



Concord University Board of Governors
August 20, 2008
1:00 p.m., The Concord Room
Marsh Hall 201A

Members present: Mrs. Wilma Anderson; Mr. Lane Bailey, Vice Chair; Mr. Frank Blackwell; Dr. Hugh Campbell; Ms. Akeya Carter-Bozman; Mr J. Franklin Long, Chair; Mr. Wayne Meisel; Mr. John Mendez; Ms. Amy Pitzer; Mr. R.T. “Ted” Rogers; Mrs. Margaret Sayre, Secretary

Others present: Ms. Anita Moody; Mr. Greg Quick; Dr. Jim White; Family of Akeya Carter-Bozman; Dr, Gregory F. Aloia, President; Ms. Sharon Manzo, recorder; Mr. David Rutherford, consultant; Mr. Daniel McKeown; Mr. Jim Cannon; Mr. Wes Prince; Dr. Bill O’Brien; Ms. Loretta Young; Mr. Michael Curry; Dr. Steve Rowe; Ms. Andrea Meador; Dr. John David Smith

Call to Order and Determination of Quorum - A quorum being present, Mr. Long called the meeting to order.

Swearing in of Board Member, Akeya Carter-Bozman – Mr. Long administered the oath of office to Ms. Akeya Carter-Bozman, student representative elected by the student body.

As a part of President Aloia’s Report, in which he plans to introduce a faculty member and/or student to highlight the excellence of the University, Mr. Long introduced Mr. Daniel McKowen, CU student, who spoke about his experiences this summer during the David Bard Travel Abroad Program in the United Kingdom. Mr. Long then introduced Ms. Andrea Meador who also shared her UK experiences. Dr. Jim White, Professor of Political Science and Coordinator of the Study Abroad Program, said 20 students traveled over 10,000 miles, attended numerous lectures, visited numerous places, and shared numerous experiences. He said a Concord University – United Kingdom video conference is planned for 2008-2009.

Chairman Long introduced Mr. David Rutherford who was visiting the University in a consulting capacity analyzing Concord’s development efforts in the areas of media, foundation, athletics and alumni.

Approval of the Minutes of the June 03, 2008, Meeting –Mr. Rogers moved for the approval of the June 03, 2008, Minutes; Mr. Bailey seconded; motion passed.

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Committee Reports

a. Academic Affairs – Chairman Bailey asked Dr. Rowe to elaborate on several items on the Academic Affairs Report.

Higher Learning Commission Accreditation Review and Update – Concord was reaccredited for 10 years, with a follow-up report due in three years, which will include the President's strategic plan.

Athletic Training Program Accreditation Review and Update – Joe Beckett is directing the self study that is well underway. A visit is scheduled for Spring 2009. An NCATE visit is scheduled for October 2008.

CU Beckley Report - Beckley enrollment is up with a total of 394.

Mercury Cleanup Sci. Bldg. Second Floor Update – The cleanup was completed in March with a zero detect mercury reading. Labs are in the process of being refurbished and reequipped. The \$300,000 (+) cost was paid from the '07-08 budget with no increase in tuition and fees for students.

Rahall Technology Center Update – Concord has received an Appalachian Regional Commission grant for a virtual reality environment in the amount of \$394,000(+), making Concord the institution in the state for virtual reality application. WVSOM, the National Guard, and Marshall University are engaged in projects related to VR

2008-2009 New Faculty Hiring Report – national and international searches have yielded 13 new faculty this fall.

Mr. Bailey said the committee voted to invite two faculty members and one student to join the committee for discussion purposes.

b. Student Affairs – Mr. Long, acting on behalf of Mr. Meisel, reported that the University had a wonderful temporary problem, more students than rooms. He said we have a housing capacity of 1157 and 1264 students. He said the fitness center is open; the campus service initiative is working; the Academic Success Center is open with a focus on retention. He announced an Alcohol 101 program is scheduled for Sunday, August 23.

c. External Affairs – Mrs. Sayre, Chair, said the committee discussed the overcrowding, the employee tuition fee waiver, high need awards. Mr. Bailey asked if a media response was planned to address measures taken regarding the overcrowded situation in the

residence halls. Dr. Aloia reported this has been done and a committee had been working diligently to address the situation in the short, intermediate, and long term. Students being inconvenienced will receive a 30 percent refund and the situation is being monitored daily.

d. Finance and Facilities – Mr. Rogers, Chair, reported the committee voted to recommend to the board to defer voting on the budget until the next Board meeting and to continue operating under the 2007-2008 budget until fall enrollment numbers are available. There is an increase in the interest rate for the energy savings performance contract with TRANE, and the committee voted to recommend this as an action item to the Board. Funding for University Point is short but construction has begun. The residence hall sprinkler project is on target; the gazebo project, at a cost of \$90,000, is on target and the committee will present an intent to plan a wireless policy.

Action Items

a. Employee Tuition Fee Waiver Policy – Mr. Curry - Resolved, the Concord University Board of Governors approves the policy of offering tuition waivers to full-time (at least .82 FTE) and their dependents beginning in the fall semester of 2008 and forward. Mr. Curry said the word employee should be inserted after the word full-time. Mrs. Pitzer moved to test pilot the program for a 90-day period and pass the resolution as an emergency policy, allowing time to determine concerns the Board may need to consider at the next meeting. Mr. Rogers moved; Mr. Bailey seconded; motion passed. Dr. Aloia said Concord would be the first institution in the state to implement this policy.

b. Intent to Plan Use of Wireless Network – Jim Cannon – Resolved that the Concord University Board of Governors approve the intent to develop a Concord University Wireless Policy. Mr. Blackwell moved; Ms. Pitzer seconded; motion passed.

c. Authorization to Continuing Operating at FY 2008 Budget Levels – Mr. Cannon – Resolved the Concord University Board of Governors approves the provisional budget for fiscal year 2008-2009 at last year level of spending. Mr. Blackwell moved; Mr. Rogers seconded; motion passed.

d. Approval of the revised performance contract with Trane Corp. – Mr. Cannon – Resolved, the Concord University Board of Governors approval of the previously approved performance contract with Trane Corp to be financed at the revised interest rate of 4.1555@%. Mr. Bailey asked how close we are to having the contract locked in. Mr. Cannon said Saturday, August 23, if the HEPC approves it. Mr. Pitzer asked if all issues previously raised had been resolved. Mr. Cannon said all 13 items have been met and once the contracts are signed the Attorney General will review them.

This should be done in about two weeks. Mr. Bailey moved the approval; Mr. Rogers seconded; motion passed.

Updates or /Questions Regarding Administrative Reports

Academic Affairs
Admissions and Financial Aid
Beckley Center
Development Office
Finance and Facilities
Student Affairs

There were no questions or updates.

Discussion – September 2008 Washington DC Retreat - Mr. Long asked Mr. Bailey to provide details of the plans to meet with individuals and groups in Washington, DC. All Board members are invited to attend a two-day meeting with CU alumni and WV legislators September 22-23. On September 22, a brainstorming/discussion will take place at Golin Harris from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. A reception on Capitol Hill with our WV delegation is planned for 4:30 to 6:30; dinner with area alumni is planned for 6:30. Meetings with Senator Byrd, Senator Rockefeller, Congressman Rahall, and Congressman Capito are scheduled for September 23.

President's Report – Dr. Aloia presented three levels that would assist the University as it moves to develop a strategic focus as recommended in the North Central Report. The three levels include: define our dimensions clearly, documenting with data objectively, and differentiating with distinction our areas of excellence. The number one priority is an active, functional strategic focus that would be developed this year and serve as a framework for a master plan for the physical plant, a comprehensive and integrated technology plan, and a clarification of an academic structure to meet the academic needs of the institution

Other Matters - Mr. Long announced the next meeting will be via teleconference Tuesday, November 4, 2008. Mr. Rogers reminded the Board this is election day; Mr. Long then announced the meeting will be Monday, November 3 and agenda items and reports will be due to the President's Office October 20, 2008.

Respectfully submitted:

J. Franklin Long
Chair

Margaret Sayre
Secretary