

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
The University of West Alabama
Regular Quarterly Meeting
Bell Conference Center
March 6, 2017, 12:45 p.m.

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order (Mr. Jerry Smith)
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Agenda **(Action Item)**
- IV. Approval of Minutes of December 12, 2016 **(Action Item)**
- V. Report from the Student Affairs Committee (Dr. John Killian)
- VI. Report from the Academic Affairs Committee and Report from the Finance Committee (

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I. Call to Order

Mr. Jerry Smith, President , called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Mr. Jerry Smith asked Mrs. Beard to call the roll. Other than Mr. Jerry Smith, members attending were: Mrs. Jean Anderson, Mr. Joseph Brown, Mrs. Sheila Cloud, Mr. Jerry Groce, Dr. John Killian, Mr. Alex Saad, Mr. Justin Smith and Mr. Victor Vernon. Absent: Mr. Randy Hillman and Mr. Hal Bloom. Mrs. Beard announced there was a quorum present. Also attending were: Mr. Mike Kendrick (University Attorney), President Ken Tucker, and several other administrators and staff members, with Katie Beard recording the minutes.

At the request of Mr. Jerry Smith, Mr. Alex Saad presented a resolution honoring the life, legacy and memory of T. Raiford Noland. The resolution read as follows:

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faculty/full professors. An update was given by Dr. Miller and staff on the progress of The Learning House and the Black Belt Teacher Corps initiative. Lastly, a special presentation was given by Mr. Chris Terrill from Pine Lake Preparatory School in North Carolina. He provided background on charter schools and answered questions the committee had regarding charter schools.

VII. Report from the Facilities Committee

Mrs. Jean Anderson, chair, stated that Mr. Bobby Truelove provided an update on all ongoing projects across campus. She stated that the President's Home is completed, but are awaiting delivery of the furniture. She thanked Mr. Truelove and Mr. Egbert for their hard work and doing an excellent job. She provided a status update on two projects: 1) The work on the covered bridge is complete 2) The Hunt House has not received any new offers.

Mrs. Anderson announced that a proposed agreement was approved by the committee between the University and the Livingston Presbyterian Church and asked Dr. Tucker to read the resolution as follows:

The University of West Alabama ("University") would like to respectfully resolve the matters with the Livingston Presbyterian Church ("Church") dealing with the Houston-Bailey property, and in good faith effort to do so, proposes the following:

- 1. The University will, at its earliest convenience, remove the Manse house from its current location (or tear it down completely) and pave the area for parking, this will create approximately 40 new parking spaces. Of these 40 spaces, (1) 6 will be designated for full-time for "Church-Only" parking; (2) on Sundays from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., the entire parking lot will be designated for church-only parking; and (3) the parking lot can be reserved by the Church for special events (such as funeral services) with at least 72 hours' notice.***
- 2. The Church and/or the PCUSA will deed the lot containing the Houston-Bailey house, at no cost, to the University, excepting that portion of the lot which is fenced in and contains a playground and pavilion. The University will use its best efforts to, first, "mothball" the house, and then fully restore it when funds are available.***
- 3. For such period of time as the Church is located and operating on the property adjacent to the Houston-Bailey house, the University agrees to not sell the property where the Houston-Bailey house is located and to a right of reversion whereby the Houston-Bailey house is ever moved from its current location (or torn down and removed), the property will revert back to the ownership of the Church. If the Church is not located and operating on the property adjacent to the Houston-Bailey house, the University is free to dispose of the real property where the Houston-Bailey house is located, with no such restrictions or right of reversion as listed above.***

The motion was approved as presented.

Mrs. Anderson presented a recommendation to authorize Dr. Tucker to act on the Board of Trustees behalf to sign a contract between the University and LGS which will come up within the next five years. On a motion by Mr. Justin Smith and a second by Mr. Joseph Brown, the recommendation was approved. The motion carried.

Mrs. Anderson announced that the Facilities Committee toured the President's Home preceding the committee meeting.

Mr. Smith thanked Mr. Truelove and his staff for the job well done on the President's Home, as it is a wonderful reflection of this University and the beauty of its campus.

VIII. Report from the Finance Committee

Mrs. Sheila Cloud, chair, stated that Mr. Edmonds will be presenting a financial sustainability plan for the University of West Alabama. This plan has been derived due in most part to the negative financial trends in public higher education and the challenge in relying primarily on state funding. Across the nation, the trend is that state funding simply cannot sustain public universities. Also, the average college student consumer has become much wiser and more cost conscious. The majority of public universities are performing such acts as cost analysis and a valuation of their programs to align with their goals and mission. The goal of this financial sustainability plan is to take a fresh look at what UWA can do to sustain itself financially for years to come. Dr. Tucker, Mr. Edmonds and his team have put in a tremendous amount of work in formulating this plan.

The plan consists of the following items:

Mr. Edmonds stated that the four goals of the plan were as follows:

- 1. Develop and implement a long-term financial sustainability plan by: appointing a senior leader and team; evaluating all financial systems and processes; establishing a performance improvement team with an emphasis on increased efficiency, cost savings and ROI; revamping the entire budget process utilizing a 0-based budgeting**

format and Datatel module; implementing revenue and expense trend analysis by department/division; and instituting internal controls and leadership reporting system with each department/division being responsible of staying within budget. The O-

community. Mr. Terrill encouraged the Board to think big when it comes to the charter school. There is a huge opportunity before us where students can thrive with programs like STEM, project based learning models, Spanish immersion programs, art programs, and blended learning which could serve as a model for other rural communities.

Mr. Alex Saad asked Mr. Terrill if the charter school were to need a lottery does the student get to re-enter the lottery every year, and if the curriculum is the same as a public school, and how do you decide the enrollment size of the school. Mr. Terrill responded by saying that a student may re-enter the lottery every year with a new number, the charter school curriculum is different from a public school because they are free to use innovative ideas, but the testing is the same as the state, and the enrollment size is determined by the need in your community, but that an optimal size of a K-12 school is 450-600 students.

Mr. Thed Spree inquired if a child starts in the charter school is he always guaranteed a spot and how does sibling preference work. Mr. Terrill responded by saying that once a child begins in the charter school, that student is always in the charter school, unless a discipline problem or other matter occurs. Also, sibling preference means different things in different states. In the state of North Carolina, if a sibling is accepted, then a year later other siblings will be accepted. Mr. Justin Smith statedh sttateht/69(s)-0.8(i)6(K)tcrenr-2-13.en S]g-0. 44 At 6(f)-85p4(d i).8()6.4 Ae e

with the legislators in Montgomery to ask about their opinions.

