

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Meeting Minutes  
September 12, 2008**

**Swearing-in of New Board Members**

Mr. McCoy said the first order of business would be the swearing-in of SSU's new student Board members, Ms. Whitney Stricklett and Ms. Carrie Dunham. Mr. McCoy administered the oath of office to Ms. Stricklett and Ms. Dunham and presented them with a Shawnee State University lapel pin. Mr. McCoy welcomed Ms. Stricklett and Ms. Dunham to the SSU Board of Trustees and a round of applause followed. Mr. McCoy acknowledged and welcomed Ms. Stricklett's parents and sister who were in the audience.

Chairperson Jack McCoy called the meeting to order at 1:17 p.m. noting the meeting was in compliance with RC § 121.22(F).

**Roll Call**

Members Present: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Seif, Mr. Warren, Ms. Dunham and Ms. Stricklett

Members Absent: Mr. Lodwick

**Approval of the September 12, 2008 Agenda**

Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Warren seconded a motion to approve the September 12, 2008 agenda. Without discussion, the Board unanimously approved said agenda.

**Approval of the July 11, 2008 Board Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Mooney moved and Ms. Seif seconded a motion to approve the July 11, 2008 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 – Mr. Jim Warren**

Mr. Warren reported on behalf of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee and said the committee had no action items.

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

Mr. Warren said Ms. Brooke Miller, Treasurer of the Student Government Association, reported on the activities of the SGA. Among the activities noted were the involvement of the SGA in getting students registered to vote, planning a debate and adopting a two-mile stretch of highway north of Lucasville for cleanup.

Mr. Warren reported that Ms. Becky Harr, Project Director of Upward Bound, reported on the summer Upward Bound program, and Mr. Aaron Stewart, Project Director of Upward Bound Math/Science, reported on the summer Upward Bound Math/Science program. Mr. Warren said these programs are a tremendous asset to the high school students they serve. Mr. Warren said of the 22 seniors who participated in these programs, 14 of them are now enrolled at Shawnee State.

Mr. Warren said Mr. Randy Warman, Director, Student Activities and Housing, reported on the fall housing occupancy. Mr. Warren said the University has 774 students in campus housing. To accommodate all the students who live in campus housing, some of the rooms were converted from double occupancy to triple occupancy. Mr. Warren also noted that on move in day, 3<sup>rd</sup> Street was blocked off to traffic to make it easier and safer for our students to get moved in.

Mr. Warren said Ms. Linda Brown, Clinical Counselor for the Counseling and Psychological Services offices, reported on a new program entitled “Alcohol Responsibilities and Choices.” Mr. Warren stated that this new program was established to help reduce the frequency and injuries from drinking and other drug use. He said the program this year will mostly focus on student athletes and gives those with problems someplace to turn.

Mr. Warren reported that Dr. David Todt, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, presented the Faculty Statistics Report. Mr. Warren noted SSU had very qualified faculty members.

Mr. Warren said Dr. Todt presented a report on Faculty Professional Day. Mr. Warren said the Faculty Professional Day was held the Monday before fall semester began. Mr. Warren noted that all faculty contracts were signed either before or sometime during the Faculty Professional Day.

Mr. Warren said Ms. Jonica Burke, Registrar, presented the preliminary 2008 Fall Semester Enrollment Report. Mr. Warren said enrollment is at nearly 4,000 students with 3,976 graduate and undergraduate students currently enrolled.

Mr. Warren said the personnel appointments would be addressed by the Finance and Facilities Committee.

### **Finance and Facilities – Mr. Howard Harcha**

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

Mr. Harcha said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F23-08, Investment Policy 1.05Rev. Mr. Harcha said the Investment Committee reviews and recommends revisions on how to improve investments. The Investment Committee proposes language revisions to Policy 1.05Rev that would permit the Investment Committee greater flexibility in alternative investments, update the policy's language and specifies a balanced benchmark index that aligns with the University's investment pool. Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Mooney seconded a motion to approve Resolution F23-08.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Seif, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. Harcha said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F24-08, Re-Appointment of Investment Committee Member. Mr. Harcha said Mr. Jerry Ruby, Professor of Business, completed his three-year term to the Investment Committee but was willing to continue serving as a member of the Committee for another three-year term. Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Mooney seconded a motion to approve Resolution F24-08.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Seif, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. Harcha said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F25-08, Student Support Services Grant Proposal. Mr. Harcha said that SSU had had the privilege of having this grant for the past several years and it serves low income and/or first generation and individuals with disabilities. Mr. Harcha moved and Mr. Coleman seconded a motion to approve Resolution F25-08.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Seif, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

Mr. Harcha said the Finance and Facilities Committee recommended approval of Resolution F26-08, Founders Plaza and Founders Parking Lot. Mr. Harcha said it is valuable to the

University's and community's historical memories to identify opportunities and methods for honoring key SSU "founders" and that the University has secured state funds to rehabilitate and renovate the plaza area between the Administration Building and the Rhodes Athletic Center and join together the Alumni Green and the VRCFA creating a core location for university events and student activities. He said this was a great time to name these areas. Mr. Harcha moved and Dr. Ball seconded a motion to approve Resolution F267-08.

Ayes: Dr. Ball, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Harcha, Mr. McCoy, Mr. Mooney, Ms. Seif, Mr. Warren

Nays: None

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

Mr. Harcha said in accordance with Policy 5.16Rev., Personnel Appointments, the attached list summarizes personnel action taken between June 26, 2008 and August 29, 2008. He said all personnel activity was reported in the attached consolidated report.

Mr. Harcha said Ms. Charles reviewed the PACE report which summarized the year to date financial information for the Vern Riffe Center for the Arts. Mr. Harcha said he was happy to report that the bottom line is positive and the start-up of using Ticket Master gives us wide exposure.

Mr. Harcha said the capital status report reflects current information on each capital project. He reported that all projects are on schedule. He noted that the Facilities Office is moving to the ATC Building; the UC project was moving smoothly; the gym floor in the Rhodes Athletic Center will be ready this month; the work on the Founders Plaza should commence around November 5; the PA system is nearly in place; and the tennis courts will be finished in the near future.

Mr. Harcha said Ms. Boyles reviewed the information on the University's investment managers' activity as of July 31, 2008.

#### **Reports, if any, from Board Liaisons with other Organizations**

None.

#### **New Business**

Mr. McCoy appointed Mr. Warren to fill his position on the SSU Development Foundation Board. Mr. McCoy thanked Mr. Warren for his willingness to replace him on the Foundation Board.

#### **Comments from Constituent Groups (if any) and the Public**

None.

**Other Business**

Mr. McCoy said he really appreciated everyone's positive influence with all the activities taking place on campus and the burden placed on them with the implementation of the University System of Ohio.

**Executive Session, if necessary**

None.

**Adjournment**

Ms. Seif moved and Mr. Coleman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

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Chairperson, Board of Trustees

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Secretary, Board of Trustees