

**MINUTES**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING**  
**July 25, 2008 1:00 p.m.**  
**General Academic Building, Room 330**  
**Troy University Campus**

The Troy University Board of Trustees met at 1:00 p.m. on July 25, 2008, in the General Academic Building Conference Room on the Troy University Campus in Troy, Alabama.

**I. Call to Order**

Dr. Doug Hawkins, President pro tempore 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, Mr. Gerald O. Dial, Mr. Roy H. Drinkard, Mr. John Harrison, Mr. Lamar P. Higgins, Mr. Forrest Latta (via telephone), Dr. James R. Andrews (via telephone), Mr. C. Charles Nailen, Mr. Allen E. Owen, III, and Mr. Tim Parr, SGA President (non-voting member). Absent: Governor Bob Riley, Dr. Joe Morton, State Superintendent of Education; and Mr. Milton McGregor.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

A draft copy of the May 1, 2008, minutes was mailed to Board members prior to the meeting. There being no additions or corrections, 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 May 1, 2008, meeting. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Charles Nailen. Having received a motion and second, the Minutes (copies of which were mailed to Board members prior to the meeting) were approved as presented.**

**IV. Reports**

**A. Chancellor**

Dr. Hawkins highlighted several items on the agenda and provided brief background comments on each. He added that a major focus of the university for the coming year will be the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Reaffirmation process. The SACS timeline for the site team visits was shared and it was noted that the team will be on the Troy Campus during April 2009. The results of site team visits will be announced subsequent to those visits in December 2009. Dr. Hawkins further advised that a second SACS team visit will be made to campus in January 2010 to review our progress on the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP). Dr. Hawkins mentioned a new requirement that SACS has in place is called the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) and SACS has challenged the university to focus on initiatives with outcomes that will make the university better. Dr. Hawkins said that after an analysis of our students the university has focused on creating a culture of reading. Dr. Eleanor Lee will elaborate on the QEP program later in the meeting.

Dr. Hawkins reported that the Community College Outreach program in Alabama is another exciting dimension and that TROY is already doing this in other states. The university has community college relations in places such as Washington, Arizona, and Texas. He added that with increasing fuel prices this is an initiative that shows great promise for the people of Alabama. To date there have been several two-year colleges to express an interest in partnering with the university.

An enrollment update was given and it was noted that applications suggest an increase in enrollment figures for the fall. Registrations for our IMPACT sessions are a good indicator and those numbers are up by approximately 4 to 5 percent.

Financial aid disbursements have continued to grow and Troy University processed \$194M this year and expects that number to increase by approximately 9 percent in the next year.

Housing demands continue to increase and the resolution before the Board today relates to this demand.

In conclusion, Dr. Hawkins shared plans for future building projects with Board members. He also gave an update on plans for Confucius Institute and a dedication ceremony is planned for October. It was also noted that a replica of the Trojan statue will be placed on the Montgomery, Dothan, and Phenix City campuses in the coming months and an appropriate unveiling ceremony will be planned.

**B. Board Committee Reports**

○ **Academic Affairs Committee, Honorable Gerald Dial**

• **Common Reading Initiative**

Mr. Dial called upon Eleanor Lee, Dean of First-Year Studies, to brief the Board on the Common Reading Initiative. Dean Lee talked about the First-Year Reading Initiative and said that the university is in the second year of a pilot program. It will be fully implemented when the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is implemented in the fall of 2009. The First-Year Reading Initiative was developed to promote reading and discussion among our students; to foster integrated learning; and encourage participation in campus, civic and service-learning activities. Dean Lee advised that the book selected by the selection committee for the First-Year Reading Initiative for 2008-09 was Ernest J Gaines' book A Lesson Before Dying. Dean Lee stated that the support across campus has been enthusiastic and there have been many who have agreed to lead a discussion session with students about the book. It was also noted that the university's theater department will have several productions during the fall on A Lesson Before Dying.

○ **Finance Committee, Honorable John Harrison**

• **Resolution No. 1 —Approving 2008-2009 Budget**

Mr. Harrison introduced Resolution No. 1 and stated that Mr. Jim Bookout, Senior Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Affairs, was available by phone for discussion. He also said that Mrs. Kim McNab, budget officer, was on hand for discussion.

Mr. Harrison shared highlights of the proposed operating budget for 2008-2009. He noted that the university's budget for 2008-2009 totals \$221M. Global Campus's revenue increases by 12 percent and state appropriations decreases by \$6,755,355. The tuition rate change per credit hour charge yields \$6,497,493. Further, Mr. Harrison reported that institutional expenses include \$700,000 minimum wage contingency and \$1,000,000 increase due to utilities. In regard to revenue, Mr. Harrison shared the following analysis: Proposed budget 2009 \$221,080,978 compared to original budget 2008 showed a total increase of \$9,322,997. A breakdown of the revenues and expenses increases was shared. Discussion followed. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Harrison read Resolution No. 1 and made a motion for adoption.

**ACTION: Mr. John Harrison made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 1. A second to the motion was made by Mr. Lamar Higgins. There being no further discussion, Resolution No. 1, which follows, was unanimously adopted by the Board.**

**Resolution No. 1  
Approving the 2008 - 2009 Budget**

**WHEREAS**, the administration of Troy University has developed and recommended the Troy University budget for FY 2008-2009; and

**WHEREAS**, as the Chancellor has reviewed the revenues and expenditures within the proposed budget and has determined that the proposed budget is fiscally sound; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board members were briefed on various new revenues during the annual Board retreat in March of 2008; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees on the 25th day of July 2008 that the attached budget for 2008-2009 fiscal year is approved with the understanding that the Chancellor is authorized to make such changes from time to time as, in his judgment, may be necessary; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Trustees, due to the decrease in State Appropriations and certain budgeted cost considerations, authorizes the flexibility for the Chancellor to adjust compensation to faculty, staff and classified employees of the university should it be determined funds will be available for the forthcoming year; such determination shall be concluded at a later date.

- **Resolution No. 2—Approving Returning Student Dorm Room Reservation Fee**

Mr. Harrison presented Resolution No. 2 and read the resolution following his comments. Discussion followed. On behalf of the Finance Committee, Mr. Harrison made a motion for approval.

**ACTION: On a motion by Mr. John Harrison with a second from Mr. Allen Owen, Resolution No. 2, which follows, was approved by unanimous vote.**

**Resolution No. 2  
Approving Returning Student  
Dorm Room Reservation Fee**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees, at its May 1, 2008, Board meeting resolved that the fees for room and board will remain unchanged for the 2008 – 2009 year; and

**WHEREAS**, the demand for Fall 2008 residence hall occupancy has outstripped supply as evidenced by a May 1, 2008, waiting list of 464 returning and first-time students; and

**WHEREAS**, first-time residence hall applicants are required to submit a non-refundable room reservation fee by a declared date; and

**WHEREAS**, returning residence hall students have not been required to submit a non-refundable room reservation fee which has led to difficulty for the University to project room occupancy and availability for first-time students;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**, that returning residence hall students shall be required to submit a non-refundable room reservation fee in an amount and by a date determined by the Chancellor in order to guarantee a residence hall room for subsequent semesters.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the non-refundable room reservation fee for returning students is applicable to the residence hall room rent for the designated semester.

- **Athletics Committee, Honorable Allen Owen**
  - **Athletics Report**

Mr. Owen called on Athletics Director Steve Dennis to brief the Board on activities in the athletics arena. Mr. Dennis gave an update on the skyboxes adding that there is a waiting list. He talked about the fundraising projects underway and added that the Trojan Warrior booster club is up to 440 members with a goal of 1000 by December 31<sup>st</sup>. An update was given on the 119 sporting events hosted by TROY last year. It was noted that TROY had nine football players drafted. Updates were given on all sports and accomplishments of all players were shared. Mr. Dennis said that academically 172 of our student athletes made the 3.0 GPA Club, and 56 student athletes graduated last year. Mr. Dennis said that our graduation success rate of 81% and is the highest public institution rate in the state and in the Sun Belt Conference.

Mr. Dennis shared the 2008 football schedule as well as the 2009 schedule which includes Florida and Arkansas. In 2010 Troy will play South Carolina, Oklahoma State and UAB. In 2011 Arkansas and Clemson are scheduled and in 2012 the University of Tennessee.

In conclusion, Mr. Dennis talked about bowl possibilities.

**V. Other**

Mr. Higgins called attention to the Bylaws included in the Board packets, in particular Section 5, page 10. He made two observations—(1) the Board appointed an ad-hoc committee and suggested that the committee come back together to make a final recommendation to amend the referenced section, and (2) the Board does not have a committee that deals with students, student services & student leadership. Mr. Higgins said there's a Board committee that deals with academics and athletics and he would like to see another committee added to the Board that would look at student services and student leadership and how we are dealing with our students' interaction in their responsibility to the university, community and nation. He added that voter registration drive would certainly be a part of that as would intramural sports/activities and what we are doing to make sure we have diversity in all of those organizations such as the SGA and others.

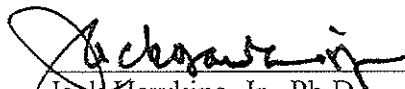
Mr. Higgins concluded by stating that at the appropriate time he would like to be ready to come back to the Board with an amendment to the Bylaws and with a recommendation for a committee that will address the items outlined.

**VI. Adjournment**

With no further business, the Board meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Dial with a second by Mr. Owen.



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



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Secretary, Board of Trustees  
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