy said the Ohio Board of Regents grant was in the amount of \$300,000 for a one-year period. He said this grant is designed to encourage high school-aged students to explore and consider the STEM/foreign language disciplines as possible college majors with an emphasis on teaching careers in those areas. Mr. McCoy moved and Dr. Ball seconded a motion to approve Resolution F36-07.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Harcha, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. McCoy said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F37-07, Enhancing Opportunities for the Professional Nursing Degree. Mr. McCoy said the purpose of this grant is to expand enrollment in the baccalaureate nursing programs. He said the grant was for \$375,000 for a three-year period. Mr. McCoy moved and Mr. Mooney seconded a motion to approve Resolution F37-07.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Harcha, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. McCoy said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F38-07, Recognition of Authority Granted under Sub. H.B. 187. Mr. McCoy said the Ohio General Assembly enacted Sub. H.B. 187 that revises the Ohio civil service laws as they relate to classified staff at Ohio's public universities. Mr. McCoy moved and Ms. Reynolds seconded a motion to approve Resolution F38-07.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Harcha, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. McCoy reported on the Finance and Facilities Committee informational items.

Mr. McCoy reported that representatives from the audit firm of Crowe Chizek and Company reported to the Finance and Facilities Committee on the fiscal year 2007 audit. Mr. McCoy said this was a clear audit with no finding. He commended the staff of the Business Office for a job well done.

Mr. McCoy said in accordance with Policy 5.16Rev., Personnel Appointments, the attached list summarizes personnel action taken between August 23, 2007 and November 2, 2007. He said all personnel activity was reported in the attached consolidated report.

Mr. McCoy said Ms. Boyles reviewed the Investment Report that reflected activity through October 31, 2007. He said the results of this report speak very highly of the Investment Committee.

Mr. McCoy reported on the PACE report that summarized the fiscal year to date financial information from July, 2007 through September, 2007 for the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. Mr. McCoy reported expenses were down over 36.5 percent compared to the same period last year however Ms. Joanne Charles, who oversees the Vern Riffe Center's operation, observed that an expenditure made in the first quarter last year was made in the second quarter this year and thus does not appear in this PACE report. Similarly, the reported 31.5 percent increase in revenues for the quarter may be the result of the Columbus Symphony being scheduled earlier in the season. Because of these differences it may not be able to establish the Vern Riffe Center's relative fiscal position until later in the year.

Mr. McCoy said the capital status report reflects current information on each capital project and they are all on schedule.

Mr. McCoy reported that the PACE Report summarized the fiscal year to date Revenue and Expenditures from July, 2007 through October, 2007.

Reports, if any, from Board Liaisons with other Organizations

None.

New Business

None.

Comments from Constituent Groups (if any) and the Public

Mr. Carl Hilgarth reported to the Board on the IT Day being held on the SSU campus today. He said this program was for 8th, 9th and 10th grade high school girls with an emphasis in getting them interested in pursuing a career in the information technology field. Mr. Hilgarth said this program was the outcome from a grant that was previously approved by the Board.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session, if necessary

Mr. McCoy moved and Ms. Reynolds seconded a motion to move into Executive Session under RC § 121.22(G)(4) to discuss collective bargaining negotiations.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Harcha, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

The Board moved into Executive Session at 1:55 p.m.

The Board returned to regular session at 2.27 p.m.

Mr. McCoy moved and Ms. Reynolds seconded a motion to approve Resolution E05-07, Ratification of Collective Bargaining Agreement between Shawnee State University and Communication Workers of America, Local 4372.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Harcha, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Reynolds, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 2.30 p.m.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees