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Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Friday, February 23, 2001
Middleton Place, Charleston
4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Public Comment
3. Approval of Board Minutes of November 3, 2000
4. Report of the Executive Committee
 - A. Resolution to Honor Dr. Thomas F. Moore for Meritorious Service to the Winthrop University Faculty Conference and the Winthrop University Board of Trustees
 - B. Resolution in Support of Equitable Legislative Redistricting
5. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee
6. Report of the Finance Committee
7. Report of the University Relations Committee
8. Reports from the Representatives to the Board
9. Report from the President
10. Old Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Friday, February 23, 2001

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Members present: Skip Tuttle (Chair), Larry Durham, Bob Gahagan, Sanita Savage Frazier, Anne K. Hall, A. Watts Huckabee, Glenda Owens, Jane Shuler, Bob Thompson, David White, and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*).

Members absent: E. Thomas Crowson, Mary Jean Martin.

Representatives present: James Johnston, Faculty Council Chair.

Board Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

Others present: Amy French, Jennifer Stanley (media representatives); DeeAnna Brooks, Amanda Maghsoud, Charles Maner, Rebecca Masters, J.P. McKee, Tom Moore (Winthrop University staff).

The Board of Trustees met on Friday, February 23, 2001 at 4:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of Middleton Inn at Middleton Place, Charleston, SC.

Call to Order

Skip Tuttle called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

Approval of Board Minutes of November 3, 2000

Bob Thompson moved, seconded by David White, to approve the minutes as presented. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Report of the Executive Committee

Chairman Tuttle reported that the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met in Rock Hill during the afternoon of February 7, 2001. He stated that the Executive Committee reviewed and discussed several matters and took two actions, which the Committee brought to the Board for its consideration in the form of resolutions.

Resolution Honoring Thomas F. Moore for Meritorious Service to the Winthrop University Faculty Conference and the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Chairman Tuttle offered the Resolution in the form of a Motion from the Executive Committee and it was approved unanimously by voice vote. He then read the Resolution and made a presentation to Thomas F. Moore, who expressed his thanks to the Board members for their trust, confidence, and genuine desire to make decisions in

the best interests of the University. President DiGiorgio and Chairman Tuttle expressed their individual appreciation for Dr. Moore and his efforts to represent the faculty perspective.

Resolution in Support of Equitable Legislative Redistricting

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

Chairman Tuttle noted that other highlights of the Committee's meeting were reflected in the draft Committee minutes included in the materials distributed to all Trustees.

Chairman Tuttle reported that the Executive Committee had received an update on the Programming Survey circulated to all Trustees. Trustees discussed the proposed change to the schedule for regular meetings of the Board and agreed to add a full Board session at 11:00 a.m. on an experimental basis for the purpose of receiving presentations or holding dialogues with appropriate groups.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

Bob Thompson reported that the Committee had met and approved the minutes of its November meeting. He also reported that there were no other items on the Committee's agenda.

Report of the Finance Committee

Bob Gahagan reported that the Committee had met and approved the minutes of its November meeting. He also reported that there were no other items on the Committee's agenda.

Report of the University Relations Committee

Jane Shuler reported that the Committee had met and approved the minutes of its November meeting. She also reported that there were no other items on the Committee's agenda.

Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference

Newly elected Faculty Conference Chair James Johnston introduced himself and was welcomed by the Board. Dr. Johnston expressed his appreciation for the Board's role and stated his intention to provide open lines of communication. He also noted his love for teaching and his abiding interest in students.

Dr. Johnston reported that General Education revisions continue moving forward, with an Honors course to be piloted in Fall 2001 and the objective of piloting The Human Experience II in Spring 2002. He noted that the process had been very helpful to date in producing the set of "competencies" expected of all students but stated that there was still not consensus on the implementation of a new General Education curriculum.

He also reported that Faculty Conference had charged him to report that it had unanimously endorsed a letter from Dr. Bill Rogers of the Biology Department

expressing opposition to the proposal to locate a high school on the Farm property. Dr. Johnston reported that Dr. Rogers' letter had noted the distinctive educational value of this property to students and faculty and that this property would also play a key role in the new programs planned in Environmental Science and Environmental Studies

Report from the Student Government Association President

Rodney Brown was unable to attend the Board meeting.

Report from the President

President DiGiorgio reported that the self-study for the accreditation reaffirmation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools had been completed and was the most thorough document of its type he had ever seen. He noted that this was the result of a tremendous team effort led by Drs. Sarah Stallings and Nick Ross. He reported that the preliminary visit by the chair of the visiting team, Dr. Fred Obear, had been very successful and that Dr. Obear had warmly complimented the preparations made so far for the March visit of the reaffirmation team.

President DiGiorgio reported on the most recent developments in the efforts to establish an Institutional Campus zoning category in the City of Rock Hill that would encompass the properties owned by the University. He noted that the process of further review by the task force appointed by the mayor, and then subsequent meetings of the Planning Commission and City Council, would likely take six months. The President also stated that efforts are still underway to include Water Street into the campus as well as closing the west end of Myrtle Drive.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

There was no New Business.

Executive Session

Bob Gahagan moved that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion of 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.

Recess

Upon returning to public session, Bob Thompson moved that the Board recess until Saturday, February 24 at 9:00 a.m. The Motion was seconded by Watts Huckabee and approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board recessed at 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees held a dinner on Friday, February 23, 2001 at 6:30 p.m. in the Dining Room of Middleton Inn at Middleton Place, Charleston, SC. After dinner Dan Jones, President of the Public Policy Group, LLC, gave a presentation on the status of

budget and legislative affairs in the South Carolina General Assembly. The Board took no actions during this event.

Saturday, February 24, 2001

Members present: Skip Tuttle (Chair), Larry Durham, Bob Gahagan, Sanita Savage Frazier, Anne K. Hall, A. Watts Huckabee, Glenda Owens, Jane Shuler, Bob Thompson, David White, and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*).

Members absent: E. Thomas Crowson, Mary Jean Martin.

Representatives present: James Johnston, Faculty Council Chair.

Board Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

Others present: Amy French, Jennifer Stanley (media representatives); DeeAnna Brooks, Amanda Maghsoud, Charles Maner, Rebecca Masters, J.P. McKee, Tom Moore (Winthrop University staff).

The Board of Trustees met on Saturday, February 24, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Middleton Inn at Middleton Place, Charleston, SC.

Call to Order

Skip Tuttle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

“A University Budget Primer”

Vice President for Finance and Business J.P. McKee and Associate Vice President for Finance and Business Amanda Maghsoud made a presentation to the Board on the topics of Current Unrestricted Funds and Current Unrestricted Revenues. They reported on the revenue and expenditure categories associated with these funds and the restrictions on transferring funds between the different fund groups.

“2002 Budget Preview”

Vice President for Finance and Business J.P. McKee and Associate Vice President for Finance and Business Amanda Maghsoud made a presentation to the Board on potential impacts on the University’s budget under a series of different scenarios involving cuts in state appropriations. They also reviewed the University’s pending budget commitments and unbudgeted (though anticipated) funding commitments. They then reviewed a series of possible actions for the University and the Board to consider taking depending on the severity of budget cuts. A report on revisions to the Mission Resource Requirement and its impact on funding was also reviewed.

The Board then took a lunch recess from 12:15 p.m. until 1:15 p.m.

“Campus Development and Growth”

President DiGiorgio reviewed the facilities needs addressed in the past year, including

projects that had been completed and those that remain in progress. He then made a presentation to the Board outlining needs in the areas of academic facilities, athletic and recreational facilities, and student residence halls. President DiGiorgio and Vice President McKee then reviewed the plan for funding residence hall capital improvements. Trustees commented that the plan was a sound one and encouraged the President to proceed with it. The President noted that he would bring individual items to the Board for action as appropriate in the implementation of the capital improvements plan.

Executive Session

Bob Gahagan moved that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion of contractual and personnel matters. Bob Thompson seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board then convened in Executive Session. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Recess

Upon returning to public session, Bob Thompson moved that the Board recess until Sunday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m. The Motion was seconded by Bob Gahagan and approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board recessed at 5:30 p.m.

The Board of Trustees held a dinner on Friday, February 23, 2001 at 7:30 p.m. at the Charleston Grill, Charleston, SC. The Board took no actions during this event.

Sunday, February 25, 2001

Members present: Skip Tuttle (Chair), Larry Durham, Bob Gahagan, Anne K. Hall, A. Watts Huckabee, Glenda Owens, Jane Shuler, Bob Thompson, David White, and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*).

Members absent: E. Thomas Crowson, Mary Jean Martin, Sanita Savage Frazier.

Representatives present: James Johnston, Faculty Council Chair.

Board Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

Others present: Amy French, Jennifer Stanley (media representatives); DeeAnna Brooks, Rebecca Masters, J.P. McKee (Winthrop University staff); Bill Kelly, Phil McDaniel, Bob Norwood, Kathy Pender (Rock Hill School District Three representatives).

The Board of Trustees met on Sunday, February 25, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Middleton Inn at Middleton Place, Charleston, SC.

Call to Order

Skip Tuttle called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

“Ventures”

President DiGiorgio made a presentation to the Board suggesting a framework for discussing future initiatives for the University. Among the topics he discussed were how the University could sustain excellence through maintaining accreditations, making final decisions about revising the General Education curriculum, steps to be taken in renewing the intellectual climate of the campus, revitalizing existing degree programs, and exploring new degree programs. The President also discussed the need to preserve and enhance campus facilities and to plan for growth. He then outlined some possible initiatives in the areas of infusing global perspectives, technology and leadership throughout the Winthrop community and educational experience. President DiGiorgio concluded by noting that in order to build a learning community and achieve institutional distinction, the University would have to ensure that its innovations would be sustainable over time.

Presentation by Representatives of Rock Hill School District Three

Chairman Tuttle welcomed Bill Kelly, Phil McDaniel, Bob Norwood and Kathy Pender as representatives of Rock Hill School District Three representatives. Chairman Tuttle advised the Board that Rock Hill School District Three had made a formal request to present a proposal for the location of a new high school on Winthrop property known as The Farm. He noted that the proposal involved contractual issues including a potential sale of property.

Bob Gahagan moved, seconded by Jane Shuler, that the Board go into Executive Session for discussion of contractual matters and that the Rock Hill School District Three representatives be invited to attend the Executive Session for the purpose of addressing contractual issues. Amy French stated an objection to the executive session on behalf of *The Charlotte Observer*. Jennifer Stanley stated an objection to the executive session on behalf of *The Rock Hill Herald*. The Board then convened in Executive Session. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Upon return to Open Session, members of the Board of Trustees asked several questions of the School District representatives relating to the number of students projected to attend the new school, the planned facilities for the school, and possible shared use of facilities. President DiGiorgio read from a letter he had received from Winthrop University Athletics Director Tom Hickman enumerating issues of concern from the view of the Athletics Department. James Johnston reported that the Faculty Conference had unanimously voted to state their opposition to the School District's proposal. Anne Hall noted that the Alumni Association Executive Board had voted in favor of a resolution expressing that body's concern about the School District's proposal. There was discussion by the Trustees and the representatives of the School District regarding the possible positive and negative effects of the School District's proposal.

At the conclusion of the discussion Bob Gahagan moved that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees respectfully decline the School District's proposal for the use of a portion of the Winthrop Farm for the location of a high school. Jane Shuler seconded

the Motion. There was discussion by the Trustees on the Motion. David White called for the question. The Board unanimously approved the Motion by voice vote.

Chairman Tuttle thanked the School District representatives for their time and expressed the Board's appreciation for bringing the proposal to the Board for consideration. He noted that the Board wished the School District well in its efforts to find an appropriate location for a new high school. Chairman Tuttle stated the Board looked forward to the School District and the University continuing and intensifying their collaborative efforts.

Adjournment

Bob Gahagan moved, seconded by Bob Thompson, that the Board adjourn. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote and the Board adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF EQUITABLE LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING

WHEREAS, Winthrop University is located in York County; and

WHEREAS, the relative numerical strength of the York County legislative delegation will be a key factor in determining state support for Winthrop University throughout the next decade; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Decennial Census of the United States which is done during the first year of every decade is, by South Carolina statute, the basis for the determination of the population of the legislative districts in South Carolina for both the South Carolina House of Representatives and the South Carolina Senate and, therefore, is the basis for the determination of practical and equitable geographic boundaries for the legislative districts; and

WHEREAS, the results of the Federal Decennial Census determining the population at the individual county and municipal level on April 1, 2000 will soon be available with the best available projections of the population indicating that York County will be the fourth fastest growing county (19.1 %) among the 46 counties in South Carolina over the 1990–2000 decade; and

WHEREAS, the 1990 Federal Decennial Census showed that, at that time, York County's population clearly justified five South Carolina House Districts and two South Carolina Senate Districts where the majority of the population in each district was within the boundaries of York County; and

WHEREAS, since 1992, York County has demonstrably been the most under-represented county in the South Carolina Legislature on the basis of the number of both House Districts (four) and Senate Districts (one) where the majority of the population in each district was within York County; and

WHEREAS, the level of representation in the legislature has a significant relationship to the adequate, fair, and equitable representation of the citizens of York County with respect to issues impacting Winthrop University such as education funding, infrastructure development, and land use planning; and

WHEREAS, it is essential that the unique needs and desires of the citizens of York County be adequately, fairly, and equitably represented in the South Carolina Legislature; and

WHEREAS, it is the unmistakable intent of the South Carolina statutes dealing with the delineation of legislative districts that the citizens of the state are to have adequate, fair, and equitable representation in the South Carolina Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the best available projections of population growth show that York County's 2000 population will absolutely justify five South Carolina House Districts and two South Carolina Senate Districts where the majority of the population in each district is within the boundaries of York County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY THAT the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University supports the call for the Legislative Delegation representing the citizens of York County and the South Carolina Legislature as a whole to immediately begin taking the steps necessary to insure that the citizens of York County are adequately, fairly, and equitably represented in the South Carolina Legislature for the coming decade through the delineation of five South Carolina House Districts and two South Carolina Senate Districts where the majority of the population in each district is within the boundaries of York County.

February 23, 2001

RESOLUTION TO HONOR DR. THOMAS F. MOORE FOR MERITORIOUS
SERVICE TO THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY FACULTY CONFER-
ENCE AND THE WINTHROP UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Winthrop University with grateful appreciation, does hereby acknowledge, commend and honor the four years of distinguished service of Dr. Thomas F. Moore as Chair of the Winthrop University Faculty Conference and as Faculty Representative to the Winthrop University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure he demonstrated leadership on behalf of his faculty colleagues and devoted considerable time, energy and intellect to the renewal of the General Education Curriculum; and

WHEREAS, he consistently shared thoughtful advice and counsel with the President and the Board on a wide range of issues and concerns, and worked tirelessly to see the University fulfill its educational mission; and

WHEREAS, he will continue to share his talent and high level of commitment in serving the University as Acting Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University does hereby gratefully acknowledge the dedication and passion for excellence that has been demonstrated by Dr. Thomas F. Moore on behalf of his faculty colleagues and the University;

AND, presents today from the Board on behalf of the entire Winthrop University community this citation as a testament to his achievements and devotion to education.

February 23, 2001