

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes
May 8, 2009**

Chairperson Jack McCoy 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. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Ms. Higgs-Horwell, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Warren, Ms. Dunham, Ms. Stricklett

Members Absent: Ms. Seif

Approval of the May 8, 2009 Agenda

Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Warren seconded a motion to approve the May 8, 2009 agenda. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved said agenda.

Approval of the March 13, 2009 Board Meeting Minutes

Mr. Mooney moved and Dr. Ball seconded a motion to approve the March 13, 2009 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. Mr. McCoy said he would like to thank Dr. Morris and Ms. Boyles for their participation in the Board Retreat held on Thursday evening.

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs Committee – Mr. Jim Warren

Mr. Warren reported on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and said the Committee had two action items.

Mr. Warren said the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommended approval of Resolution ASA05-09, Approval of Graduates. Mr. Warren moved and Mr. Harcha seconded a motion to approve Resolution ASA05-09.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Ms. Higgs-Horwell, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. Warren said the Academic and Student Affairs Committee recommended approval of Resolution ASA06-09, Honoring the Women and Men's Basketball Teams and Individual Athletes. Mr. Warren said the Women's Basketball team was the American Mideast Conference champs for the second year in a row, and Coach Robin Hagen-Smith was named American Mideast Conference Coach of the Year, and Becky Babione was named American Mideast Conference Player of the year. He also said the Men's Basketball team's highlight of the season was a strong win against NAIA No. 1 ranked team. Mr. Warren recognized the following individuals:

American Mideast Conference Player of the Year

Becky Babione

NAIA Scholar Athlete

Mallory Albers

Whitney Williams

Jill Cropper

Derek Lewis

1st Team All American

Becky Babione

1st Team American Mideast Conference

Becky Babione

Mallory Albers

2nd Team American Mideast Conference

Kelly Wagner

Alison Meyer

Justin Patrick

3rd Team All American

Mallory Albers

American Mideast Conference Freshman Team

Shy Johnson

Bianca Barton

Ian Nixon

Tim Russell

Mr. Warren moved and Dr. Ball seconded a motion to approve Resolution ASA06-09.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Ms. Higgs-Horwell, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. Warren reported on the Academic and Student Affairs Committee informational items.

Mr. Warren said that in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII, Promotions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between SSU and Shawnee Education Association, the President, after reviewing individual files and recommendations of the Screening Committees, the Faculty Promotion Committees and the Provost, the following promotions were awarded, effective with the 2009-10 academic year:

To the rank of Professor:

Dr. Phil Blau (Mathematics)
Dr. Krista Maxson (Mathematics)
Dr. Larry Miller (Engineering Technologies)
Mr. Bill Sykes (Health Sciences, Radiologic Technology)

To the rank of Associate Professor:

Dr. Monique Diderich (Social Sciences)
Dr. Debra Knutson (English and Humanities)
Dr. Paul Madden (Teacher Education)
Mr. Jerry McCoy (Business)
Dr. Christopher Meade (Natural Sciences)
Dr. Debra Scurlock (Health Sciences, MOT)
Dr. Lavanya Vemsani (Social Sciences)
Dr. Kyle Vick (Social Sciences)

To the rank of Assistant Professor:

Mr. Daniel Chaffin (Natural Sciences)
Mr. Dovel Myers (Business)
Mr. Jason Witherall (Engineering Technologies)

Mr. Warren reported that Ms. Jonica Burke, Registrar, reported on SSU graduation statistics. He said there were 560 graduates with 380 Bachelor Degrees and 202 Associate Degrees.

Mr. Warren said Dr. Dave Todt, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, reported on faculty retirements. He acknowledged the following individuals:

Ms. Anna Gampp, Associate Professor, Nursing – Final year of F.R.I.P. Contract
Dr. Kitty Linde, Professor, Med Lab – Final year of F.R.I.P Contract
Dr. John Lorentz, Professor, Social Sciences – Final Year of F.R.I.P Contract

Mr. Warren said Dr. Todt reported on the recent approval of the Bachelor of Science in Athletic Training by the Ohio Board of Regents.

Mr. Warren said Ms. Halea Hatton, President of the Student Government Association, reported on the activities of the SGA.

Mr. Warren noted that Dr. Jim Settle reported on Shawnee State University's Chapter of the National Honor Society Phi Eta Sigma's 2009 installation. He said there were 108 students inducted in the National Honor Society and in order to be inducted, students had to have a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Mr. Warren also said three honorary staff members were recognized.

Mr. Warren said Ms. Sarah Lowe, VISTA Volunteer, reported on the 2009 Alternative Spring Break and other projects. Mr. Warren said 22 students traveled to Mississippi to work on a Habitat for Humanity house project.

Mr. Warren said Mr. Jeff Hamilton, Interim Athletic Director and Head Men's Basketball Coach, reported on the Spring Bear Run/Walk held on April 22, 2009. He said there were 869 registrations with 509 participants finishing the race. Of those finishing the race, 194 were SSU students, 68 were alumni, 32 faculty and staff members and 14 Golden Bears. He noted that the Fall Bear Run/Walk will be held on September 23.

Finance and Facilities – Mr. Howard Harcha

Mr. Harcha thanked members of the Finance and Facilities Committee for their hard work and dedication and also thanked Dr. Morris, Ms. Boyles and Ms. Charles for their leadership.

Mr. Harcha reported on behalf of the Finance and Facilities Committee and said the Committee had three action items.

Mr. Harcha said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F05-09, Alternative-Course Tuition Rate. Mr. Harcha said the alternative-course tuition rate is designated for selected courses and empowers the President to work with the Chancellor to ensure implementation. Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Mooney seconded a motion to approve Resolution F05-09.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Ms. Higgs-Horwell, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. Harcha said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution 06-09, Tuition and Student Fees. Mr. Harcha said there are three factors to mention for the proposed AY09-10 semester tuition and fee schedule for undergraduate and graduate programs and miscellaneous fees. He said in 2007, the Board and student government committed to fund bonded indebtedness for the University Center renovation at a rate of \$150 per semester. Fall 2009 will be the first time that fee is assessed. Mr. Harcha said the second factor is that undergraduate tuition will stay at 0% as directed by the Chancellor and Governor, but graduate tuition would increase 3.5%. The third factor is that course credit by arrangement fee will need to change as the current \$30 fee does little to offset the cost of approximately \$150. Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Coleman seconded a motion to approve Resolution 06-09.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Ms. Higgs-Horwell, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. Harcha said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommend approval of Resolution F07-09, Foundation Resolution. Mr. Harcha said the SSU Board is responsible for passing and approving policies for the Foundation. Approval of this resolution would amend Development Foundation Resolution 2009.1, Policy 7.1.2 concerning pledges. Mr. Harcha said this change would amend the accounting of when the value of a pledge is received. Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Mooney seconded a motion to approve Resolution F07-09.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Ms. Higgs-Horwell, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

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

Mr. Harcha said in accordance with Policy 5.16Rev., the personnel appointments for the period February 25, 2009 to April 24, 2009 included three new faculty hires, one faculty resignation and one administration separation.

Mr. Harcha said that a possible discontinuation of the ABLE funding for the BASICS program effective June 30, 2009 may result in employment reductions.

Mr. Harcha also said that under H.B. 1, OACHE will not be fully funded by the Ohio Board of Regents after June 30, 2009 resulting in possible employment reductions/reassignments.

Mr. Harcha said Ms. Elinda Boyles, Vice President for Finance and Administration, reviewed the general fund revenues and expenditures Pace report, fiscal year to date through March 2009.

Mr. Harcha said Ms. Charles reviewed the fiscal year to date Pace report for fiscal year to date through March 2009 for the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. Mr. Harcha said the VRCFA is in much better shape this year than last and said it was due in part to the hard work of Ms. Charles.

Mr. Harcha said Ms. Boyles reviewed the University's Investment activity as of April 2009. He noted that the investment portfolio for the University is suffering much the same as everything else given the economic climate.

Mr. Harcha said Mr. Boyles reviewed the capital status report which reflected current information on the major capital projects.

Reports, if any, from Board Liaisons with other Organizations

None.

New Business

Mr. McCoy asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding Resolution E02-09, Academic Year 2009/2010 Schedule of Meetings for the Board and its Committees. There being none, Mr. Mooney moved and Mr. Lodwick seconded a motion to approve Resolution E02-09.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Ms. Higgs-Horwell, Mr. Lodwick, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. McCoy asked for a report on the inspection of University facilities. Mr. Warren reported for Group 1. He said this group visited University housing and was very impressed with the units. Mr. Lodwick commented that the green space was very conducive to university life. Mr. Mooney reported for Group 2. He said this group visited the Athletic Center and Kricker Hall and said both facilities were very well maintained. Mr. McCoy noted that it is evident that everyone takes pride in maintaining the facilities. Dr. Ball commented on the outstanding job the landscaping crew does.

Mr. McCoy asked Mr. Warren, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to report on the Committee's recommendations for the 2009-2010 Board Officers. Mr. Warren said the Committee recommended Mr. McCoy to serve as Board Chair with Dr. Ball to serve as Vice Chair and made a motion for approval. Mr. Lodwick seconded the motion and the Board unanimously approved the 2009-2010 Board Officers. Mr. McCoy thanked the Board for their confidence and made the following Committee assignments:

Finance and Facilities Committee

Dr. Gail Ball, Chair
Dan Mooney
David Lodwick
Jack McCoy
Student Trustee (one-year appointment)

Academic and Student Affairs Committee

Jim Warren, Chair
Elizabeth Seif
Gary Coleman
Melissa Higgs-Horwell
2009-2018 Board Member Appointment
Student Trustee (two-year appointment)

Jim Warren will serve as the SSUDF Liaison
Dan Mooney will serve on the Investment Committee

Mr. McCoy said he wanted to acknowledge the dedication and service of outgoing Board member, Howard Harcha. He said Mr. Harcha has been an exemplary Board member and the University has benefited from his membership. Mr. McCoy presented Mr. Harcha with a commemorative chair as a token of appreciation for his service to the University. A round of applause followed. Mr. Harcha thanked Mr. McCoy and said it had been a pleasure and honor to serve on the Board for the past 10 years. He said he is leaving the Board knowing that the University is in good hands. Dr. Morris presented Mr. Harcha with a bouquet of flowers for Mrs. Harcha as a token of appreciation.

Mr. McCoy then acknowledged the two student Board members whose terms have expired. He presented Ms. Stricklett and Ms. Dunham with diploma frames and thanked them for the dedication and service to the SSU Board. He wished them much success and said they had been great ambassadors to the University. A round of applause followed.

Comments from Constituent Groups (if any) and the Public

None.

Other Business

None.

Executive Session, if necessary

None.

Adjournment

The Board was adjourned by acclamation at 2:07 p.m.

Chairperson, Board of Trustees

Secretary, Board of Trustees