

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

In Open Session

The University of Louisville Board of Trustees met at 1:00 p.m., on Thursday, July 13, 2006, in the Jefferson Room, Grawemeyer Hall, Belknap Campus, with members present and absent as follows:

Present: Mr. J. Chester Porter, Chairman  
Ms. Marie Abrams  
Mr. Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr.  
Mr. Kevin Cogan  
Ms. Donna Tinsley Denny  
Mr. Owsley B. Frazier  
Dr. Salem George  
Mr. Nathaniel Green  
Mr. Grant Helman  
Dr. Robert Curtis Hughes  
Ms. Jessica Loving  
Mr. Darrell Messer  
Mr. Steve Poe  
Prof. Bill Pierce  
Mr. Bill Stone

Absent: Mr. Tommie Burns  
Ms. Beverly Daly  
Ms. Margaret Handmaker  
Ms. Sandra Metts Snowden

From the  
University: Dr. James R. Ramsey, President  
Dr. Shirley Willihnganz, Executive Vice President and Provost  
Dr. Larry Cook, Vice President for Health Affairs  
Dr. David Howarth, Associate University Provost  
Ms. Angela D. Koshewa, University Counsel  
Dr. Nancy Martin, Senior Vice President for Research  
Mr. Ron Moore, Vice President for Information Technology  
Mr. Mike Curtin, Vice President for Finance  
Mr. Dan Hall, Vice President for External Affairs  
Mr. John Drees, Associate Vice President for Communications & Marketing  
Ms. Susan Howarth, Director of Budgets  
Prof. Beth Boehm, Vice Chair for Faculty Senate  
Dr. Blaine Hudson, Dean of Arts & Sciences  
Mr. Tom Sawyer, Assistant VP, Information Technology

Mr. Dave Barker, Director of Audit Services  
Ms. Terri Rutledge, Associate VP for Business Affairs  
Ms. Anne Rademaker, Manager, General Accounting and Reporting  
Ms. Carolyn Cochran, Provost's Office  
Ms. Kathleen M. Smith, Assistant Secretary  
Ms. Debbie Dougherty, Board Liaison

Guests: Ms. Gina Bertocci, Mechanical Engineering  
Mr. Brian Buford, Human Resources Department  
Ms. Cathy Dykstra, Project Women

I. Call to Order

Having determined a quorum present, Chair Porter called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m.

II. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes

- Minutes of the Board Meeting, 6/06/06
- Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, 6/06/06

B. From the Personnel Committee

- Approval of Faculty Evaluation Policy
- Approval of Personnel Recommendations

C. From the Finance Committee

- Approval of Capital Construction Projects Threshold Increase
- Approval of the Endowment Fund in Franchising in the College of Business
- Approval of A Collaborative Agreement with Project Women

D. Approval of Candidates and Degrees for August, 2006

Chair Porter read the roll of consent agenda items. Hearing no objection, Ms. Abrams made a motion, which Mr. Bridgeman seconded, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Action Item: Approval of Authorization to Change Employee Health Insurance Policies

Chair Porter stated that recommendation that authorizes the President or his designee to take appropriate action to include domestic partners in the University's Employee Health Insurance Policies which was on the consent agenda from the Personnel Committee, would be discussed as a separate agenda item. He then recognized Mr. Bill Stone, who wanted to discuss this item.

Mr. Stone addressed the Board in order to support publicly this action item. Mr. Stone said the action would not establish a template for private business in Louisville to follow; the University was a unique enterprise. Mr. Stone wished to make clear the University by this action does not endorse or dictate any lifestyle

but simply recognizes people are people. Mr. Stone further noted other universities in the commonwealth may address this issue differently, but urged his colleagues on the Board to endorse the recommendation of the Personnel Committee. The Board applauded Mr. Stone for his heartfelt comment. Ms. Denny expressed her concern that she could not support the action because there was insufficient information for her to support it. Mr. Stone then made a motion, which Ms. Abrams seconded, to approve the

**President's request that the Board authorize him or his designee to take appropriate action to include domestic partners in the University's Employee Health Insurance Policies and to take action if feasible after appropriate exploration to include others for whose welfare an employee is legally responsible.**

The motion passed with one nay vote.

IV. Action Item: Approval of Creation of the Center for Asian Democracy

President Ramsey reported the Center was approved by the Faculty Senate last month and asked Dr. Shirley Willihnganz to brief the Board on the specific details of the proposal. Dr. Willihnganz stated the center will be part of the Institute for Democracy in the College of Arts & Sciences. Dr. Willhinganz also noted a \$5 million appropriation from the Congress and a matched endowment for \$1 million from Bucks for Brains would help launch the Center. Mr. Nat Green made a motion, which Mr. Bridgeman seconded to approve the

**President's recommendation that the Board of Trustees approve the creation of a Center for Asian Democracy.**

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Information Item: Update on Phi Beta Kappa Application

The President reported the application to establish a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa would be submitted this Fall and asked Drs. Blaine Hudson and Shirley Willihnganz to brief the Board on the latest developments of the proposal. Dr. Hudson discussed issues related to the application, noting the University has improved much to make it attractive for a chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He reviewed retention and graduation rates and the reduction in student-to-advisor 900-1 (2004) and 285-1 (2006) ratios. The student rating of academic advising has improved from 2.76 in 2000 to 3.22 in 2006. The retention rate has jumped from 67.5% (1999) to 76.3% in 2005. All Arts & Sciences degree programs now require at least 6 hours of foreign language or the equivalent. The revised mission statement will be included in both print and online versions of the undergraduate catalog. He recognized improved relations with the regional Phi Beta Kappa members and referenced the many new initiatives in graduate and international

programs. Further he noted the establishment of the Braden Institute for Social Justice Research, Center for Asian Democracy, Cressman Center (Glass), and Metabolomics as exciting new opportunities for students. The application timeline follows:

November 2006	Application due
Spring 2007	Decision to consider UofL for further study
Fall 2007	If yes, site visit
Fall 2009	If all recommendations are positive, membership at 2009 triennial meeting
Spring 2010	First student members inducted

Chair Porter thanked Drs. Hudson and Willihnganz for an excellent update.

## VI. Report of the President

President Ramsey reported that all 27 Goals for 2006-2007 were accomplished. He also stated the submission for NCI designation for UofL's Brown Cancer Center would go forward soon.

The President reported that in May the final numbers for fundraising and research goals were not available, but the fundraising goal of \$60 million was met. Now after the final numbers are reported, he said the goal was exceeded. As for research, the President reported the awards for research totaled \$108 million, a 9.7% increase over last year. In addition, the President noted \$1.2 million in awards from the Department of Transportation for campus projects were the largest awards to any entity in the state. The President expressed deep appreciation to the Governor for his support.

President Ramsey provided an update on the Veteran's Hospital, reiterating the magnitude of this decision. Without the efforts of Dr. Larry Cook, Senator Mitch McConnell, and Representative Ann Northup, this announcement would not have been possible. The location of the \$400 million facility is still under negotiation but the strong preference is next to UofL Hospital.

President Ramsey reported that George Soros would participate in the Kentucky Authors Forum in September. Mr. Stone expressed reservations about the selection of speakers for the Forums series and asked that Ms. Greenbaum be made aware of his concerns.

President Ramsey acknowledged Professor Beth Boehm, who will be the next faculty trustee, effective in September. He stated the Professor Boehm was currently co-chairing the Executive Vice President for Research committee and serving as Vice Chair of the UofL Athletics Association.

President Ramsey expressed his appreciation for the support of the Board and their willingness to deal with difficult issues to make the University even more special than it already was.

VII. Report of the Chairman

Chair Porter announced that Mr. Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr. has been named Louisvillian of the Year and the celebration luncheon would be August 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Bridgeman noted that Mary Griffin would also be recognized.

VIII. Adjournment

Mr. Helman made a motion, which Mr. Cogan seconded, to adjourn the meeting at 2:15 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.