

Minutes
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
February 2, 2023
Adams Administration Bldg., Troy University Campus
Troy, Alabama

The Troy University Board of Trustees convened at 1:30 p.m. on February 2, 2023, at the Troy University Campus, Troy, Alabama.

I. Call to Order

Board President Pro Tempore Gibson Vance called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

II. Roll Call

At the request of Mr. Vance, the following members, comprising a quorum, answered present:

Mr. Gibson Vance, Mrs. Karen Carter, General Ed Crowell, Senator Gerald Dial, Mr. Roy Drinkard, Mr. Forrest Latta, Mr. Charles Nailen, Mr. Allen Owen (by telephone), Senator Cam Ward and Ms. Ava Carnazza.

Absent: Governor Kay Ivey, Mr. John Harrison, Mayor Earl Johnson

III. Approval of Minutes

A draft copy of the minutes from the June 30, 2022 meeting was provided to the Board members prior to the meeting.

ACTION: TRUSTEE WARD MADE A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 30, MEETING AS PRESENTED. THERE WERE NO CORRECTIONS OR ADDITIONS BROUGHT FORWARD. FOLLOWING A SECOND BY TRUSTEE DIAL, THE MOTION CARRIED.

IV. Reports

A. Chancellor

Chancellor Hawkins welcomed everyone and introduced Brig. Gen. Rick Boutwell, Senior Vice Chancellor for Advancement and Economic Development and Mr. William Filmore, Director of Government Relations.

The following is an outline of the Chancellor's Report.

- Review of the agenda
- Higher Education Landscape
- Closings Hit Close to Home

- National Trends--Enrollment
- Enrollment Trends
- How many students served?
- International Sites Enrollment
- Campus Update
- Confucius Institute Closing
- Rankings-U.S. News
- Rankings-Intelligent.com
- Portrait of Mr. Lamar P. Higgins unveiled
- Gov. Ivey Celebrates International Education
- Graduation in Vietnam
- Why Not TROY?
- Role Change to R-2/CMMS
- Baseball Stadium update
- Global Village at TROY!
- New Opportunities!
- Dates to Remember:
 - BOT Meetings:
 - May 11
 - August 24
 - Honors Convocation
 - Forrest Latta, Speaker
 - Commencement Ceremonies;
 - May 12 Troy Spring
 - May 21 Dothan
 - May 22 Montgomery
 - July 28 Troy Summer
- Thank you, Maxwell George!

Head Football Coach Jon Sumrall who joined the meeting by ZOOM from Mobile. Coach Sumrall briefing on the success of the football program in 2022 and plans for the upcoming season. Coach Sumrall then introduced Austin Stidham who provided remarks on his experience at Troy University.

Ben Baker, law partner of Mr. Vance, addressed the Board regarding his son's first year at Troy University.

B. Board Committee Reports

Executive Committee, Honorable Gibson Vance

President Vance introduced Resolution No. 1:

Resolution No. 1

Naming the North End Zone Terrace at Veterans Memorial Stadium for Allen E. Owen, III

WHEREAS, The Hon. Allen E. Owen, III has served as a member of the Troy University Board of Trustees since his appointment on October 13, 1988; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen holds three degrees from Troy University as a member of the classes of 1971, 1982, and 1984 and was a member of the University's football team and the Pi Kappa Phi social fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen served in the United States Marine Corps from 1971 until 1974 and in the Alabama National Guard from 1977 until 1999, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen enjoyed a long and distinguished career in private business and public service, working for West Point Pepperell, Inc., serving as Manager of the Legislative Liaison Officer under Gov. Guy Hunt, and then serving as Manager of the Southern Region State Government Affairs for the MeadWestvaco Corporation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen is married to the former Annette Colley, who also holds three degrees from TROY, where she served as head majorette in the Sound of the South Marching Band; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen's service to the Troy University Board of Trustees as chair of the Athletics Policy Committee has been marked by a vision for and devotion to the evolution of TROY athletics from NCAA Division II to the highest level of NCAA competition; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Owen has also served the Board with distinction as a member of the Academic Affairs and Student Affairs Committees as an advocate for maintaining high-quality standards in the classroom and excellent service to TROY students;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Owen's devotion to Troy University and his exemplary service to its Board of Trustees be honored by naming the North End Zone Terrace at Veterans Memorial Stadium the "Allen E. Owen, III Terrace," and that a ceremony be held to recognize and honor Mr. Owen.

ACTION: TRUSTEE DIAL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 1. TRUSTEE DRINKARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Academic Affairs Committee, Honorable Karen Carter**

President Pro-Tem Vance called on Trustee Carter for a report from the Academic Affairs Committee.

Trustee Carter expressed her appreciation to Dr. Lance Tatum for his guidance as liaison for the committee. Mrs. Carter reported on the Academic Affairs Committee meeting on January 19, 2023.

Mrs. Carter turned the program over to Dr. Tatum to discuss the role change of the University to an R-2. Dr. Tatum discussed the evolution of the University from Troy Normal School to today. He explained that Troy University is currently categorized as a level 5 university which gives permission through the state to offer three terminal degree programs: 1) Doctor of Nursing Practice, 2) Ph.D. in Sports Management, and 3) Ph.D. in Global Leadership. Dr. Tatum explained the process of moving to a level 6 university. He further explained the decision to elevate to the next level occurred in 2018 when Department of Chemistry and Physics in the College of Arts & Sciences received a NISP grant to study polymer science.

Dr. Tatum explained the SACS process for this activity is simple requiring only a letter of notification. The real challenge comes within the State of Alabama. The ACHE and the Commissioners with ACHE will vote on the level change. Discussion followed.

Trustee Carter introduced Resolution No. 2. The Academic Affairs committee brings Resolution No. 2 forward as a motion.

Resolution No. 2

Discontinuing the Confucius Institute

WHEREAS, On October 10, 2007 Troy University was designated as a site for a Confucius Institute (CI) to promote the teaching of Chinese language and culture across the United States; and

WHEREAS, at the time of its establishment at TROY, the number of Confucius Institutes worldwide topped 500, with more than 100 in the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, the CI was for many years an asset to the University, with TROY earning Confucius Institute of the Year designation twice, and more than 500 Alabamians completing certificate courses to learn Mandarin Chinese; and

WHEREAS, government policies have been adopted to encourage institutions to cut ties with Chinese partners, most notably the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act, which gives universities a deadline of October 2023 to discontinue CI programs or lose eligibility for defense funding;

WHEREAS, Troy University's strategic goal of maturation as a research university relies on the potential for federal funding, including grants from the Department of Defense;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Troy University Board of Trustees votes to discontinue the Confucius Institute at Troy University effective March 1, 2023, and acknowledging that the University will continue to recruit students from China and maintain relationships with partner universities through initiatives such as the Sino-American Dual Degree Program.

ACTION: THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE BRINGS RESOLUTION NO 2. TO THE BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION. TRUSTEE WARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE

- **Finance Committee, Honorable John Harrison**

Mr. Vance called on the Finance Committee to report. Trustee Nailen was called on to represent the Finance Committee. Mr. Nailen provided brief comments and called on to Dr. Bookout, Senior Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs and Online Education to provide the financial report.

- **Financial Report – Dr. Jim Bookout**

Dr. Bookout presented the Financial Deep Dive – FY 2022 to include the following:

- FY 2022 CHP Budget to Actual (Full Fiscal Year)
- Statements of Revenue, Expense & Changes in Net Position - Revenue
- Statement of Position
- Budget to Actual CHP – Fiscal YD Through Spring/T3 2022
- Primary Reserve Ratio
- Return on Net Position Ratio

- Net Operating Revenue Ratio
- Viability Ratio
- Composite Financial Index
- Financial Ratio Summary – FY 2021 Comparison
- Funds Held for Investment
- Funds Held for Investment – Performance Summary
- Facilities Update
- Projects in Progress

Dr. Bookout introduced the following Resolution No. 3 on behalf of the Finance Committee.

Resolution No. 3

Proposed Tuition Rates & Fee Structure

WHEREAS, Troy University is anticipating an increase (probably will not exceed 10%) in state appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023-2024 based on the 2023-2024 Alabama Commission on Higher Education Budget Hearing held in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, Troy University's current appropriation from the State of Alabama totals 29% of its operating budget. For this reason, Troy University has become a self-reliant, self-funded and tuition driven institution. Only through good stewardship of its resources, sound financial management, and its entrepreneurial spirit has it been able to not only sustain itself but advance its mission; and

WHEREAS, Troy University's current tuition structure is as follows; and

1. Undergraduate per credit hour tuition - \$388, In-Class; \$388, Online
2. Graduate per credit hour tuition - \$475, In-Class; \$475, Online
3. Doctoral per credit hour tuition - \$550, In-Class; \$550, Online

WHEREAS, Troy University's current room and board fee structure is as follows; and

1. Student Housing – \$1,960 to \$3,600
2. Residential Meal Plan – \$1,680 to \$1,750

WHEREAS, Troy University's proposed tuition structure is as follows; and

1. Undergraduate per credit hour tuition - \$408, In-Class; \$408, Online
2. Graduate per credit hour tuition - \$475, In-Class; \$475, Online
3. Doctoral per credit hour tuition - \$550, In-Class; \$550, Online

WHEREAS, Troy University's proposed room and board fee structure is as follows; and

1. Student Housing – \$2,060 to \$3,780
2. Residential Meal Plan – \$1,770 to \$1,840

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES that Troy University proposes the adoption of the tuition rate changes as previously stated, based upon passage by the Alabama Legislature of the Budget, specifically Troy University's Appropriation, recommended by the Governor and the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

ACTION: THE FINANCE COMMITTEE PRESENTED A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3. TRUSTEE LATTA PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

- **Student Affairs Committee, Honorable Ed Crowell**

Mr. Vance called on Trustee Crowell for a report from the Student Affairs Committee. Gen. Crowell introduced Resolution No. 4 on behalf of the Student Affairs Committee.

Resolution No. 4

Troy University Weapon Policy

WHEREAS, Troy University must comply with Alabama legislation HB272 that addresses concealed carry of weapons in public places; and

WHEREAS, HB272 permits educational institutions in Alabama to adopt policies related to possession of weapons on campus grounds; and

WHEREAS, ACT# 2022-133 has been passed by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor eliminating the requirement for a person to obtain a concealed permit to lawfully carry a pistol; and

WHEREAS, Troy University's Board of Trustees has taken the necessary steps to comply with the legislation amending Sections 13A-11-7, 13A-11-50, 13A-11-61.2, 13A-11-62, 13A-11-71, 13A-11-74, 13A-11-85, and 13A-11-90, Code of Alabama 1975;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Troy University Board of Trustees supports these amendments and directs University policy (copy attached) be revised accordingly, and in doing so continues to provide a safe environment for all stakeholders on Troy University campuses in Alabama.

ACTION: THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE PRESENTED A MOTION TO RADIFY RESOLUTION NO. 4. TRUSTEE WARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

- **Institutional Advancement Committee, Honorable Forrest Latta**

President Pro-Tem Vance turned for meeting over to Trustee Latta. Mr. Latta called on Gen. Boutwell and Mr. Filmore for comments..

- **Athletic Policy Committee, Honorable Allen Owen**

Mr. Owen called on Mr. Brent Jones, Director of Athletics, to provide the report from the Athletic Policy Committee.

V. New Business

Resolution No. 5

Honoring Retirees

WHEREAS, the following Troy University faculty and staff members retired in 2022:

Faye Allen, Dr. Orrin Ames, Dr. Diane Bandow, Dr. Larry Blocher, Kyle Bozeman, Patsy Brown, Dr. Earnest Capozzoli, Loretta Clark, Monique Crawley, Cherise Crisman, Ricky Evans, Dr. Patrick Faircloth, Anthony Ferrante, Francis Ferrell, Dr. Denise Green, Will Green, Dr. John Jinright, Brenda Mobley, Steven Johnson, David Kirkland, Dr. Miles Matise, Dr. Patricia

Matuszek, Vickie Miles, Kathy Ninas, Donna Oliver, Dr. Diane Orlofsky, Sandra Tisdale, Marcus Paramore, Debora Pettway, Dr. Sandra Pollock, Helen Ricks, Pamela Rusie, Dr. Susan Sarapin, Jeanell Sikes, Dr. Jimmy Simpson, Mark Smartt, Kent Snowden, Beverly Spivey, Rhonda Taylor, Dr. Joel Willis

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this Board express to these faculty and staff members sincere appreciation for loyal and conscientious service to the University and wish them health and happiness in their retirement.


ACTION: TRUSTEE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 5. TRUSTEE WARD PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

ACTION: TRUSTEE DIAL PROPOSED A MOTION THAT THE REMAINDER OF THE BOARD SEND A LETTER TO THE GOVERNOR RECOMMENDING REAPPOINTMENT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS UP FOR REAPPOINTMENT. TRUSTEE CROWELL PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Self-assessment

VI. Adjournment

With no further business to come before the Board, President Pro-Tem Gibson called for the Board to enter executive session at the conclusion of which the meeting will adjourn.



Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D.
Chancellor, Troy University
and Secretary, Board of Trustees



C. Gibson Vance
President Pro Tempore
Troy University Board of Trustees