

**SHAWNEE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
March 14, 2000**

Chairman George Clayton called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

1.0 Certification of Compliance with RC 121.22(F) - Board Secretary

The Secretary confirmed compliance with RC 121.22(F).

Voting Members

Present: Mr. Clayton, Mr. Davis, Dr. Payne, Ms. Reynolds (designated by Ms. Argeros)

Other Members

Present: Mr. Harcha, Mr. Meier

Others in Attendance: Dr. Chapman, Mr. Murphy, Dr. Mangus, Mr. Donohue, Mr. Owen, Dr. Field, Mr. Young, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Hapney

2.0 Approve minutes of Executive Committee Meeting (1/11/00)

Ms. Reynolds moved and Dr. Payne seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2000 meeting. Without discussion, the committee unanimously approved the minutes.

3.0 Approval of Grant Applications

Mr. Clayton asked Dr. Chapman for comments relating to the grant applications. Dr. Chapman stated the grant application for the Job Prep program for the period 7/1 /00-12/31 /00 was a renewal. He then posed a question to Dr. Mangus regarding renewal for the first half of the fiscal year. Because the JOBS program is still under review for its fit within the University's mission, Dr. Chapman recommended this grant be removed from the Resolution until JOBS was further evaluated. After discussion, the reference to the JOBS grant application was removed from the resolution. Dr. Chapman said the reference to the Department of Teacher Education

grant application to the Ohio Department of Education in the amount of \$200,000 to develop transitional programs for pre-kindergarten teachers to earn two-year and four-year degrees in child development would remain on the resolution. Mr. Davis moved and Dr. Payne seconded a motion to approve Resolution E3-00, Approval of Grant Application, as modified with the removal of the JOBS grant. Resolution E3-00, as modified, was unanimously approved.

Ms. Reynolds said she had recently seen an advertisement in a newspaper regarding an Associate Degree with certification in early childhood learning similar to the program offered at Shawnee State University. She questioned why these schools were advertising in our area and said he was surprised to see such an advertisement. Dr. Chapman said that SSU could not control who advertised in our area and said universities are advertising wherever they feel there is recruiting potential. Dr. Field noted that territorial lines that once were adhered to have now been dropped and universities are advertising "outside" their regions.

4.0 Approval of New Personnel

In accordance with Board Policy 5.16, all new appointments to the University since the last Board meeting are recommended for Board approval. Dr. Payne moved and Mr. Davis seconded a motion to approve Resolution E4-00, Approval of New Personnel. Without discussion Resolution E4-00 was unanimously approved.

5.0 Personnel Activity

Other personnel activity since the last Board meeting not requiring Board approval was provided as an informational item. Mr. Davis questioned the two entries regarding Mr. Young -- one entry noting Mr. Young assuming the position of permanent director of facilities and the second entry noting his resignation effective March 31, 2000. Dr. Chapman said Mr. Young had been the acting director of facilities position for the last year and to be fair to him, the University approved his permanent appointment as director of facilities. After that appointment change, Mr. Young submitted his resignation.

6.0 Improving Fire Safety

Mr. Clayton noted that this agenda item regarding fire safety was very expensive to the University but he said the University must take care of our students. Dr. Chapman said that even though the installation of fire safety equipment was expensive, he thought it was imperative that the University take whatever measures necessary to protect our students. Ms. Reynolds asked if there were any statistics on dormitory fires over the last five years. Dr. Chapman and Mr. Murphy said they would try to compile available statistics. Mr. Davis asked if all existing units have smoke detectors and extinguishers. Mr. Young said that all units did have smoke detectors and extinguishers. Mr. Young also noted that the implementation of fire safety equipment would be a two-phase program. Phase One would be the installation of a centrally connected fire alarm system which would automatically trigger an alarm with the local fire department; and Phase Two would be the installation

of a sprinkler system. Mr. Young said state and local fire marshals recommended sprinkler systems as the best protection against catastrophic fires. Mr. Davis emphasized that sprinklers are not required by state or local law. Mr. Davis and Ms. Reynolds both stated they had concerns about spending money on fire safety equipment for buildings with a useful life expectancy of five years or less. Mr. Harcha said that if the state and local fire marshals recommended the installation of the fire safety equipment, that he felt SSU was being put on notice and that failure to do so would create a great deal of potential liability for the University. Ms. Reynolds said she had a great problem with the expenditures associated with the cost of installing the fire safety equipment and said she felt the Board has an obligation to the taxpayers of Ohio to do the right thing. Mr. Davis said he would like to review the actual bids for the sprinkler systems before initiating this project. After much discussion, the Executive Committee decided that this issue was one that should be brought before the full Board and approved proceeding with the engineering contract so that a report could be presented as an informational item at the next full Board meeting.

Mr. Clayton then asked if there was any other business. Ms. Reynolds said she was curious about whether any of the students got paid for their work on the CATS production. Mr. Donohue said one student had called him requesting advice and Mr. Donohue advised him to file a complaint with the police. The felony checks for amounts greater than \$500 were pursued first, and all of those had been paid. The remaining checks were being pursued by the Portsmouth Police and City Solicitor. Mr. Davis said this was a good lesson learned by the student on how the judicial system works.

Ms. Reynolds inquired as to what kind of returns the Foundation is receiving on its money. Mr. Murphy said the University earns 6% interest on institutional funds but that SSUDF earns variable interest which currently is about 11%. BancOne is the money manager for SSUDF' and has some discretion as to investment alternatives. Currently about 65 percent of SSUDF's funds are in equities with the remainder in cash or bonds.

6.0 Executive Session

Ms. Reynolds moved and Dr. Payne seconded a motion to move into executive session to discuss collective bargaining with an employee group under RC § 121.22(G)(4).

Ayes: Mr. Clayton, Mr. Davis, Dr. Payne, Ms. Reynolds

Nays: None

The Executive Committee moved into executive session at 4:43 p.m.

The Executive Committee came out of executive session and returned to a public session at 4:52 p.m.

The Executive Committee adjourned by acclamation at 4:53 p.m.