# **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA Bell Conference Center December 3, 2007, 10:30 a.m.

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Margaret Lovett, President *pro tem*, called the meeting to order and asked Dr. Tom Umphrey to give the invocation.

## II. ROLL CALL

Mr. Tom Ballow, Secretary, called the roll. Attending were: Mr. Tom Ballow, Mr. Terry Bunn, Mr. Robert Keahey, Mrs. Margaret Lovett, Mr. John Northcutt, Dr. Doris Oliveira, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Thed Spree, and Dr. Tom Umphrey. Trustees not attending were: Mrs. Lena Hardaway, Mr. Preston Minus, Dr. Louise Nolen, and Mr. John Smith.

Mr. Ballow announced that a quorum was present.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mrs. Lovett asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Mr. Saad moved to approve the Agenda, Dr. Umphrey seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

# IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2007, MEETING

Mrs. Lovett asked if there were any changes to the minutes from the last meeting. Dr. Umphrey made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Northcutt seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

#### V. REPORT OF THE BOARD PRESIDENT

Mrs. Lovett said sometimes there are life-threatening events that happen, as happened to Dr. Oliveira and Mr. Keahey, and she said on behalf of the Board, she was glad to see they are both doing well. She also congratulated Mr. Saad on the birth of his new grandchild.

Mrs. Lovett reported that she represented the Board of Trustees at the recent meeting of the UWA Foundation Board, and she attended the Homecoming events that were very enjoyable. She thanked the Board for returning the Code of Ethics forms.

Mrs. Lovett said plans are being developed for the annual Board Retreat and information will be sent to the Trustees in the near future.

# VI. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Lovett, Chair, reported the Committee met today and

Residence Life operations and make reasonable recommendations as to the strategic direction the University should take, as outlined in Section 8 of the Board members' binders; and (2) Capstone will supply UWA with a supervisory level employee to oversee the current Student Housing and Residence Life operations on an interim basis, beginning June 1, 2008, or earlier if deemed appropriate, and running through July 31, 2009, when the new facility and program will begin.

Mr. Spree moved to approve Recommendation #1 by Capstone, Mr. Bunn seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mr. Ballow moved to approve Recommendation #2 by Capstone, Dr. Umphrey seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Mr. Saad said several of the Trustees and Dr. Holland visited the rodeo facility in Fayette County recently. He said the recommendation of the Facilities Committee is to authorize the University P4[oj0.00e TwHG2jEMC

Institutional Advancement has been working with the Jerry F. Smith Group and a total of \$3,723,000 has been committed to the Campaign, which is 25% of the goal.

Mr. Crawford added that there are three proposals for over \$5 million currently outstanding. He indicated that 46% of the Board have already made a pledge or donation. Mr. Crawford said he was happy to announce that the faculty/staff campaign ended on October 31 and \$747,000 was committed to the Campaign.

#### X. REPORT FROM THE FACULTY SENATE

Mrs. Lovett requested Dr. Gerald Jones to give the Senate report. Dr. Jones said three new ad-hoc committees have been appointed, to study the following: (1) the veterans memorial project, (2) to review and recommended needed changes to the *Tiger Paw Handbook*, and (3) to look at obtaining research grants for the freshman seminar classes.

#### XI. REPORT FROM THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Ms. Mahalia Gray, President of the SGA, was not able to give this report due to illness; however, Mr. Danny Buckalew presented the report. He said the SGA officers attended the STARS Retreat in Destin; approved a resolution to suppose Higher Education Day next year in Montgomery, and set a goal of 150+ students to attend; had a canned food drive for the Food Bank, and also held a voter registration drive for over 100 students on campus.

# XII. REPORT ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

# Board of Trustees' Annual Report to ACHE

Dr. David Taylor, Provost, reported that the annual Board of Trustee Report for the University of West Alabama was presented to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education in October 2007. He said several of the commissioners have been very complimentary of

Dr. Taylor asked the Board of Trustees to adopt this Diversity Plan, as presented. Dr. Oliveira moved to adopt the Plan, Dr. Umphrey seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

## McIlwain Bell Awards

Dr. Taylor announced the recipients of the McIlwain Bell Awards for 2008, as follows:

Support Staff Excellence Award Ms. Holly Holycross

Professional Staff Excellence Award Mr. Michael Pratt

Trustee Professor Dr. Tom DeVaney

Mr. Saad made a motion to approve the slate of recipients; Mr. Northcutt seconded the motion, and the motion passed. A certificate and \$1,000 were given to each.

#### XIII. REPORT FROM UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT

Dr. Holland said he hoped the Trustees would notice the new signs on campus, and added that they should all be installed over the next two weeks.

Dr. Holland thanked the Board and the entire campus community for the successes the University has had. He added that a review of the accomplishments of the University should provide a sense of pride to everyone involved.

Ms. Lovett asked if any other Trustee would like to make a comment. Mr. Spree proceeded to the podium and stated that he would like to brag on how the University helped his area, Greene County. He additionally thanked Mr. Ken Walker and Dr. Ken Tucker for their work in the development of a strategic plan for Greene County. He also thanked Dr. Martha Hocutt for bringing her ideas on what the County could do to improve the public education.

Mr. Spree also added that he had a cooking team in the BBQ Cookoff at the Christmas on the River in Demopolis last week. He said Mr. Mike Spencer and Ms. Monica Moore represented the University at

the Cookoff as part of their learning process for the Cookoff that is going to be in Livingston in the Spring 2008.

Dr. Oliveira thanked Dr. Taylor and Dr. Holland for improving the diversity on campus.

# XIV. ADJOURN

There was no other business and Mrs. Lovett adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Ballow, Jr. Secretary

Earlene Lindsey Assistant Secretary