

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING
TEXAS SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY
STANDING COMMITTEES/BOARD MEETINGS**

August 21, 2008

Members Participating

Mr. Glenn Lewis, Chairman
Mr. Richard Salwen, Vice Chair
Mr. Samuel L. Bryant
Mr. Richard Holland
Mr. Richard Knight Jr.
Mrs. Curtistene McCowan
Mr. Kristopher Krishna, Student Regent

Members Absent

Mr. Gary Bledsoe
Mr. E. Javier Loya, Secretary
Ms. Tracye McDaniel, Second Vice Chair

The Texas Southern University Standing Committees/Board meeting convened in Hannah Hall, room 111 at Texas Southern on Thursday, August 21, 2008 at 11:05 am; a quorum was certified and the meeting was called to order by Chairman Lewis.

After a brief discussion regarding the restructuring of the committee and board meetings, Chairman Lewis turned the meeting over to Regent McCowan to receive the reports of the Academic and Student Affairs committee.

1. ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Regent McCowan called to order the meeting of the Academic and Student Affairs Committee at 11:13 am, and recognized Dr. James Douglas, interim provost, to present the action and information items for the board's consideration.

- An overview of activities in Academic Affairs and Student Services were outlined in which some of the activities included an update on the revised summer enhancement program. A short video about the summer enhancement program was shown. Also, Mr. Richard Johnson of Amer-I-Can was introduced to the board and he gave a brief synopsis of his background and his involvement with Amer-I-Can.
- Appointment of a Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs - Dr. Sunny Ohia. Dr. Rudley expressed to the board members that Dr. Ohia is his choice because he brings leadership efforts not only in research but also the classroom along with experience.

Action: On motion by Regent Lewis, seconded by Regent Knight the committee as a whole recommended that this action item be placed on the board's agenda for August 22, 2008.

- Business Plan for the Athletics Department - Dr. Charles McClelland, athletic director, presented a 5-year business plan for graduating student athletes. He emphasized that they will "be about student athlete welfare, academic, competitiveness and be good stewards of the money allocated to athletics."

The Academic and Student Affairs committee meeting adjourned at 1:00pm

2. DEVELOPMENT & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Chair McCowan called to order the meeting of the Development and Legislative Committee at 1:17 pm, and recognized Ms. Wendy Adair, Vice President of Institutional Advancement, to present information items to the board.

- Update on timeline for the inaugural activities - Regents were encouraged to attend the events on September 5 and 6 and if at all possible the event on September 3.
- The new Director of Development, Carolyn Oliver was introduced she gave an update on the foundation board; the next meeting is scheduled for September 28, 2008
- Advertising and marketing update to launch the TSU Now Campaign - A preview of the ads were shown.
- Fundraising Goal for FY09 - \$4,000,000

Regent Salwen requested that when they (regents) are emailed a link regarding a story about TSU to please attach the story rather than the link.

Development and Legislative committee meeting adjourned at 2:10pm

3. FINANCE COMMITTEE

Action: At 2:10pm Regent Knight called the Finance Committee meeting to order and requested Ms. Walker to present the items on the agenda.

After an overview of the finance division, Ms. Walker presented the following action items for approval by the board.

- Fiscal Year Operating Budget
- Disaster Recovery Implementation
- TouchNet Marketplace and Payment Gateway
- Purchase Requisition with Agilent Solutions, Inc.

- Purchase Requisition with Agilent Technologies, Inc
- Purchase Requisition with Ikon

Regent Salwen stated, "Mr. Chairman I move that we approve the Ikon lease at a rate of \$12,013.17 per month provided that they also make the final agreement to waive the \$36, 765. 03."

- Digital Signage System

Discussion: Regent Knight restated his concerns for clarification. He asked, "are we going to have in our budget in a year some type of replacement for this operation and its service? Who takes care of the maintenance and who pays for it? Is it your sense that those screens are going to be good targets for vandalism? If so, what do you anticipate the cost and upkeep for that to be on an annual basis? If you should decide to sell subscriptions, have you put together a committee that would make a determination on what you will sell? We genuinely believe that it is a good idea and that this is an opportunity for a great revenue stream. But, I want to make certain that you can give us the answers so that you can be held accountable."

Ms. Walker answered, "Yes that is exactly the way that we kind of put this package together. We will come up with a price value for that based on market rate. Our intentions are to create packages that we will sell for that self sufficient project from a maintenance and operation standpoint."

Regent Salwen asked Ms. Adair if there was a set of written guidelines as to what advertisers we will accept or not accept. Do we have a set of guidelines for content restrictions and things like that?

Ms. Adair responded, "We are looking at the policies on all of the appropriate fundraising side and communication side. There are some through the athletic program because they have publications that sell advertising; but there are not a lot of policies in place."

Regent Salwen, "I would urge you to have those policies in place. Come to us first to approve the policies, and then come to us with a proposal to sell advertisings."

Regent Knight again asked about vandalism.

Ms. Walker stated that if it [vandalized property] is covered under the insurance policy then there is no problem, but, if it is not covered under insurance then it would be an out of pocket expense.

- Purchase Requisition with Right Now Termite Pest Control Services
- Request for Qualifications, Financial Statement Opinion Audit
- Investment Manager

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

➤ Investment Broker

Regent Knight, "Do we have repurchase agreements overnight?"

Ms. Walker answered, "No."

Regent Knight asked if the board could be advised at the next coming meeting of the repurchase agreement policy."

Ms. Walker responded, "Yes."

Regent Salwen, "I move that we approve the Merrill item."

• Regent Bryant, "Second."

➤ State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts

Action: All items for approval were recommended to be placed on the board's agenda for August 22, 2008.

The Finance Committee meeting recessed at 5 o'clock and the committee meetings reconvened at 5:10pm.

4. BUILDINGS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

At 5:10pm the Building and Grounds Committee convened. Chair Knight acknowledged Ms. Gloria Walker to bring forth the information and action items for authorization by the Committee.

➤ An overview of activities in the Facilities Maintenance, Construction and Campus Services Department were presented.

➤ Emergency Project Status Report - There was a brief discussion on a few items regarding safety on the Deferred Maintenance and Projects report. Ms. Walker assured the board members that she would come back "periodically" to keep them apprised of what is going on.

➤ Renovation of Classroom Multi-media Technology in Thurgood Marshall School of Law

Action: On motion of Regent McCowan, seconded by Regent Holland, the board authorized the action items to be placed on the board's agenda for August 22, 2008.

➤ Renovation of Airway Science Building to Accommodate the Earl Carl Institute.

Action: On motion of Regent McCowan, seconded by Regent Holland, the board authorized the action item to be placed on the board's agenda for August 22, 2008.

Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting adjourned at 5:58pm

5. AD-HOC BYLAWS & POLICY COMMITTEE

Chair Richard Salwen convened the Ad-Hoc Bylaws and Policy committee meeting at 5:58pm. A brief discussion regarding recommending and encouraging board members to read the second draft was offered by the Chair.

AD-Hoc Bylaws and Policy committee meeting adjourned at 6:00pm

6. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Chair Holland called to order the meeting of the Audit Committee and recognized Ms. Yolanda Nimmer-Williams, interim internal auditor, to present the status report to the board.

Regent Holland requested that a draft of the audit plan be ready for distribution to the committee by mid September.

Regent Knight urged the board members to read the audit engagement letter that was submitted.

The Audit Committee meeting adjourned.

7. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Regent Salwen chaired the Personnel Committee. One action item was presented. After a succinct introduction from Dr. Rudley, it was recommended for approval that Mr. McShan be hired as the CFO.

Mr. Brian Dickens, Executive Director of Human Resources was asked to present the Action item and information items to the board members. He gave a review of the Human Resources Department including a visual presentation of the reorganization of the department. University Policies for the Human Resources Department was also discussed and the following action item was presented for approval.

- Personnel Action Form - Mr. Jim C. McShan

Action: The Personnel action item was approved by the committee to be submitted for the full board's ratification.

8. ADJOURN

The Texas Southern University Board of Regents' meeting adjourned at 7:05pm on Thursday, August 21, 2008.

Others Present:

John M. Rudley
James Douglas
Mark Lambert
Willie Marshall
Sushil Khandelwal

Gloria Walker
Karen Griffin
Janis Newman
Yolanda Nimmer-Williams
Tim Rychlec

Eva Pickens
Gita Bolt
Wendy Adair
Darrell Dortch

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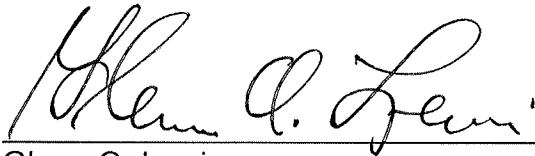
A record of these remarks is on audio-tape and made a part of the records of the board.

I CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes constitute a true, correct and complete record of the Special Teleconference meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas Southern University, held in Houston, Texas on October 17, 2008.



Karen Griffin
Executive Director for Board Relations

October 17, 2008
Date Approved by the Board



Glenn O. Lewis
Chairman