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Meeting of the Winthrop
University Board of Trustees

Saturday, December 15, 2001

The Shack

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Board Minutes of November 2, 2001
3. Resolution to Revise Student Fees for Spring Semester 2002
4. Resolution to Endorse Proposed Statutory Amendments to the Composition and Election of the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University
5. Adjournment



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

December 15, 2001

The Shack

Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Members present: Skip Tuttle (Chair), E. Thomas Crowson, Sanita Savage Frazier, Bob Gahagan, A. Watts Huckabee, Mary Jean Martin Glenda Owens, Jane Shuler, Bob Thompson, David White, and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*).

Members absent: Larry Durham and Anne Kay Hall.

Representatives present: Jim Johnston, Faculty Representative.

Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

Guests present: Staff, and media representatives.

The Board of Trustees met on Saturday, December 15, 2001 at 9:00 a.m. in The Shack on the campus of Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC pursuant to the call of the Chair.

Call to Order

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

Approval of Board Minutes of November 2, 2001

There were no revisions suggested so the Board unanimously approved the draft minutes as presented.

Resolution to Revise Student Fees for Spring Semester 2002

President DiGiorgio reviewed the recent history of state funding and budget cuts and the Board's responses as the basis for his recommendation for a tuition adjustment. He also noted the Board's desire to have the pain of budget cuts shared across the campus community and not place the burden solely on students and their families. He reported that the recommended tuition adjustment of \$100 would cover approximately one-half of the budget shortfall caused by state budget rescissions, which will reduce the state's portion of the education and general budget from approximately 33% to a percentage in the high twenties. President DiGiorgio also noted that traditionally the board had not made adjustments to tuition rates in the middle of an academic year but that his recommendation was based on ensuring that the quality of the University would not be eroded and that all of the money from the tuition adjustment would go into the education

and general budget. He noted that it was possible that the Board would have to review tuition each semester during uncertain economic times. The President also reviewed the logistics of how students would be notified of the new tuition rate.

Bob Thompson moved, seconded by Mary Jean Martin, that the Board adopt the Resolution as presented. This motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Resolution to Endorse Proposed Statutory Amendments to the Composition and Election of the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University

Chairman Tuttle reviewed the recent workshop held between trustees and members of the local legislative delegation. He noted the discussion at that session that recommended a restructuring of the Board to ensure greater geographic diversity on the Board and provide a better opportunity for the Board to reflect the University's statewide mission. Chairman Tuttle stated that the proposal circulated to the Board was an excellent way to address this issue and he reported that in consultations with local legislators the draft proposal had received favorable responses.

President DiGiorgio reviewed the changes to the structure of the Board outlined in the proposal and noted that, if it received Board approval, the materials would be forwarded to the legislative representatives for introduction early in the session of the General Assembly. There was discussion on the issues of term limits for trustees and the need to actively promote and foster opportunities for minority representation on the Board.

Bob Gahagan moved, seconded by Mary Jean Martin, that the Board adopt the Resolution as presented. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

Announcements

President DiGiorgio announced that the University would host the Governors of North Carolina and South Carolina for a Security Summit on December 17. He also reported that the Winthrop University Real Estate Foundation had closed on the property donated by Springs Industries that will be used for development of new student housing. He also noted that the Rock Hill City Council had accepted the Planning Commission's recommendation to rezone all Winthrop property in the new Office and Institutional zoning category and that final reading on this issue is expected on January 7, 2002.

Adjournment

Bob Thompson moved that the Board adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Bob Gahagan and approved unanimously by voice vote.

Minutes submitted by Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

PROPOSED REVISIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEE LEGISLATION

SECTION 59-125-20. Composition of board of trustees.

A. The board of trustees of Winthrop University is composed of the Governor and the State Superintendent of Education or their designees who are members ex officio of the board, seven other members each to be elected by the joint vote of the General Assembly, as hereinafter provided, and two graduates of Winthrop University to be appointed by the Winthrop University Alumni Association or its successors, as hereinafter provided. **In the event that the office of the State Superintendent of Education becomes an appointed position instead of an elected position, the seat on the board of trustees of Winthrop University occupied by the designee the State Superintendent of Education shall become an at-large seat to be elected by the joint vote of the General Assembly.**

B. In addition to the members of the board in subsection A, there shall be one additional member of the board appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall make the appointment based on merit regardless of race, color, creed, or gender and shall strive to assure that the membership of the board is representative of all citizens of the State of South Carolina.

SECTION 59-125-30. Election of board members; terms; vacancies.

Of the seven members to be elected by the General Assembly, one member must be elected from each of the six congressional districts and the remaining member must be elected by the General Assembly from the State at large. Each position on the board constitutes a separate office and the seats on the board are numbered consecutively as follows: for the First Congressional District, Seat One; for the Second Congressional District, Seat Two; for the Third Congressional District, Seat Three; for the Fourth Congressional District, Seat Four; for the Fifth Congressional District, Seat Five; for the Sixth Congressional District, Seat Six; for the at-large position elected by the General Assembly, Seat Seven; for the designee of the State Superintendent of Education, Seat Eight; for the at-large positions elected by the Winthrop University Alumni Association or its successors, Seats Nine and Ten; the member appointed by the Governor shall occupy Seat Eleven; the Governor or his or her designee shall occupy Seat Twelve.

The regular term of office of the elective members of the board of trustees is six years ~~with the members first elected being elected two for two years, two for four years, and three for six years.~~ In electing members of the board, the General Assembly shall elect members based on merit regardless of race, color, creed, or gender and shall strive to assure that the membership of the board is representative of all citizens of the State of South Carolina. ~~The General Assembly shall hold elections every even-numbered year to fill vacancies as they occur in the board by the expiration of terms of office.~~ The present elective members of the board of trustees shall continue to serve until the thirtieth day of June of the year in which their terms are scheduled to expire.

Those persons elected by the General Assembly in 2002 shall have their Seats designated as the Seat number corresponding to the Congressional District from which they are elected. The General Assembly shall hold elections to fill vacancies as they occur in the board by the expiration of terms of office as follows: Seat One in 2006, Seat Two in 2008, Seat Three in 2004, Seat Four in 2004, Seat Five in 2006, Seat Six in 2008, and Seat Seven in 2005. ~~After its 1984 session, the General Assembly shall elect successors to those trustees whose terms are expiring not earlier than the first day of April for a term to begin the following July first.~~ Elections to fill vacancies which are caused by the death, resignation, or removal of an elective trustee may be held earlier than the first day of April of the year in which the unexpired term terminates, but the term of the person elected to fill the vacancy expires on the last day of June of the year in which the term of the former member would have expired. When there is a vacancy otherwise occurring in the board of trustees among the elected members, the Governor may fill it by appointment until the next session of the General Assembly. ~~The successors to the two present members who are graduates of Winthrop College appointed by the Winthrop College Alumnae Association or its successors must be elected by the members of the Winthrop College Alumnae Association at its annual meeting held at Winthrop College during commencement week in 1958 and they shall serve for a term of four years and their successors must be elected at the similar annual meeting every four years thereafter.~~

The members of the Board elected by the Winthrop University Alumni Association or its successors to fill Seats Nine and Ten in 2002 shall be elected for four year terms. In 2006 the person elected by the Winthrop University Alumni Association or its successors to fill Seat Nine shall serve a six year term and the person elected by the Winthrop University Alumni Association or its successors to fill Seat Ten shall serve a four year term. At the completion of those terms of office, all subsequent members of the Board elected by the Winthrop University Alumni Association or its successors to fill Seats Nine and Ten shall be elected for six year terms.

The names of ~~the two~~ those so elected must be certified to the Secretary of State by the president and secretary of the association and they shall take office immediately after the certification. The terms of the at-large trustees appointed by the Governor is effective upon certification to the Secretary of State and is ~~six years~~ **co-terminus with the term of office of the Governor**. Any vacancy in the office of the member appointed by the Governor must be filled by appointment of the Governor for the unexpired term in the same manner of original appointment.

RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE PROPOSED STATUTORY AMENDMENTS TO THE COMPOSITION AND ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University continues to actively support the goal of attracting and retaining outstanding citizens to serve as Trustees of the University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University recognizes an ongoing need to ensure that the composition of the Board appropriately reflects the University's state-wide mission; and

WHEREAS, the President of Winthrop University has proposed a framework for addressing these issues through legislative amendments to the statutes governing the composition of the Board of Trustees and the election of members to the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees supports the proposed framework for restructuring the composition of the Board of Trustees and the election of members to the Board of Trustees and encourages the President to seek legislative action to implement the proposed framework;

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Winthrop University Board of Trustees endorses and supports the implementation of the restructuring of the Board as a significant element of the Board's ongoing commitment to institutional progress and development.

December 15, 2001

Background Information For The Resolution To Revise Student Fees For Spring

Semester 2002

Attached is a resolution to readjust student fees for the Spring semester 2002. At its meeting in June 2001, the Board of Trustees approved fees based on versions of the Appropriations Act passed by the Senate and the House of Representatives. Both of these versions of the Act contained significant reductions in appropriations for higher education.

Also at the June meeting, the full Board gave the Executive Committee the authority to make any changes to the 2001-2002 student fees after final legislative action was taken.

In July, the Governor vetoed those sections of the Appropriations Act that contained most of the reductions for higher education.

As a result of the vetoes, on July 27, 2001, the Executive Committee approved a reduction of \$100 for a full time undergraduate student for the Fall semester only

In November, the Board approved the budget for the University. At the same time, the Budget and Control Board rescinded four percent (\$1,042,107) of the University's 2002 appropriations. An additional two percent (\$521,053) rescission is anticipated in February.

This Spring semester 2002 proposed fee readjustment of \$100 for a full time undergraduate student is necessary to generate additional revenue to offset the current and anticipated appropriation reductions and restores the level of fees which the Board had approved at the June 2001 meeting.

RESOLUTION TO REVISE STUDENT FEES FOR SPRING 2002

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees at Winthrop University has examined the fee structure at Winthrop University; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has examined the projected resources and projected commitments for 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, the State Budget and Control Board has directed a rescission of four percent of Winthrop's appropriation for 2001-2002; and

WHEREAS, an additional two percent reduction is anticipated in February 2002; and

WHEREAS, the members of the Board of Trustees 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 revised fee schedules for Spring 2002 be adopted by the Winthrop University Board of Trustees.

December 15, 2001