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Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Friday, June 9, 2000

Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall

1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Board Minutes of April 12, 2000
3. Report of the Executive Committee A. Resolution Honoring David White for Outstanding Service to Winthrop University B. Resolution Honoring Mary Anne Lake for Outstanding Service to Winthrop University C. Resolution to Amend By-Laws to Create Article I, Section E D. Resolution Regarding 1999-2000 Performance Evaluation of President Anthony J. DiGiorgio E. Resolution Regarding Contract Extension for President Anthony J. DiGiorgio
4. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee A. Resolution to Confer Emeritus Faculty Status
5. Report of the Finance Committee A. Resolution to Approve Student Fees for 2000-2001
6. Report of the University Relations Committee
7. Report of the Nominating Committee A. Election of Officers for 2000-2001 Term
8. 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
9. Report from the President
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Executive Session
13. Adjournment



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Minutes of the Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees
June 8, 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, Mary Jean Martin, Jane Shuler, Bob Thompson, Skip Tuttle, and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*).

Members absent: None

Representatives present: Janice Chism, Academic Council Chair; Rodney Brown, Student Government Association President

Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

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

The Board of Trustees met on Friday, June 9, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. in the Dunlap-Roddey Room, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.

Call to Order

David White called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He welcomed Janice Chism, Academic Council Chair, serving as the Faculty Representative in the absence of Faculty Conference Chair Tom Moore. He also welcomed Rodney Brown, the newly elected President of the Student Government Association and Student Representative to the Board. Chairman White also recognized the newly elected Vice President of the Student Government Association, Jerrod Lowry. Chairman White also recognized Dr. David Franklin, retiring Dean of the College of Visual and Performing Arts, noting that Dr. Franklin had agreed to serve as Acting Associate Vice President for Graduate Studies.

Approval of Board Minutes of April 12, 2000

Bob Thompson moved to approve the Minutes as presented. Watts Huckabee 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 May 31, 2000. He stated that the Executive

Committee reviewed and discussed several matters and took several actions, which the Committee brought to the Board for its consideration in the form of resolutions.

Resolution Honoring Mary Anne Lake for Outstanding Service to Winthrop University

David White offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote. Mary Anne Lake expressed her thanks to the Board and to the university community, noting that it had been a joy to serve on the Board. She expressed her admiration and confidence in the leadership of the President, the administration and the Board.

Resolution Honoring David White for Outstanding Service to Winthrop University

Vice Chairman Skip Tuttle offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote. Chairman White thanked the Board and noted he would save his remarks until later in the meeting.

Resolution to Amend By-Laws to Create Article I, Section E

David White offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Chairman White noted that other highlights of the Committee's meeting included an update from the President on the status of funding for capital projects, particularly Peabody, Sims, and the Rutledge roof and a report on the Legislative budget process for Appropriations. He noted that the Committee also received general updates on the Performance Funding Results, on progress of the planned improvements to Intercollegiate Athletics facilities, and on the results of the Sims bids and the present construction schedule for those renovations. Chairman White also reported that Dr. DiGiorgio updated the Executive Committee on the University of Montevallo's initiative to secure federal funding for preservation of buildings on the campuses of historically Women's Colleges. He noted that the supporters of the bill in Congress are cautiously optimistic it will be passed this year or next. Chairman White reported that the Committee received 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. At the conclusion of the Executive Session the Executive Committee agreed upon two resolutions, one regarding an extension of the President's contract and a second regarding the President's evaluation under the Agency Head Performance Evaluation process.

Chairman White stated that those matters had also been discussed in the Executive Session of the full Board held on June 8, 2000. He reported that at the conclusion of the June 8 Executive Session the Board had returned to Open Session last night and taken votes on both resolutions in Open Session. Chairman White stated that it was now his understanding that the public notification regarding the Board's activities of June 8 and June 9 did not indicate that there would be any public action taken on June 9. Chairman White stated that it was his view and ruling as Chair that the votes taken

June 8 were, therefore, ineffective and invalid. He stated that it would be appropriate to have those two matters reintroduced as Motions from the Executive Committee for consideration by the full Board.

Resolution Regarding 1999-2000 Performance Evaluation of President Anthony J. DiGiorgio

David White offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved by voice vote with one dissenting vote cast by Thomas Crowson.

Resolution Regarding Contract Extension for President Anthony J. DiGiorgio

David White offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved by voice vote with one dissenting vote cast by Thomas Crowson.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

Resolution to Confer Emeritus Faculty Status

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 report on faculty who had recently been promoted and/or awarded tenure. He reported that the Committee had been apprised of planned revisions for the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Communications that would divide the program into separate tracks for graphic design and illustration. He noted that this would not require approval from the CHE.

Bob Thompson also reported that the Committee had received updates on plans for the Deans' Retreat, the fall Academic Leadership Retreat, and development of pilot courses and competencies for General Education. He also reported that the Committee had discussed the Performance Funding process and the preparations for the SACS reaccreditation visit. President DiGiorgio noted that Dr. Fred Obear, former President of the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, would be serving as the Chair of the visiting accreditation team. Bob Thompson also reported that the Committee had received presentations regarding the Arts in Basic Curriculum program and a recent trip by MBA students to Wall Street and Washington, D.C.

Report of the Finance Committee

Skip Tuttle reported that the Finance Committee had received reports indicating that the budget was in balance and may show a small positive balance for the year. He noted that it was still unclear what the legislature would do and this would impact on the university's budget plans but that the university's goal would be to raise student fees by no more than

Resolution to Approve Student Fees for 2000-2001

Skip Tuttle offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Finance Committee with one amendment to the third “whereas” clause changing the reference to “1999-2000” to “2000-2001”. The Amended Resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

Skip Tuttle noted the tuition assistance policy that allows state employees at state institutions to take six credit hours per semester free of charge is a good recruitment and retention tool that serves the university well. He also noted that it would be an excellent idea to allow departments to encourage qualified employees to participate in the Executive MBA program with financial support coming from the departmental budget in exchange for a commitment by the employee to remain at Winthrop for two years. Skip Tuttle noted that this item had been brought to the Committee for counsel but that action by the Board was not required.

Skip Tuttle reported that the Committee had received updates on a lengthy list of campus improvements and renovations as well as planned projects such as renovations to Sims and Thomson and construction of a new baseball park. He noted the Committee’s observations that the campus looks new and fresh and is being extremely well served by Facilities Management.

Report of the University Relations Committee

Bob Gahagan reported that the Committee had been introduced to Cheryl Nix, the new Head Women’s Basketball Coach. He also noted that the Committee had been advised that the cumulative grade point average for student athletes was 2.90 and that the women’s volleyball team had a 3.6 average, with six players achieving 4.0. He also reported that the Eagle Club Auction had raised \$54,000, its largest total ever.

Bob Gahagan also reported that the Committee had reviewed the progress of the Capital Campaign, which has reached a total of \$20 million to date. He also noted that the Annual Fund would exceed its goal and that significant portions of these dollars are dedicated to unrestricted scholarships.

Bob Gahagan reported that the Committee had received updates on the REACH retention initiative, the increasing number of transfer students anticipated, and community service activities including the AmeriCorps program.

Report of the Committee on Nominations

Bob Thompson offered the following slate of officers for the 2000-2001 Board term in the form of a Motion from the Committee on Nominations: Skip Tuttle for Chairman, Bob Gahagan for Vice Chairman, and Anne Hall for Secretary. Chairman White asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There were none. Mary Anne Lake moved that the slate presented by the Committee on Nominations be accepted by acclamation. The slate of officers was acclaimed unanimously by voice vote.

Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference

Academic Council Chair appeared on behalf of Faculty Conference Chair Tom

Moore. She presented a written report from Tom Moore in which he noted the progress on the General Education pilot courses entitled Human Experience I and Critical Thinking. He also expressed the faculty's appreciation for the service of Mary Anne Lake to the university and the Board.

Report from the Student Government Association President

Rodney Brown reported that the Student Government Association was planning its fall retreat and that it planned to participate in orientation activities and encourage school spirit.

Report from the President

President DiGiorgio updated the Board on the General Assembly's deliberations on budgetary matters. He noted that the Tuition Proviso had been made permanent by legislative action and that authority for refinancing of the Coliseum had also been approved by the legislature.

President DiGiorgio also reported that he had received recommendations from the Traffic and Parking Committee and would implement increases in parking fees and fines for parking violations. President DiGiorgio provided an update on the budgetary and planning activities of the Executive Officers. He also noted the ongoing zoning discussions with the City of Rock Hill regarding the creation of an "institutional campus" zoning designation.

President DiGiorgio expressed his appreciation for the Board's support and confidence and his thanks to Mary Anne Lake for her service.

Report from the Board Chair

Outgoing Chairman David White expressed his thanks to the Board for the Resolution honoring his service as Board Chair. He also thanked the Board members for their leadership and collegiality and stated that he appreciated serving during such a positive period of time. He commended the President for his vision and the faculty and student representatives for their advice and guidance. Chairman White also noted the important role and responsibility of the Board and stated that he looked forward to his continued service as a member of the Board.

Chairman White urged the Board to continue the effective fundraising work underway, to continue encouraging an understanding of external constituencies, to continue improving relations with the faculty, to protect and preserve the university's real properties, and to work to improve the university's clout with the General Assembly.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Executive Session

Bob Thompson moved that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel and contractual matters. Watts Huckabee seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board then convened 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 Larry Durham and approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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Members absent: None.

Representatives present: Tom Moore, Faculty Conference Chair (*via telephone*); Rodney Brown, Student Government Association President; Mamie C. Bush, past SGA President

Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, June 8, 2000 at 5:30 p.m. in the Dunlap-Roddey Room, Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.

Call to Order

David White called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Bob Gahagan moved that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion of personnel matters. Bob Thompson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board convened in Executive Session and subsequently invited the Faculty Representative and the past SGA president to participate in a portion of the Executive Session agenda.

Open Session

Chairman White announced that the Board had met in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and considering possible personnel action but stated that no action had been taken.

Resolution Regarding 1999-2000 Performance Evaluation of President Anthony J. DiGiorgio

Bob Thompson moved, seconded by Anne Hall that the Board adopt the Resolution Regarding 1999-2000 Performance Evaluation of President Anthony J. DiGiorgio as

recommended by the Executive Committee. This motion was approved by voice vote. *[Note: This vote was subsequently ruled by Chairman White to be invalid]*

Resolution Regarding Contract Extension for President Anthony J. DiGiorgio

Jane Shuler moved, seconded by Mary Anne Lake, that the Board adopt the Resolution Regarding Contract Extension for President Anthony J. DiGiorgio as recommended by the Executive Committee. This motion was approved by voice vote. *[Note: This vote was subsequently ruled by Chairman White to be invalid]*

Adjournment

Bob Thompson moved that the Board adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Bob Gahagan and approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION TO APPROVE STUDENT FEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000- 2001

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Trustees at state institutions of higher learning are empowered to determine the student fees; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees at Winthrop University have examined the fee structure at Winthrop University as well as fees at other institutions of higher learning in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees have examined the projected resources and projected commitments for fiscal year 1999-2000; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Finance Committee recognize their fiduciary responsibility to ensure that the University's budget strikes a balance between actual resources and commitments;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the fee schedules for 2000-2001 proposed by the Finance Committee be adopted by the Board of Trustees, and further that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees be authorized to approve the Winthrop operating budget on behalf of the board once the General Assembly has passed the Appropriations Act.

June 9, 2000

RESOLUTION TO CONFER EMERITUS STATUS

WHEREAS, Winthrop University has been the benefactor of a combined total of two hundred eleven years of dedicated service contributed by the eight faculty members honored by the proposal of emeritus status; and

WHEREAS, Winthrop University recognizes the loyal devotion of these faculty members who have dedicated themselves to teaching hundreds of Winthrop University students; and

WHEREAS, Winthrop University expresses gratitude for the tireless efforts of these outstanding educators who have demonstrated a professional commitment to Winthrop University and higher learning;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees does hereby recognize the following as having attained emeritus status at Winthrop University with all the rights and privileges bestowed thereunto: Donald G. Aplin, Assistant Professor of Mathematics; Sidney C. Bennett, III, Associate Professor of Marketing; Benny G. Coxtton, Associate Professor of Education; A. David Franklin, Professor of Music; Joanne M. Lunt, Professor of Dance; Gordon N. Ross, Professor of English; Curtis C. Sherman, Professor of Art and Design; and Martha S. Taylor, Professor of Physical Education.

June 9, 2000

RESOLUTION REGARDING CONTRACT EXTENSION FOR PRESIDENT

ANTHONY J. DIGIORGIO

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Bylaws the Executive Committee met in Executive Session on May 31, 2000 to conduct the annual performance review of the President of Winthrop University as mandated by the State Agency Head Salary Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee reviewed the responses to the State Agency Head Performance Survey submitted by the individual Trustees and reviewed the status of the President's contract; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Session the Executive Committee concluded that its recommendation to the full Board of Trustees is that President DiGiorgio's existing contract, which expires June 30, 2002, be extended for one year to an expiration date of June 30, 2003.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY that President DiGiorgio's existing contract, which expires June 30, 2002, be extended for one year to an expiration date of June 30, 2003.

June 9, 2000

RESOLUTION REGARDING 1999-2000 PERFORMANCE EVALUATION OF
PRESIDENT ANTHONY J. DIGIORGIO

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Bylaws the Executive Committee met in Executive Session on May 31, 2000 to conduct the annual performance review of the President of Winthrop University as mandated by the State Agency Head Salary Commission; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee reviewed the responses to the State Agency Head Performance Survey submitted by the individual Trustees and reviewed the status of the President's contract; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Session the Executive Committee concluded that President DiGiorgio receive a rating of "Exceeds Expectations" in the Board's formal evaluation to be submitted to the State Agency Head Salary Commission; and

WHEREAS, in Executive Session the Executive Committee concluded that in the Board's formal evaluation to be submitted to the State Agency Head Salary Commission President DiGiorgio be recommended to receive the maximum available salary increase offered by the Commission;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY that in its formal evaluation of the performance of Anthony J. DiGiorgio as President of Winthrop University to be submitted to the State Agency Head Salary Commission, President DiGiorgio will receive a rating of "Exceeds Expectations" and will be recommended to receive the maximum available salary increase offered by the Commission.

June 9, 2000

RESOLUTION AMENDING BY-LAWS OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, Winthrop University is presently preparing for the reaccreditation site visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS); and

WHEREAS, during the course of the internal review undertaken in preparation for the SACS visit it has become apparent that additional language in the by-laws of the Board of Trustees is necessary to satisfy one of the SACS criteria; and

WHEREAS, one of the SACS criteria reads as follows: "The presiding officer of the Board must have no contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution. The majority of other voting members of the Board must have no contractual, employment, or personal or familial financial interest in the institution"; and

WHEREAS, another of the SACS criteria related to the governing board requires, in pertinent part, that "the Board must not be subject to undue pressure from political, religious or other external bodies. Furthermore, it should protect the administration from similar pressures"; and

WHEREAS, all Trustees are already subject to the ethical guidelines set by the State of South Carolina, including those related to conflicts on interest; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate for the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University to adopt and establish additional language reflecting this fact in its by-laws to assist in satisfying the SACS criteria set forth above.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University, that the by-laws of the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University are hereby amended by adding a Section E to the Existing Article I of the by-laws to read as follows:

"As Trustees are among those public officers defined within Section 8-1-10 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, they are required to complete and file with the State Ethics Commission a Statement of Economic Interests Form disclosing, among other things, any compensation received from an individual or business which contracts with the University.

In addition, as public officeholders, Trustees are subject to the state's Ethics Reform Act, including but not limited to all applicable statutory provisions governing actual or potential conflicts of interest."

June 9, 2000

RESOLUTION TO HONOR DAVID A. WHITE FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE AS CHAIR OF THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, DAVID A. WHITE, has served with unstinting dedication as the Chair of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees since 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, he exercised exemplary leadership and vision in guiding the University toward distinction by overseeing major planning initiatives, including both the development of Futuresteps 2000, the University-wide salary and professional development plan, and the first-ever capital campaign, "A Lasting Achievement," and

WHEREAS, during his term as Chair of the Board, he lent advice and counsel on significant University projects such as the construction of the first new academic building on campus in more than thriy years, the Life Sciences Building, and the implementation of the University Technology Upgrade Plan; and

WHEREAS, his tenure as Chair of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees had been characterized by his tireless dedication, vigorous advocacy and resolute commitment to educational advancement at Winthrop University;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Trustees, the President, and the Winthrop University faculty, staff and students do hereby convey their deep respect and profound gratitude to DAVID A. WHITE, and do commend him for outstanding meritorious services as Chair of the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University.

June 9, 2000

RESOLUTION HONORING MARY ANNE LAKE FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

This resolution is in document form. To view it, please visit the Office of the President at Winthrop University.

June 9, 2000