

November 14, 2002 BOT Minutes

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

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The University of Louisville Board of Trustees met on Thursday, November 14, 2002 at 11:00 a.m. in the Jefferson Room of Grawemeyer Hall, Belknap Campus, with the members present and absent as follows:

Present:

Ms. Jessica S. Loving, Chair
Mrs. Marie K. Abrams
Mr. Ulysses L. Bridgeman, Jr.
Ms. Virginia C. Brown
Ms. Linda Wallbaum Cauble
Mr. Kevin D. Cogan
Mr. David Ensign
Mr. Owsley B. Frazier
Mr. Nathaniel E. Green
Ms. Joyce Hagen-Schifano
Mr. Grant M. Helman
Mr. Christopher J. Marlin
Mr. William P. Mulloy, Sr.
Mr. J. Chester Porter
Ms. Sandra Metts Snowden
Ms. Elizabeth H. Worland

Absent:

Mr. Tommie Burns, Jr.
Mr. Milton M. Livingston
Ms. Mary A. Yarmuth

From the University:

Dr. Shirley Wilihnganz, Provost
Ms. Angela Koshewa, University Counsel
Mr. Larry L. Owsley, Vice President for Finance & Administration
Mr. Joseph Beyel, Vice President for Development & Alumni
Mr. Ronald Moore, Vice President for Information & Technology

Dr. Gene Gilchrist, Vice President for New Ventures
Dr. Denise Gifford, Vice President for Student Affairs
Mr. David Barker, Director of Audit Services
Mr. Mike Curtin, Director, Office of Planning & Budget
Ms. Carolyn Cochran, Assistant to the Provost
Ms. Rae Goldsmith, Associate Vice President for University Relations
Ms. Terri Rutledge, Asst. Vice President for Administration
Ms. Trisha Wolf, Board Liaison
Ms. Kathleen M. Smith, Assistant Secretary
Ms. Debbie Dougherty, Board Liaison

I. I. Call to Order

Having determined a quorum present, Chair Loving called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

II. Action Item: Recommendation for Appointment of President

Mr. Porter reported the Presidential Search Committee concluded its search process earlier in the week when it recommended unanimously Dr. James R. Ramsey as finalist for the president of the University of Louisville. He said the pool of candidates was impressive. Mr. Porter expressed the Search Committee's appreciation for the support of the search firm, Korn-Ferry International, for its assistance with the search. Ms. Hagen-Schifano made a motion, which Mr. Green seconded, to approve the

Presidential Search Committee's recommendation to the appoint Dr. James R. Ramsey as the 17th President of the University of Louisville, effective November 14, 2002. The appointment as President is at the pleasure of the Board of Trustees.

On behalf of the faculty advisory committee to the Presidential Search Committee, Mr. Ensign reported that, upon meeting with Dr. Ramsey yesterday, the faculty advisory committee concluded that Dr. Ramsey met all its preferred qualities for president. He stated the faculty advisory committee endorsed the Presidential Search Committee's recommendation to appoint Dr. Ramsey as the University's next president. Mr. Ensign, on behalf of the faculty advisory committee and faculty in general, expressed sincere appreciation to Co-chairs Bridgeman and Porter for their dedication in seeking such a highly qualified president.

Ms. Brown voiced support on behalf of the staff senate for Dr. Ramsey's candidacy. She reported the staff advisory committee endorsed Dr. Ramsey's candidacy and also appreciated the work of the co-chairs and presidential search committee. She thanked Melissa Shuter for her service as the staff representative on the Search Committee.

Mr. Marlin reported that Dr. Ramsey has the support of the student body at the University. He expressed the students' excitement in Dr. Ramsey's candidacy. He noted that not only are the students gaining a president, but also an advocate on their behalf.

Mr. Green reported that the alumni advisory committee supported Dr. Ramsey's candidacy, as well.

The motion carried unanimously.

[Dr. Ramsey and his family entered the room.] He thanked the Board for the confidence they have expressed in his leadership. He also thanked the Presidential Search Committee and the advisory committees for their hard work in the presidential search process. He expressed his sincere gratitude to the staff in the president's office for their commitment and dedication to the University. He observed the University's important work ahead regarding fiscal responsibility, diversity, and developing a plan/strategy for the upcoming legislative session, which would be bolstered through of building relationships with other institutions.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.