

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
OCTOBER 11, 2007

Pursuant to notice, a special meeting of the members of the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University convened at 11:35 a.m., Thursday, October 11, 2007, in Ballroom A of the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois. The meeting was called to order. The following members of the Board were present:

Mr. Roger Tedrick, Chair  
Dr. Sam Goldman  
Ms. Megan Pulliam  
Dr. Keith Sanders  
Ms. Christine Williams

The following members were absent:

Dr. Ed Hightower, Vice-Chair  
Ms. Marquita Wiley

A quorum was present.

Mr. John Simmons, Secretary; and Mr. Steve Wigginton entered the meeting after the motion was made to close the meeting to the public. Ms. Marquita Wiley participated via teleconference for a portion of the meeting while it was closed to the public.

Present for a portion of the meeting were Dr. Glenn Poshard, President; Dr. Brad Colwell, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education, SIUC; Mr. Phil Howze, Professor, Library Affairs, SIUC; Dr. Lenore Langsdorf, Professor, Department of Speech Communication, SIUC; Dr. Peggy Stockdale, Professor, Department of Psychology, SIUC; Dr. Spyros Tragoudas,

Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SIUC; Dr. Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SIUC; and Dr. David Worrells, Associate Professor, Department of Aviation Management and Flight, SIUC.

Present for the duration of the meeting were: Mr. Jerry Blakemore, General Counsel; and Ms. Misty Whittington, Executive Secretary of the Board.

At 11:36 a.m., Dr. Goldman moved to close the meeting to go into executive session to consider litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent and information regarding, the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. The motion was duly seconded by Trustee Sanders. Student Trustee opinion regarding the motion was as follows: Aye, Ms. Megan Pulliam; nay, none. The motion carried by the following recorded vote: Aye, Dr. Sam Goldman, Dr. Keith Sanders, Mr. Roger Tedrick, Ms. Christine Williams; nay, none.

Members of the Board moved to the Mississippi Room of the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois, for the closed meeting. No action was taken.

At 1:38 p.m., Members of the Board reconvened in open session in Ballroom A of the Student Center, Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Carbondale, Illinois.

The Chair recognized and thanked the following members of the Faculty Review Committee for their service: Dr. Brad Colwell, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education, SIUC; Mr. Phil Howze, Professor, Library Affairs, SIUC; Dr. Lenore Langsdorf, Professor, Department of Speech Communication, SIUC; Dr. Peggy Stockdale, Professor, Department of Psychology, SIUC; Dr. Spyros Tragoudas, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SIUC; Dr. Ramanarayanan Viswanathan, Professor, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering, SIUC; and Dr. David Worrells, Associate Professor, Department of Aviation Management and Flight, SIUC.

The Chair announced that during the closed session, the Board met with members of the Faculty Review Committee and then met with President Poshard.

The Chair asked that the Board consider a Current and Pending Matter titled, "Resolution Accepting Recommendations of the Faculty Review Committee." Dr. Sanders moved that the Board consider the matter. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Goldman, and after a voice vote the Chair declared that the motion to consider had passed unanimously.

The following current and pending matter was presented:

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING RECOMMENDATIONS OF  
THE FACULTY REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, during the end of August, 2007, the Southern Illinois University administration became aware of anonymous allegations against Dr. Glenn Poshard, President of Southern Illinois University, which related to a master's thesis and dissertation prepared by Dr. Poshard in the late 1970s and mid-1980s while pursuing his graduate degrees at Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

WHEREAS, in response to such allegations, Dr. Poshard voluntarily sought to have both documents reviewed in detail by the Department of Educational Administration and Higher Education which was the graduate department that had previously awarded both degrees to Dr. Poshard in the late 1970s and mid 1980s. However, the Department declined to participate in such review.

WHEREAS, in September of 2007, the Chancellor of Southern Illinois University Carbondale, Dr. Fernando M. Treviño, recommended that a seven-member SIUC Faculty Review Committee (hereinafter referred to as "Faculty Review Committee") consisting of the leadership of the Faculty Senate, the Graduate Council and the Faculty Association be formed and charged with the responsibility of reviewing the 1984 dissertation and 1976 master's thesis in historical and disciplinary context in order to determine an appropriate remedy.

WHEREAS, said Faculty Review Committee has completed its charge as stated herein and submitted a report with its recommendations to the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees for consideration.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has met with President Poshard and discussed the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Review Committee with him.

NOW, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges receipt of the report issued by the Review Committee and hereby accepts its recommendations that the allegations against Dr. Poshard in regard to his preparation and submission of his 1984 dissertation and 1976 master's thesis are sufficiently supported to warrant a resolution process consisting only of corrections in form of the dissertation's incorrect practices; replacement of the dissertation presently on file with the corrected version; and comments related to the acceptance of responsibility and the support of a culture of academic integrity.

That the Board of Trustees hereby determines that the Faculty Review Committee has followed the sum and substance of the SIUC

plagiarism policy and done so in a thorough and credible manner and therefore the Board determines that this matter has been fully reviewed by a committee of competent and objective faculty and no further action is necessary, thereby concluding this matter.

That the Board of Trustees hereby commends the Review Committee for its service to the University and extends its heartfelt thanks for a job well done.

Dr. Sanders moved approval of the resolution. The motion was duly seconded by Dr. Goldman. Student Trustee opinion in regard to the motion was indicated as follows: aye, Ms. Megan Pulliam; nay, none. The motion carried by the following recorded vote: aye, Dr. Sam Goldman, Dr. Keith Sanders, Mr. John Simmons, Mr. Roger Tedrick, Mr. Steve Wigginton, Ms. Christine Williams; nay, none.

The Chair expressed the Board's desire that the University community reengage its efforts in the development of a comprehensive misconduct policy that protects the rights of persons both to bring legitimate allegations and to provide due process to anyone who is accused. The Chair asked Vice President for Academic Affairs John Haller and General Counsel Jerry Blakemore to work with the President, the Chancellors and constituent heads at each campus to develop such a policy and to report back to the Board in the near future.

Mr. Wigginton moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was duly seconded by Mr. Simmons, and after a voice vote the Chair declared the motion to have passed.

The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

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John Simmons, Secretary