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Meeting of the Winthrop
University Board of Trustees

Thursday, May 13, 2004
10:00 a.m.
Via Teleconference

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Resolution to Endorse Agreement with Rock Hill School District Three
** Agreement with the Rock Hill School District **
3. Adjournment



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Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Members present: Mary Jean Martin (Chair), Kathy Bigham, Larry Durham, Polly Ford, Bob Gahagan, Sanita Savage Bob Thompson, Skip Tuttle and Anthony J. DiGiorgio (ex officio).

Members absent: Karl Folkens, Glenda Owens.

Representative present: Marilyn Smith, Faculty Representative.

Representative absent: Richard Fowler, Student Representative.

Staff present: Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.

Guests present: Karen Bair, The Rock Hill Herald; Jim Johnston, Biology Department Chair; Joy Mwiruki, student.

The Board of Trustees met on Thursday, May 13, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. via teleconference at the call of the Chair pursuant to Article V(B) of the Board's by-laws.

Call to Order

Mary Jean Martin called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

Resolution to Endorse Agreement with Rock Hill School District Three

Bob Thompson moved that the Board endorse the Resolution and Skip Tuttle seconded the Motion. President DiGiorgio reviewed the resolution and supporting materials that had been presented to the Board and noted that the proposed Agreement had been approved on Monday May 10 by the Rock Hill School Board. He also noted that the work could begin within days and, weather permitting, that the project to convert the 1.1 acre area to "wetland" could be completed within a couple of weeks. Skip Tuttle noted that the area in question was ideal for this purpose and could not be used usefully for other purposes. President DiGiorgio was asked what the cost of the project would be to Winthrop University and he responded that there would be minimal costs related to signage and fencing, as well as annual reporting to appropriate state agencies. Biology Department Chair Jim Johnston was asked for his perspective and he reported that the Biology faculty were ecstatic about the project because of improved aesthetics, the

improvements the wetlands would make in cleaning the lake area, and the creation of a research area for students and faculty. The Resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

Executive Session

Bob Thompson moved, seconded by Skip Tuttle, that the Board go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel and legal matters. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote. No actions were taken in Executive Session.

Adjournment

Upon returning to public session, Bob Gahagan moved that the Board adjourn. The Motion was seconded by Bob Thompson and approved unanimously by voice vote. The Board adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Brien Lewis, Secretary to the Board.



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RESOLUTION TO ENDORSE AGREEMENT WITH ROCK HILL SCHOOL

DISTRICT THREE

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University continues to believe that it is appropriate and necessary for the University to be an active and constructive participant in land use planning efforts conducted by its host community; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University appreciates the willingness of its host community to work in a cooperative manner to assist in land use planning efforts for the future needs of the University; and

WHEREAS, Rock Hill School District Three is in the process of constructing additional school facilities and in connection with that construction will be required to disturb and fill certain wetlands; and

WHEREAS, the Corps of Engineers of the Department of the Army and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control require compensatory off-site migration involving the restoration and preservation of 1.0 acre of wetland as a condition to allowing the School District to disturb and fill wetlands in connection with the construction; and

WHEREAS, an appropriate location for creation of a new “wetlands” area was identified near the lake at the Winthrop Research and Recreational Complex; and

WHEREAS, Winthrop University is interested in having an area adjacent to the lake developed into a Piedmont wetland to be used as an outdoor classroom and research and study area; and

WHEREAS, creation of a new wetlands area in this location will be beneficial to the educational mission of Winthrop University as a research area for faculty and students; and

WHEREAS, said location is presently eroding and silting up and requires work to restore the site to a condition consistent with Winthrop University's plans for the wetlands area; and

WHEREAS, at the request of Rock Hill School District Three, the members of the Board of Trustees have examined the proposed Agreement with Rock Hill School District Three (hereinafter the "Agreement", which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference) and find that its components and requirements are appropriate and acceptable;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University that the Agreement attached hereto and incorporated by reference is hereby endorsed; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University, that the President of Winthrop University is hereby authorized to complete final arrangements related to the Agreement and to execute the Agreement on behalf of Winthrop University.

May 13, 2004