



**Alabama State University Board of Trustees Meeting
ASU Acadome Board Room
December 5, 2008
11:00 A.M.**

MINUTES

I. Call to Order

The reconvened meeting of the September 24, 2008 meeting of the Alabama State University Board of Trustees was called to order by Chairman Elton Dean at 11:00 a.m. in the Alabama State University Acadome Board Room.

II. Invocation

The invocation was given by Mr. Willie Thomas.

III. Establishment of Quorum

President Harris affirmed a quorum. In attendance were Trustees Dean, Crutcher, Crawley, Hodge, Junkins, Wiggins and Young. Trustees Figures, Lemak and Seawright, were absent.

IV. Adoption of Agenda

Trustee Wiggins moved, seconded by Trustee Hodge, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adoption of Minutes

Trustee Crutcher moved, seconded by Trustee Wiggins, to adopt the minutes of the September 24, 2008 meeting. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

VI. President's Report

Dr. Harris stated that the main purpose of today's meeting is to review and approve the 2008-2009 Operating Budget. However, he said that he would report on a few matters of concern since the last meeting of the Board.

NCAA Matter – The University went before the NCAA Infractions Committee in August and has not received the recommendations and proposals from the hearing. He expects to receive the report soon. Upon receipt of the NCAA report, the Board will be immediately contacted and the Administration will begin to draft a response.

Homecoming - The University has been engaged in dialogue to make an effort to designate a football game other than Turkey Day Classic as the “Homecoming Game”. A proposal will be brought before the Board for consideration.

Registration – Dr. Harris reported that on line registration is the only form of registration for the spring 2009 semester and is working very effectively. Dr. Gunn, Provost, stated that 2700 students have registered on line, and, the registration period will continue through the beginning of the academic semester. There will be no more days of registration in the Acadome arena.

Organizational Restructuring – Dr Harris stated that with the approval of the Budget today, the University will complete implementation of the restructuring of the organization. Restructuring resources are recommended in the budget and have been reviewed by the Finance Committee.

Construction Projects - Dr. Harris informed the Board that most construction projects are on schedule. We have begun occupancy of the Life Sciences Building; classes will be taught in January at the beginning of the 2009 spring term. We expect to accept the Ralph D. Abernathy Education building in the spring and begin classes in that building in the 2009 summer semester. Also, we expect to sign a contract for an architect for the Student Services Center within the next week. The University’s administration is working on the development of a project to renovate Council Hall and Trenholm Hall Science Building. And finally, Dr. Harris said that moving into the Life Sciences Bldg caused some problems for the navigation of traffic on Hall Street; the city of Montgomery is working with the University on this matter.

President Harris announced that after a long period of service with Alabama State University, Mr. Ron Dickerson tendered his retirement effective 1 January 2009.

VII. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs

There was no report from the Academic Affairs Committee.

B. Athletics

There was no report from the Athletics Committee.

C. Finance Committee

1. Resolution of the approval of the 2008-2009 Operating Budget

Trustee Young presented the Resolution from the Finance Committee on the 2008-2009 Budget for full Board approval. The total amount of the Budget is \$145,309,626.

Upon recommendation from the Finance Committee, Trustee Wiggins moved, seconded by Trustee Crawley, to approve the 2008-2009 Operating Budget. The motion passed unanimously.

- D. Property Committee
There was no report from the Property Committee.
- E. Student Affairs Committee
There was no report from the Student Affairs Committee.

VIII. **Report from Faculty Senate – Dr. Derryn Moten**

Dr. Moten stated that the Faculty Senate made their report at the September 24th meeting. The only other matter he wanted to highlight is the fact that the Faculty Senate has been working closely with the new Provost and he is happy to report that their concerns were addressed.

IX. **Report from Student Government Association – Mr. Byran Weaver, SGA President**

Mr. Weaver thanked the Board and Administration for the new washer and dryer systems being implemented on campus and the computer labs that will be completed over the holiday break. Mr. Weaver said that students have concerns with the technology fee and what it is being used for. He noted that gains are being made in this area such as wireless accessibility and he plans to articulate this action to the student body.

Students are requesting the addition of the student activity fee to supplement different activities. He asked the Administration and Board to take these concerns into consideration.

X. **Report from Non Academic Staff Council – Mr. Ron Dickerson**

Mr. Dickerson commented that the custodial staff was concerned about possible lay offs due to outsourcing. However, he recognized that President Harris addressed this matter early in today's meeting by reassuring employees that the University will not be laying off any employees.

XI. **Other Business**

Trustee Dean made comments regarding the great strides the University has made; ASU's image has improved greatly under the current leadership with more engagement with the local community and enhanced programs and facilities.

XII. **Adjournment**

Trustee Crawley moved to recess the meeting and reconvene at the call of the Chair. Trustee Crutcher seconded the motion and it passed by unanimous vote.

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**ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**RESOLUTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE 2008-2009 OPERATING
BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Alabama State University has completed its budget preparation process and;

WHEREAS, the University has considered all the basic needs of the University including, but not limited to, the reorganization of the University as approved by the Board of Trustees, among other things and;

WHEREAS, the University has reviewed all available resources in support of this recommended budget and;

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University approves the University's recommended Budget with the understanding that the Administration will make the necessary changes identified by the Finance Committee and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees approves the 2008-2009 Operating Budget for Alabama State University.