

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The University of West Alabama
Regular Quarterly Meeting

Bell Conference Center pro tem, called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. He asked Mrs. Jean Anderson to say a prayer

II. Roll Call

Mr. Bunn asked Mrs. Lindsey to call the roll. Members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Thomas Ballow, Mr. Hal Bloom, Mr. Terry Bunn, Mrs. Sheila Cloud, Mr. Jerry Groce, Mr. Randall Hillman, Mr. John Northcutt, Mr. Willie O'Neal, Mr. Tw

of all athletic facilities was really good, with the exception of the Rodeo arena, and it was shabby.

Mr. Spree said Don Hines, former President at UWA, started the Rodeo program at UWA with money and material that were donated, Roger Bedford gave some money, and an ADECCA grant for \$275,000 was awarded and not spent on the arena.

IX. Report from the Finance Committee

Mr. Saad reported that the Committee was presented a financial report from the Ch

At this time, Mrs. Cloud made a motion that the Board go into an executive session and Mr. Smith seconded the motion. Mr. Kendrick stated to the Board that the law allows them to go into executive session to specifically consider the competency of the applicants. The motion was approved.

Mr. Blackwell asked Dr. Tim Edwards to report on the International Program. Dr. Edwards discussed the International Program, stating Sue Ann Balch was recently hired as the new Director of International Programs and is doing a wonderful job. He said she also has legal credentials. He said they are concentrating on several things, as follows: (1) raising the English scores for the International students; (2) expanding the market, especially in China, for the four-year programs; and (3) they hope to use the CHEG Enrollment Services for recruitment of International students.

Mr. Blackwell said there is exciting news in the recruiting and retention area and reports will be presented by Mike Pratt, Angel Jowers, Mike Jones, Jeremy Sheffield, and Dr. Jan Miller.

Mr. Pratt, Director of the Information Technology Department, discussed how the IT office assists with recruiting and retention; and Ms. Jowers, head of the Retention Center, discussed the past retention rate, adding that with the help of faculty and some new retention alert software, the retention rate has grown. Mr. Mike Jones, Athletic Academic Tutor Coordinator, discussed the tutoring and mentoring program for the athletes and how it has grown, resulting in much success for the athletes. Mr. Sheffield, Resident Assistant at Gilbert Hall, stated that the Housing Department is now taking a strong role in retention. He discussed the study hall, one-on-

with the Board.