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Meeting of the Winthrop
University Board of Trustees

Wednesday, April 12, 2000

Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall

1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Board Minutes of February 18, 2000 and Board Minutes of Annual Retreat
3. Report of the Executive Committee A. Resolution for Naming Opportunity in Honor of Lois Rhame West B. Resolution for Naming Opportunity in Honor of Richard W. Riley
4. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee A. Resolution to Offer Master of Science in Software Engineering
5. Report of the Finance Committee
6. Report of the University Relations Committee
7. Report from the Representatives to the Board A. Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference B. Report from the President of the Student Government Association
8. Report from the President
9. Old Business
10. New Business
11. Executive Session
12. Adjournment



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees April 12, 2000

Members present: David White (Chair), E. Thomas Crowson, Larry Durham, Bob Gahagan, Sanita Savage Frazier, Anne K. Hall, A. Watts Huckabee, Mary Anne Lake, Bob Thompson, and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*).

Members absent: Mary Jean Martin, Jane Shuler, and Skip Tuttle.

Representatives present: Tom Moore, Faculty Conference Chair; Mamie C. Bush, Student Government Association President.

Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

Guests present: Students, faculty, staff, and media representatives.

Call to Order

David White called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Recognition of Melanie Masson

Chairman White and President DiGiorgio introduced student Melanie Masson, who won one of four grand prizes in an international photography contest sponsored by Chrysler Financial. Ms. Masson and her instructor, Professor Phil Moody, will be flown to Chrysler Financial headquarters in Michigan to receive the award. Ms. Masson thanked the Board for its recognition of her achievement and displayed the award-winning photograph.

Approval of Board Minutes of February 18, 2000

Bob Thompson moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Sanita Savage Frazier seconded the motion, which passed unanimously by voice vote.

Report of the Executive Committee

Chairman White reported that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Rock Hill during the afternoon of March 22, 2000. He stated that the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed several matters and took action on two naming opportunities, which the Committee brought to the Board for its consideration in the form of resolutions.

Resolution for Naming Opportunity for Lois Rhame West

The Executive Committee moved the adoption by the Board of this initiative, which names the planned renovated and expanded physical education, recreation, and

wellness facilities in honor of this most distinguished alumna. Chairman White noted that the Peabody Gymnasium retains its name; the proposed resolution would name the complex of which Peabody Gym will remain an integral part. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution for Naming Opportunity for Richard W. Riley

The Executive Committee moved the adoption by the Board of this initiative, which names the College of Education in honor of the noted South Carolina educator and statesman. Chairman White noted that the College's programs would continue to be housed in the Withers/W.T.S. Building. The motion was approved by voice vote with one dissenting vote cast by Professor Tom Crowson.

President DiGiorgio announced that Patricia Graham had been selected as the new Dean of the Richard W. Riley College of Education through a national search. He also noted that a series of events would take place on May 5 to celebrate the naming of the College.

Chairman White noted that other highlights of the Committee's meeting included a review of likely changes in benchmarks and performance scales used by the CHE in evaluating data for the **Performance Funding** process; a review of the estimated construction schedule for the first phase of the new **Baseball Stadium**; an update from the President on the status of funding for our capital **projects**, particularly Peabody, Sims, and the Rutledge roof and a report on how these items fared coming out of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Subcommittee.

Chairman White noted that the President also reported on the status of projects under the State's Capital Reserve Fund. The Committee also received an update from the President on the **Lottery issue** and how it is likely to be presented by the Governor in the fall election season; a report from the President on the Abstract prepared regarding the proposed **Center of Excellence in Early Childhood Professional Development**; and an update on the development this summer of pilot courses for a new **General Education** curriculum. The Executive Committee also received the regular quarterly reports. Chairman White also reported that the Executive Committee had an executive session for discussion of personnel and contractual matters and that no action was taken in the executive session.

Finally, Chairman White noted that he had received numerous letters from alumni of Winthrop and the W.T.S. regarding the **possible relocation of Dacus Library**. He stated that a response was being prepared and that he appreciated that so many people had taken the time to share their views.

Appointment of Committee on Nominations

Pursuant to Article III, Section B of the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees, Chairman White appointed Bob Thompson, Anne Kay Hall and Watts Huckabee to serve as the Committee on Nominations. The Board expressed its consent to these appointments.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

Resolution to Offer Master of Science in Software Engineering

Bob Thompson offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Academic Affairs Committee and it passed unanimously by voice vote.

Bob Thompson reported that the Academic Affairs Committee had received a presentation by Professor Darrell Parker on **web-based distance learning activities** in the College of Business Administration and a report regarding an on-line biology course being offered using WebCT technology. He also noted that the Committee received an **update on General Education** stating that faculty members will be working on developing pilot courses to be offered in the spring of 2001, as well as developing specific expectations regarding competencies.

Bob Thompson also reported that the Committee had been updated on the progress of the **SACS self-study process** including surveys being taken and draft reports being reviewed. He noted that the Committee received a report on **environmental science curriculum proposals**, an update on **retention efforts**, and confirmation of the **reaccreditation of the College of Business Administration** by the AACSB.

Report of the Finance Committee

Mary Anne Lake had presided over the meeting of the Finance Committee due to the absence of Skip Tuttle and she presented the report of the Committee. She noted that the **Allocation Status Report** projected a positive fund balance. She also reported that the Committee had reviewed the **CHE funding formula** and received an update on the progress of the contractor bidding process for **renovations to the Sims Building**. Mary Anne Lake stated that the Committee had heard a presentation on plans for additional projects related to **Information Technology** including the Library's technology classroom. She also noted that the Committee received information regarding York County funds for **campus paving projects** and a presentation updating the status of the university's various forms of **insurance coverage**.

Report of the University Relations Committee

Bob Gahagan reported that the Committee had been introduced to **Jason Capel**, the new Director of Athletic Marketing and Game Management. He noted that Rock Hill's bid to host the **Big South Conference** Men's Basketball Tournament had lost out to the bid from Roanoke, Virginia and that the Conference was discussing adding an additional member institution.

Bob Gahagan also reported that the Committee had reviewed the progress of **Alumni Reunion Weekend** and received an update on the **Capital Campaign** indicating that \$19.8 million had been raised to date. The Committee also received a briefing on the State of South Carolina's bid for **Emergency Accident and Illness Insurance** for all enrolled students, which would cost the university \$1 per student to provide coverage of up to \$500 in coverage. Bob Gahagan also noted the reports received by the Committee on activities by the participants in the **Close Scholars Program**, the implementation of the **Alternative Spring Break Initiative**, and the establishment of the

new **Service Learning Council**. He stated that over 60% of Winthrop's students participate in a form of community service.

Bob Gahagan reported on the update on **Fall 2000 admissions** received by the Committee, noting that it is anticipated that these admissions will result in a class of approximately the same size as fall 1999's entering cohort. Finally, he noted, the Committee had taken a tour of the new **Java City** facility.

Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference

Tom Moore noted that the university is in better physical condition than in prior years. He stated that there were discussions within departments and amongst department chairs regarding perceived needs and how these are ultimately addressed in the **budget process**. He also noted a perception of little connection between Program Improvement Plans and the eventual resulting budgets and that there continue to be issues regarding equipment costs and additional faculty hires. He reported that the **Graduate Studies Retreat** had produced a clearer picture of the differences in the character and nature of different masters-level programs.

Report from the Student Government Association President

Mamie Bush reported that the Student Government Association **debates and elections** were pending and that she would soon be passing the gavel to her successor. She reported that a recent meeting of student leaders had led to a great deal of discussion regarding **strategic planning** from a student perspective. She also reported that the student leaders strongly encouraged **additional funding and staffing** to enhance the Student Life programs at Winthrop.

Report from the President

President DiGiorgio thanked **Acting Dean Wilhelmenia Rembert** for her leadership of the College of Education during the past year, noting that she kept the College moving forward, not merely afloat.

President DiGiorgio reported that he had hosted a very positive dinner meeting with **Student Government leaders** and presented them with commemorative "SGA" pins. He also reported on the constructive dialogue and progress made regarding development of a thorough **Web Policy**, anticipated to be completed around the end of the semester.

President DiGiorgio updated the Board on the status of the **Legislative Budget process** and the progress on having the **tuition proviso** granted permanent status. He also updated the Board on the progress of the **Traffic and Vehicular Safety Committee** as it examines parking enforcement, the need for an additional lot to compensate for spaces lost during the Sims renovation, and other issues. He noted that it was likely that the Committee would recommend an increase in permit fees and parking fines.

President DiGiorgio reported that there had been follow up on an earlier suggestion from a trustee regarding a potential partnership for the future development of both **Dacus Library and the York County Library**. He noted that the heads of each library had explored the possibility and found that it was not a feasible alternative given their individual libraries needs and timetables.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Executive Session

Mary Anne Lake moved that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel and contractual matters. Bob Thompson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by voice vote. Following a ten-minute recess, the Board reconvened in Executive Session. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Upon returning to public session, Bob Thompson moved that the Board adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Bob Gahagan and approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board adjourned at 3:45 p.m.



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RESOLUTION TO ADD A MASTER OF SCIENCE IN SOFTWARE
ENGINEERING

WHEREAS, area businesses have indicated an interest in and an endorsement of a program such as the proposed MS in Software Engineering which involves the areas of project management, quality management, and software quality and testing; and

WHEREAS, the proposed MS in Software Engineering will fulfill a need in the State by being the only one of its kind; and

WHEREAS, the proposed MS in Software Engineering is a natural extension of the existing programs at Winthrop University in the areas of computer science and computer information systems; and

WHEREAS, the resources to offer the program are already in place at Winthrop University;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees does hereby authorize the addition of the Master of Science degree in Software Engineering to the curriculum of the College of Business Administration.

April 12, 2000

RESOLUTION FOR A NAMING OPPORTUNITY IN HONOR OF RICHARD

W. RILEY

WHEREAS, Richard W. Riley, a native of Greenville County, South Carolina, has devoted much of his public policy life to improving educational programs and educational attainment, first here in the Palmetto State, and then nationally; and

WHEREAS, Richard W. Riley served his home state with eloquence and distinction in its legislature and as Governor; and

WHEREAS, after winning national recognition of his highly successful effort to improve education in South Carolina, Richard W. Riley was chosen by President Clinton to be U.S. Secretary of Education in December 1992; and

WHEREAS, Secretary Riley is a gentleman, universally respected for his integrity, principled leadership, commitment to children and passion for education, leading one of the nation's foremost newspapers to identify him as "one of the great statesmen of education in this century"; and

WHEREAS, Winthrop University is widely recognized as South Carolina's flagship of teacher preparation and it is that important mission that led to Winthrop's founding in 1886; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for Winthrop University to honor an outstanding native of the Palmetto State and to recognize his lasting contributions to the State and Nation in the field of education;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY that on Friday, May 5, 2000 and from that day forward, Winthrop University's College of Education will be named and known as "The Richard W. Riley College of Education".

April 12, 2000

RESOLUTION FOR A NAMING OPPORTUNITY IN HONOR OF LOIS RHAME WEST

WHEREAS, Lois Rhame West, class of 1943, has made it a life's work to give of her time and expertise to the benefit of others--citizens of her beloved home state, her cherished family and friends, her esteemed alma mater, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Lois Rhame West personified kindness, fortitude, diplomacy and empathy as First Lady of the State of South Carolina in the 1970's attaining national and international respect and recognition for her work on behalf of the people of the state; and

WHEREAS, Lois Rhame West applied her considerable leadership skills and compassion to many worthy causes over the years, most notably the national Muscular Dystrophy Association, which she served as the first woman president; and

WHEREAS, Lois Rhame West has remained a strong advocate for Winthrop through the years and is steadfast in her selfless service to the university she holds so dear; and

WHEREAS, Lois Rhame West was the obvious choice for, and has been highly effective as, co-chair of the institution's first capital campaign, A Lasting Achievement: The Campaign for Winthrop;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, upon completion of the renovation and expansion of the historic Peabody Gymnasium Building, a place remembered fondly from her years as a Winthrop major in Physical Education, the updated facility shall be named in honor of Lois Rhame West, pre-eminent Winthrop daughter, class of 1943.

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