

**MINUTES**  
**Board of Trustees' Meeting**  
**March 2, 2007, 2:30 p.m., Michelin Room**  
**Troy University, Dothan Campus**

The Board of Trustees met at 2:30 p.m. on March 2, 2007, in the Michelin Room on the Troy University Campus in Dothan, Alabama, during the Joint Retreat with the Troy University Foundation Board of Directors.

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Doug Hawkins, President Pro Tem of the Board, called the meeting to order.

**II. Roll Call**

Upon roll call, the following members, comprising a quorum, answered present: Dr. R. Douglas Hawkins, Senator Gerald O. Dial, Mr. Roy H. Drinkard, Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Mr. Allen E. Owen III, Mr. Forrest Latta, Mr. C. Charles Nailen, and SGA President Mr. Joe Hutto (non-voting member). Absent: Governor Bob Riley, State Superintendent of Education Dr. Joe Morton, Dr. James Andrews, Mr. John Harrison, and Mr. Milton E. McGregor.

**III. Approval of Minutes (November 18, 2006)**

A draft copy of the minutes was mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. There being no changes, Dr. D. Hawkins called for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

**ACTION:** Mr. Allen Owen made a motion to approve the Minutes as presented for the November 18, 2006, meeting. A second to the motion was made by Senator Gerald Dial. Having received a motion and second, the Minutes (copies of which were mailed to Board members prior to the meeting) were approved.

**IV. Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Hawkins made a full report during the joint meeting of the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board during the morning session of the retreat. Therefore, Chancellor Hawkins said that he had only a few items to cover.

The Chancellor invited everyone to join the University on the afternoon of March 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. for a very special dedication ceremony of the Chi Omega Sorority House.

Chancellor Hawkins called upon Joe Hutto, outgoing Student Government Association President, to make a presentation to the Board. Mr. Hutto reported that the SGA President-elect is Andrea Roberts. Mr. Hutto gave a brief report on SGA activities and accomplishments during the past year. He said each year the SGA holds a retreat and this year it was tied in with the Trojans football game against Florida State. The car tag program was one of the many projects promoted to the student body. He talked about the establishment of "Trojan Thursdays" where local businesses would give discounts to students on Thursdays if they were wearing Trojan attire. Mr. Hutto highlighted many other projects the SGA sponsored throughout the year and said that it has been an exciting year for the students at Troy University. He concluded his report by thanking the Board of Trustees for the support provided the student body.

The Chancellor talked briefly about the University's Center for International Business and Economic Development (CIBED) and said the Center has received the endorsement of Mr. Neal Wade, Director of the Alabama Development Office.

Chancellor Hawkins then called upon Dr. Judson Edwards, Director of the Center for International Business and Economic Development and Associate Professor of Economics, who reported on economic development initiatives of the Center. Dr. Edwards stated that the “cornerstone” of the Center would be a program that will offer formal academic programs at the graduate and undergraduate levels in international economic development and will serve as a “mechanism to extract economic development benefits throughout the global infrastructure of the University and then deliver to the State of Alabama.” Dr. Edwards said the program will have an applied “real world” focus for the students and they will learn by working with local economic developers across the state. Students will be able to earn a Master in Business Administration with an international economic development concentration. Dr. Edwards concluded by saying that “the creation of the Center for International Business and Economic Development exemplifies the commitment of Troy University to formalize and enhance its position as an economic development engine for the State of Alabama.”

Following Dr. Edwards’ presentation, Mr. Neal Wade commented that “this program will provide the training for the next generation of economic developers in Alabama.”

In conclusion, the Chancellor recognized Mr. Lamar P. Higgins for his support and involvement in the African American Leadership Conference each year. The Chancellor presented Mr. Higgins with a framed print recognizing him for his outstanding leadership.

#### **V. Finance Report, Mr. Bookout**

Mr. Bookout gave a brief financial snapshot for the Fiscal Year ended September 30, 2006. He reported that total assets reflect just over \$248M and he elaborated on the growth rate by giving a comparison over the last four years. Mr. Bookout also gave a breakout of the revenues versus the expenditures for FY 2006. A brief report was also given on the 2007 budget.

#### **VI. Board Committees**

##### **A. Finance Committee, Mr. Roy Drinkard**

- **Resolution No. 1--Increasing Authorization on Bond Funding for the College of Education Building**

In the absence of Finance Committee chair, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Roy Drinkard introduced Resolution No. 1. He said that this resolution authorizes an increase to \$13M for the construction of a new College of Education building.

**ACTION: A motion to adopt Resolution No 1 was made by Mr. Roy Drinkard. A second was provided by Mr. Forest Latta. There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 1, which follows, was unanimously adopted.**

#### **Resolution No. 1**

##### **Resolution to Amend Resolution # 4 of the August 4, 2006, Board Meeting**

**WHEREAS**, Resolution # 4 (attached) of the August 4, 2006, Board meeting authorized the Chancellor to proceed with construction and financing for the new College of Education building not to exceed \$10,000,000; and

**WHEREAS**, architectural planning for this facility has provided for a more accurate assessment of the estimated cost; and

**WHEREAS**, this will be a hallmark facility representing the historical roots of Troy University;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Trustees on this second day of March 2007 that Resolution # 4 of the Board of Trustees as approved on August 4, 2006, be amended so as to authorize the Chancellor to proceed with planning, constructing, and obtaining bond financing for a new College of Education building at an estimated cost of \$13,000,000.

**\*\*\*THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION NO. 4 WAS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON AUGUST 4, 2006.\*\*\***

**Resolution No. 4**

**College of Education Facility**

**WHEREAS**, the College of Education of Troy University (the "University") has experienced significant growth in the numbers of students attending the Troy campus of the University, undergraduate and graduate, who have chosen to concentrate in this field of study; and

**WHEREAS**, the increased interest in this field of study has spurred the need for additional classroom and related facilities at the Troy campus; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chancellor and senior administrative staff of the University have investigated various options for addressing this need for new facilities, as part of which a financial analysis has been undertaken to evaluate the costs and benefits of the various options; and

**WHEREAS**, the Chancellor and staff have reached certain conclusions as to the optimal size and composition of such additional facilities for the College of Education and the current estimated costs thereof, which are not expected to exceed \$10,000,000, and have further concluded that the most advantageous method of financing such costs would be through the issuance by the University of bonded indebtedness on a federally tax-exempt basis, secured by a pledge of the University's general student fee revenues.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of the University this 4th day of August, 2006, that the Chancellor be and is hereby authorized and directed to proceed with the development of detailed plans for the construction and equipping at the Troy campus of new classroom and related facilities for the College of Education at a total cost not to exceed \$10,000,000 (the "Project").

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Chancellor be and is hereby authorized and directed to negotiate the sale of bonds for the Project, along the lines described above, in an aggregate principal amount commensurate with the estimated cost thereof.

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that, in the event that all or any portion of the costs of the Project may be financeable on a federally tax-exempt basis, the Board of Trustees hereby determines that this resolution is intended to and shall constitute the University's "official intent" (within the meaning of Section 1.150-2 of the Regulations under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code")) with respect to so much of the Project as may be so financeable and with respect to the issuance of the University's bonds in an amount equal to so much of the \$10,000,000 estimated cost of the Project set forth above as may be issuable on a federally tax-exempt basis. To the extent that reimbursement to the University of costs incurred and paid by the University or others toward the Project is permitted, under the Code and the Regulations of the Internal Revenue Service, to be made from proceeds of such bonds, such reimbursement is intended and authorized hereby.

**B. Academic Committee, Senator Gerald Dial**

**• Resolution No. 2—Approving Policy on Honorary Doctorates**

Senator Gerald Dial introduced Resolution No. 2 which will establish a policy for approval of honorary doctorates awarded the University. He called attention to page one (Item No. 1) of proposed policy attached to the resolution and suggested that the wording “shall authorize” read “may authorize.” Therefore, it was suggested that item number one should as follows: “The Board of Trustees of Troy University, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, may authorize the presentation of the honorary doctorate.” Following discussion, **Senator Dial moved for approval of the recommended change. Seconded by Mr. Higgins, the motion for the above referenced change was approved.**

Further discussion was held and Mr. Higgins asked for clarification regarding item number 2 in the proposed policy as it relates to the wording “all invitations.” Senator Dial and Chancellor Hawkins addressed Mr. Higgins concern. The Chair offered further clarification. There being no further discussion, Dr. D. Hawkins called for the vote on adopting Resolution No. 2 with the amendment in the wording from “shall authorize” to “may authorize” as referenced above.

**ACTION: Senator Dial moved for adoption of Resolution No. 2 as amended. Seconded by Mr. Higgins, Resolution No. 2 was unanimously adopted.**  
**Resolution No. 2**

**Authorization of the Honorary Doctorate Policy**

**WHEREAS**, the conferral of an honorary degree is the highest recognition bestowed by Troy University, and

**WHEREAS**, this practice of special recognition needs a more formal procedure delineated, and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees will continue as sole body to authorize such recognition,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Trustees approves the attached policy for inclusion in the ePolicy Manual.

## ePolicy Manual Section 207

### **Honorary Doctorate at Troy University**

The conferral of honorary doctoral degrees provides a special opportunity for Troy University to recognize persons of outstanding accomplishment. Troy University, as a leading public university in the State of Alabama, recognizes a particular responsibility to acknowledge and honor persons of achievement who have significant ties to the state or the university. As an institution particularly responsible for advanced teaching and research in the various academic and professional fields, Troy University has an equally important responsibility to identify and honor persons of national and international eminence who are the leaders of their fields of creative or professional endeavor. The Troy University Board of Trustees is the only entity of the university that may award an honorary doctorate:

1. The Board of Trustees of Troy University, upon the recommendation of the Chancellor and the Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees, may authorize the presentation of the honorary doctorate.
2. The Chancellor of Troy University will extend all invitations to the honorary degree candidates.
3. Honorary degrees offered by Troy University include: Doctor of Laws (LL.D.); Doctor of Letters (Litt. D.); Doctor of Humane Letters (L.H.D.); and the Doctor of Science (Sci.D.).
4. Thus, candidates for the honorary degree must have demonstrated the highest levels of excellence as scholars, artists, professionals, or must have distinguished themselves in public service. Equally high expectation is placed on their personal integrity and concern for the public good.
5. In recognizing such persons, the university identifies women and men who can serve as role models for students, faculty, and alumni of Troy University, indeed, for all persons of the state of Alabama.
6. The honorary doctorate is the highest academic recognition Troy University can bestow.

- **Resolution No. 3—International Center for Business and Economic Development**

Senator Dial introduced Resolution No. 3 for approval. There being no further discussion, Senator Dial made a motion for adoption.

**ACTION: Senator Dial offered Resolution No. 3 for adoption. A second was provided by Mr. Lamar P. Higgins. There being no further discussion Resolution No. 3 was unanimously adopted.**

### **Resolution No. 3**

#### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Troy University recognizes the need for Alabama citizens to become participants in the global economy, and

WHEREAS, Troy University has assumed a partnership role with the Alabama Development Office in the economic development of the State of Alabama through the incorporation of academic programs and program specific initiatives through existing Troy University International Programs, and

WHEREAS, Troy University has established the Center for International Business and Economic Development within the Sorrell College of Business as a mechanism to facilitate such economic development initiatives, and

WHEREAS, Troy University has submitted international economic development academic programs at the graduate and undergraduate level to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education for review and approval, and

WHEREAS, these economic development programs and initiatives will directly engage faculty, students, businesses, and governmental entities in the internationalization of the greater University service area and provide significant support to the economic wellbeing of constituents, and

WHEREAS, Troy University is the first university in Alabama to undertake such broad based international economic development initiatives through a network of international partners.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Board of Trustees on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2007, authorizes the establishment of the Center for International Business and Economic Development within the Sorrell College of Business.

- **Resolution No. 4—Heritage Scholarship**

Senator Dial provided brief comments of introduction for Resolution No. 4. He then made a motion for adoption.

**ACTION: Senator Dial made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 4. A second was made by Mr. Drinkard. In discussion, Mr. Joe Hutto inquired about the procedure for awarding the scholarship. Chancellor Hawkins and Dr. John Schmidt, Senior Vice Chancellor for Student Services, responded to Mr. Hutto's inquiry. Following discussion, the motion for adoption was unanimously approved.**

#### **Resolution 4**

#### **Troy University Heritage Scholarship**

WHEREAS Troy University recognizes the valuable linkage between the University and its alumni and the legacy represented through their dependents, and

WHEREAS Troy University is dedicated to fostering this legacy relationship for the purposes of recruitment and goodwill, and

WHEREAS Troy University acknowledges the need to provide greater incentives for those dependents of alumni to carry on the TROY tradition,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees on this second day of March, 2007, that The Troy University Heritage Scholarship be created, and be effective for eligible students entering fall 2007.

- **Resolution No. 5—Healthy Lifestyles for Students**

Senator Dial stated that Resolution No. 5 embraces the concept of students pursuing a healthy mind and body. He suggested that he would like to see a subcommittee appointed by the Chair of the Board to talk about issues discussed previously, particularly the physical condition of our students. Senator Dial said that after adoption of Resolution No. 5, he would like to make a motion regarding the creation of a subcommittee to look at concerns.

**ACTION: Senator Dial made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5 which follows. A second was provided by Mr. Owen. There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 5 was unanimously adopted.**

**Senator Dial further moved that a subcommittee be appointed to study the aspects of the physical condition of our students. Seconded by Mr. Drinkard, the motion was adopted.**

## **Resolution No. 5**

### **Student Healthy Living**

**WHEREAS**, Troy University has long embraced the concept of students pursuing healthy mind and body as part of the overall university experience, and

**WHEREAS**, Troy University provides recreational facilities, wellness programs, intramural sports and related activities to encourage mental and physical well being, as well as sustained enhancement of such recreational outlets, and

**WHEREAS**, Troy University operates and maintains two (2) wellness houses through Hill Crest grant funding that promote a wellness lifestyle, and

**WHEREAS**, Troy University promotes healthy dining through provision of dietary information on food selections in Stewart Dining facility accompanied by food selections compatible with healthy lifestyle decisions, therefore,

**Be it further resolved**, that the Troy University Board of Trustees encourages the administration to continue development of programs and support facilities in keeping with development of the whole person to include intellectual, physical, spiritual and social health.

#### **C. Athletic Committee, Mr. Allen Owen**

Mr. Owen indicated that the Athletic Committee had no further report following the presentation made earlier during the joint retreat meeting. Mr. Owen added that the Athletic Committee recommended the approval of Resolution No. 6 naming the new baseball dugout, coaches' offices and locker room "The Jerry and Betty Lott Family Baseball Facility." Mr. Owen introduced Mrs. Betty Lott and her son Mike who played baseball at Troy University, daughter Janet and her husband Keith Maddox.

Mr. Owen read Resolution No. 5. He expressed the Board's appreciation and recommended that the resolution be adopted.

**ACTION: Mr. Owen made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 5 which follows. Seconded by Senator Dial, Resolution No. 5 was unanimously**

**adopted.**

- **Resolution No. 6—Naming New Baseball Dugout, Coaches Offices and Locker Room “The Jerry and Betty Lott Family Baseball Facility”**

**Resolution No. 6**

**Naming the new baseball building in honor of the Jerry & Betty Lott Family**

**WHEREAS**, Jerry and Betty Lott are recognized for their contribution to the continued success of the Athletics Department at Troy University with longstanding service and financial support; and

**WHEREAS**, The Lott Family has demonstrated a strong commitment to the wellbeing and support of student-athletes who proudly wear the cardinal of TROY; and

**WHEREAS**, through their faithful service to Troy University, the Lott Family has generously committed financial resources to enhance the athletic facilities at TROY; and

**WHEREAS**, because of his dedication and leadership, the memory of Mr. Jerry Lott will enable future Trojans to always be reminded of his family’s commitment to TROY.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 2007 hereby names the new building at Riddle-Pace Field at Troy University the Jerry & Betty Lott Family Baseball Building in memory of Mr. Jerry Lott and his generous Family, thereby supporting student-athletes in their commitment to excellence for years to come.

**VII. Nominating Committee for Board Officers**

Dr. D. Hawkins appointed a **Nominating Committee** for board officers. Those appointed were: Mr. Allen Owen as chairman, Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, and Mr. Roy Drinkard.

**VIII. Adjournment**

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Dr. D. Hawkins expressed appreciation to everyone for putting together the joint retreat. He also thanked Mr. and Mrs. Nailen for all they did as well.

**ACTION: ON A MOTION BY MR. OWEN AND SECONDED BY MR. HIGGINS, THE MEETING ADJOURNED.**

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R. Douglas Hawkins, D.V.M.  
President Pro Tempore of the Board of Trustees  
Troy University

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Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D.  
Secretary, Board of Trustees  
and Chancellor, Troy University