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Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

Friday, November 7, 2008

1:30 pm

Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall

Winthrop University

Rock Hill, South Carolina

1. Call to Order*
2. Public Comment*
3. Approval of Minutes from June 5-6, 2008
4. Report of the Executive Committee and Board Chair
 - a. A Resolution to Endorse the Agency Head Objectives 2008-09
 - b. A Resolution to Endorse the Vision of Distinction 2008-09
5. Report of the Academic Affairs Committee*
6. Report of the Finance Committee*
7. Report of the University Relations Committee*
8. Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference and Faculty Representative to the Board*
9. Report from the Chair of the Council of Student Leaders and Student Representative to the Board*
10. Report from the President*
11. Old Business*
12. New Business*
13. Executive Session*

14. Adjournment*

Academic Affairs Committee Meeting

Friday, November 7, 2008

306 Tillman Hall

9:00 - 11:00 am

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of Academic Affairs Committee Meeting of June 6, 2008
2. Collaboration
 - a. York Technical College Course/Program Articulation Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA)
3. Calendar Update
4. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Update

5. Report of the Vice President
 - a. New Faculty for 2008-09 (photos included)
 - b. Report on Academic Leadership Retreat
 - c. Review of 2008-09 VOD Academic Life Objectives

Report on Core Commitments

6. Academic Unit Updates
 - a. The Library, Dean Mark Herring
 - b. Visual and Performing Arts, Dean Libby Patenaude
 - c. Business Administration, Dean Roger Weikle
 - d. Education, Dean Jennie Rakestraw
 - e. Arts and Sciences, Dean Debra Boyd
 - f. University College, Dean Gloria JonesThe Graduate School, Dean Yvonne Murnane
7. Presentation by the Graduate School (Yvonne Murnane)

Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, November 7, 2008

9:00-11:00am

Thompson Conference Room, 110 Tillman Hall

AGENDA

1. Approval of Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting of June 6, 2008
2. Presentation of Financial Statements by External Audit Firm*
3. Review of 2008-2009 Allocation Status Report
4. Review of 2008-2009 Goals and Objectives in the Division of Finance and Business
5. Report on Construction Projects for 2008-2009*
6. Report on Scope of the Budget Rescission Mandates to Date*
(* Indicates no supporting materials are included in this mailing)

University Relations Committee Meeting

Friday, November 7, 2008

9:00 am

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of minutes of University Relations Committee meeting of June 6, 2008

Intercollegiate Athletics

3. Major objectives of the Department of Athletics for 08-09
4. NCAA updates including travel policy discussions and baseball season change proposal

Division of University Advancement and Enrollment Management

5. Introduction of new staff
6. Overview of 2008-2009 Objectives for Advancement and Enrollment Management
7. Report on 2008 entering class and recruitment initiatives for fall 2009

Division of University Development and Alumni Relations

8. Introduction of new staff

Ryan Sheehan, Assistant Director of Alumni Relations

Nate Brinkley, Philanthropic Advisor, Development Office

Keisha Talbot, Assistant Director of Annual Giving, Development Office

9. Major Objectives for UDAR for 2008-09 including planning for campaign and changes to Foundation Board

Division of Student Life

10. Introduction of new staff:

Nicole Scaglione (Coordinator for Wellness Services)

Lindy Lunkenheimer (Coordinator for Fitness and Aquatics)

11. Major learning outcomes and objectives of Student Life for 08-09

12. Briefing on new Wellness initiatives by Ms. Scaglione and Ms. Lunkenheimer

13. Old Business

14. New Business

Adjournment



Meeting of the Winthrop University Board of Trustees

November 7, 2008

1:00p.m.

Dunlap-Roddey Room, Johnson Hall

Winthrop University

Rock Hill, South Carolina

Minutes of Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Members present: Karl Folkens (Chair), Kathy Bigham, Sam Foster, Frances Davenport, Leland Cox, Janet Smalley, Glenda Owens, Jane LaRoche, Susan Smith-Rex, Donna Tinsley, Dalton Floyd, David Vipperman, Anthony J. DiGiorgio (*ex officio*)

Members absent: Lee Cox

Representatives present: Sarah MacDonald, Student Representative; Cheryl Fortner-Wood, Faculty Representative

Representatives absent: None

Others present: Faculty and staff of Winthrop University; Bobby Rosinki, WRHI; Nicole Smith, The Johnsonian

The Board of Trustees met on Friday, November 11 at 1:00 pm. in the Dunlap Roddey Room of Johnson Hall on the campus of Winthrop University, Rock Hill, SC.

Call to Order

Chair Bigham called the meeting to order at 1 p.m.

Approval of Board Minutes of June 8, June 9, and September 25, 2007

Dalton Floyd moved, seconded by Bob Thompson that the Board approve the minutes. This motion was approved unanimously as presented by voice vote.

Report of the Executive Committee and Chair of the Board

Next, Chair Bigham reported that the Executive Committee had met on campus on October 23, 2008. Several matters were reviewed and discussed. The materials from the meeting have been forwarded to each of members of the Board. Most of the issues that were discussed will be or have already been a part of today's agendas

The Executive Committee asked that the Board consider the following Resolutions.

1. A Resolution to Endorse the Agency Head Objectives 2008—09. The resolution passed unanimously.

A Resolution to Endorse the Vision of Distinction 2008—09. The resolution passed unanimously.

Chair Bigham reported the Executive Committee also had an executive session for discussion of legal, personnel, and contractual matters. No action was taken in the executive session.

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee

Sue Smith-Rex reported on the work of the Academic Affairs Committee as Chair Cox was unable to attend today's meeting. The committee heard from Vice President Tom Moore as he reported on the collaboration with York Technical College to create a smooth transition for transfer student. A combined working group from Winthrop and York Tech continue to meet and make good progress. Dr. Moore also highlighted the work of the group implementing the Education and Economic Development Act (EEDA). The group's major initiative is to align English, science, and mathematics high school courses with our entry level courses.

In order to prepare for the upcoming Southern Association of Schools and Colleges (SACS) reaffirmation, a team headed by Dr. Pat Graham and Ms. Karen Jones, has been identified and tasked with preparing a readiness audit. The audit is expected to be completed in the late spring.

Following the academic unit updates from each of the Deans, Dr. Yvonne Murnane, Dean of Graduate Studies reported on the latest initiatives from the Graduate Studies and Summer Session programs.

Report of the Finance Committee

Mr. Wade Dawson of Cline, Brandy, Kochenower and Company reviewed the Independent Auditor's report. The committee discussed ways in which they could become better versed in the auditing of the University and in general auditing responsibilities. Mr. Dawson agreed to provide information on possible webinars or other ways in which the Board could learn about auditor responsibilities and auditing principles.

The next reviewed the 2008-09 Allocation Status Report noting the upcoming \$3.4 million adjustment to the state appropriations.

The committee discussed the resolution to adopt a \$50 partial state appropriation reduction adjustment for the Spring 2009 semester to be presented to the full Board for consideration at the meeting later today.

Mr. Dalton Floyd challenged each Trustee to make a donation of \$1,000 toward an emergency fund to be used to assist students in dire need of financial help. He also challenged the members of the other Winthrop Boards (Foundation, Real Estate, etc.) to donate to the emergency fund.

Report of the University Relations Committee

Intercollegiate Athletics: Athletic Director Tom Hickman reported on recent changes in travel policies for NCAA sponsored travel. In addition to changes in travel, changes in length of the men's baseball season are being considered. Internally, our Athletics department is working a reporting process to allow on-line submission of academic progress reports for our student-athletes.

The Athletics website has been enhanced to include a video tour of the athletic facilities, a photo store link, RSS feeds, and the ability to buy tickets online.

University Advancement and Enrollment Management: Vice President Kathryn Holten reviewed the Divisional Objectives for Advancement and Enrollment Management. The final new freshmen total for this fall is 1075 students with a 22 point increase in average SAT scores to 1075. Out of state freshmen enrollment increased to 193 and transfer student enrollment increased to 329.

Applications for Fall 2009 continue to be on the rise. Significant changes to the campus visit experience have been made and we expect applications and enrollments to continue their upward trend.

University Development and Alumni Relations: Vice President Brien Lewis reviewed the Divisional Objectives as well as highlighting the feasibility plan for a future capital campaign. Plans are underway to assess the financial landscape and provide feedback on the likelihood of success of a campaign. Currently, our regular fundraising is ahead of schedule.

Student Life: Vice President Frank Ardaiole reviewed his Divisional Objectives as well as a review of the efforts to include academic pre-advising into residence hall programming. The Center for Career and Civic Engagement continues to expand EAGLElink to include listings for part-time jobs, internships, and full time professional opportunities. The group was briefed on the new wellness initiatives being delivered to the students, faculty, and staff.

Report from the Chair of Faculty Conference and Faculty Representative to the Board

Dr. Cheryl Fortner-Wood reported on the recent actions of the Faculty Conference. The Governance Review Committee is continuing to solicit feedback in preparing its recommendations for changes in the governance structure. The faculty are excited about the new calendar changes specifically the increase in the number of 75 minute classes.

Addressing the challenging financial situation being faced by the University, Dr. Fortner-Wood said she “would rather not be in this situation but if we have to, I’d rather be in it here.”

Report from the Chair of the Council of Student Leaders and Student Representative to the Board

Sarah MacDonald, Vice Chair of the Council of Student Leaders, presented in place of the Chair Tatiana Sosa who could not attend today’s meeting. Sarah reported on the Council’s retreat of September when they focused on team building and creating fluid boundaries between committees. Names Behind the Numbers, an ad hoc group created in response to possible tuition increases was discussed. Sarah reported students were concerned about how they would pay high tuition increases and urged the Trustees to take students into account when deciding future tuition increases.

Report from the President

President DiGiorgio began his report by welcoming our two newest Deans, Dr. Jennie Rakestraw, Dean of the Richard Riley College of Education and Dr. Yvonne Murnane, Dean of Graduate Studies.

The president proceeded to put the current budget issues into context for the University. Higher Education has become a fee for service business as 85% of our budget comes from non-public sources. Only about 15% of our budget comes from the state appropriations. If Winthrop adopted that thinking and passed on the pending budget cuts to our students it would result in our students paying an additional \$791 in the Spring semester. Clearly, we will not do that. Instead, we are imposing a modest \$50 supplemental fee and will look internally for ways to manage the rescission without compromising our educational tenets.

While changes in our state funding has required us to re-examine every aspect of our spending plan, we will continue to approach this situation with both the short-term and long-term interests of Winthrop in mind, and three previously established specific goals as our guiding priorities:

Protect the quality of our students' academic and personal development experiences at Winthrop

Continue to invest in safety and security of the campus community

Continuing to recruit a high-achieving student body.

The president urged the Board to keep in mind that the Bureau of Economic Advisors would be releasing in January new estimates of sales tax revenues from the holiday shopping season. If those revenues are down, it is most likely to result in additional rescissions. If this is the case, Winthrop must look at the option of additional furlough days (beyond the five currently mandated) as a way of closing the gap in funding. In any event, 2008-09 tuition will not be increased beyond today's action.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

There was no new business.

Adjournment

Dalton Floyd moved, seconded by Frances Davenport, that the Board adjourn. The motion was passed unanimously by voice vote and the Board adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Kimberly Faust, Secretary to the Board for 2008-09.



Meeting of the Winthrop
University Board of Trustees

RESOLUTION REGARDING 2008-09 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES FOR PRESIDENT ANTHONY J. DiGIORGIO

WHEREAS, in accordance with Board Bylaws, the Executive Committee met in Executive Session on May 21, 2008 to discuss the annual performance objectives for the President of Winthrop University for 2008-09 as mandated by the State Agency Head Salary Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY that the formal evaluation of the performance of Anthony J. DiGiorgio as President of Winthrop University shall be made in accordance with these objectives as submitted to the State Agency Head Salary Commission.

APPROVED, this the 7th day of November, 2008.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT WINTHROP UNIVERSITY'S VISION OF DISTINCTION 2008-09

WHEREAS, Winthrop has consistently followed a planning process set forth in the Winthrop University Vision of Distinction that sets forth its long-term goals, consistent with the values of the University, to direct the allocation of resources into annual initiatives; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate and necessary to revisit and review such a document to ensure that it remains accurate and that it properly reflects the progress made to date on its pronounced goals; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officers and Executive Staff of the University have reviewed the Vision of Distinction in order to update it and ensure that it continues to represent an accurate and carefully articulated plan of action to maintain and enhance the program array, faculty and staff development, and technological infrastructure that will best serve Winthrop's needs; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Vision's goals and finds them to be both appropriate and consistent with the goals and values defined in the Strategic Plan,

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF WINTHROP UNIVERSITY that the Winthrop University Vision of Distinction 2008-09 be adopted as the annual work plan for the University.

APPROVED, this the 7th day of November, 2008.

RESOLUTION TO ADOPT “PARTIAL APPROPRIATION REDUCTION ADJUSTMENT” FOR SPRING 2009

WHEREAS, officials of the State of South Carolina have reported and affirmed to the public an unprecedented reduction in state revenue receipts resulting from both changes in state tax policy and concurrent sudden changes in global economic conditions, and

WHEREAS, the S.C. General Assembly, in responding to current circumstances, to date has directed a rescission of 14.8 percent of Winthrop’s appropriation for 2008-2009, equivalent to more than \$3.4 million; and

WHEREAS, the respective Boards of Trustees at state institutions of higher learning are entrusted with the stewardship of their respective institutions through various changes in state, national and world economic conditions, and

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Winthrop University has examined revised projected resources for 2008-2009 along side an administrative plan to absorb \$3.2 million -- 94 percent --of the legislatively ordered reduction in state support to the University through adjustments to planned commitments for 2008-2009, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds the administrative plan both educationally and fiscally sound in light of current circumstances, as well as sensitive to the financial constraints affecting Winthrop students and their families, 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 for Spring 2009, a Partial State Appropriation Reduction Adjustment of \$50 be adopted by the Winthrop University Board of Trustees.