BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education

PUBLIC SESSION

Tuesday, May 13, 2008, at 3:30 p.m.

Feinstone Lounge, Sullivan Hall

MINUTES

Presiding Officer:
Daniel H. Polett, Chair of the Board

Note: The Trustees met for information briefings on academic, Board organizational structure, and tenure matters at 2:30 p.m.

PARTICIPANTS


University Counsel: George E. Moore

Honorary Life Trustees: John Contoudis

Non-Voting Participant: Robert Aiken


Chairman Polett called the meeting to order.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Trustee Joan H. Ballots.
Introduction of Guests:

Faculty: Dr. Li Bai
Students: 
Special Guest: Mrs. Addie Wachman

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of March 11, 2008, were approved as distributed.

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President’s Report

Board of Trustees Meeting
May 13, 2008

Introduction

- We are at an historic moment in the development of Temple University, a tipping point with great momentum and promise.
  - Access to Excellence campaign launched, on track for successful 2009 culmination with $295 million raised toward $300 million goal
  - four major construction projects will come to fruition on time and on budget in the next two years
  - new general education program being implemented:
    o new curriculum of required foundational courses in a range of disciplines from math and science to art and humanities
    o constitutes one third of the courses our undergraduates take
    o new program emphasizes critical thinking and other basic skills, while making learning exciting, engaging and relevant.
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Introduction (cont.)

New GenEd program (cont.)

- built on themes that cut across the curriculum. For example, “The Philadelphia Experience,” takes students into the city to put classroom lessons to work through field experience and interaction with community members.

- Other themes in development include sustainability, globalization and community-based learning.

- With all of these elements coming together, Temple has great potential to become an even stronger force in our region and nation and to be recognized as a model for great urban research universities.

- I have initiated a three-part strategic planning process that will establish a roadmap for turning that potential into reality.
Why Plan?

- For our students

  A thoughtful planning effort will enable us to extend Temple’s legacy and make a real difference in the lives of the bright, motivated people who study here.

  ...goal is to create a unique urban educational experience that reflects our deep commitment to community engagement.

- Though we are just beginning, our effort is already generating momentum thanks to the hard work of many members of the campus community.
Planning Approach

- ...a major planning effort examining all angles and addressing all areas of the Temple University enterprise

- ...will involve all of Temple's important constituencies, internal and external.

- three phases:
  - Comprehensive Academic Plan
  - Campus and Community Development Plan
  - Financial Plan
Academic Planning

- Over the past academic year, we have begun a comprehensive academic planning process.

- ...established an Academic Planning Steering Committee, chaired by Provost Lisa Staiano-Coico... organized into working groups

- explored many aspects of the Temple academic experience:
  - Student life
  - Research infrastructure
  - Global education
  - Entrepreneurial Culture
  - Urban service
  - Student Profiles
  - Student environment

- Next step is discussion and consultation with the Academic Affairs Committee and other board committees... present final Academic Plan to the board next year.
Campus and Community Development Plan

- We have taken initial steps in a campus master planning process.

- Goal will be to create an environment that provides a richer intellectual experience, reinforces our commitment to community development and redefines Temple as a Philadelphia destination.

- With the involvement of Facilities Committee Chairman Mitchell Morgan and leadership of Senior Vice President Tony Wagner and Vice President Bill Bergman, we have concluded a six-month preliminary assessment of our facilities.

- Following a comprehensive RFP process, we have secured the services of a multi-faceted architectural and planning consortium led by Olin Partners.

- We have just begun to engage faculty, staff, students, trustees and the community in considering the future of Temple’s physical presence.
Financial Planning

- Academic and facilities planning efforts will be immediately followed by a financial plan that establishes a sound framework for achieving our potential.

- Scheduled for completion in 2009-2010

- Will identify our revenue needs and establish fundraising goals, including opportunities for public investments from the Commonwealth and Federal sources.
Conclusion

- The process has just begun and will be ongoing over the next few years.

- I look forward to the engagement of members of the board.

- My pleasure to work with you to develop Temple University’s long-range plans and goals together in the years ahead.
REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION
STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee on Trustee Affairs – Patrick J. O’Connor, Chair

1. Report

The quarterly report of the Committee on Trustee Affairs was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 1.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

2. Amendment to the Bylaws

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Trustee Affairs (5/7/08), approved the amendment to the Bylaws by adding the following provision, which establishes a standing Campus Life and Diversity Committee:

Section 6.xx  Campus Life and Diversity Committee

A. The Campus Life and Diversity Committee shall consider and recommend to the Board policies concerning campus life, including relations among students and other members of the University community. The Campus Life and Diversity Committee shall also consider and recommend to the Board policies that foster an appreciation of different people, cultures, and perspectives, and that enhance the safety and well-being of all members of the University Community.

B. The Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chair at least semi-annually, or otherwise as determined by the Board at the Annual Meeting.

And further authorizing the Secretary to make such formatting and numbering changes to the Bylaws as appropriate to give full effect to the foregoing.

3. Policy Amendments

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Trustee Affairs (5/7/08), (a) updated and amended the policies attached in Agenda Reference 3, pages 1 through 25 inclusive, as shown, to conform the policies to the May 14, 2002 Bylaws revisions and to reflect current administrative organization and practice; (b) reviewed and approved the continued applicability of the policies attached in Agenda Reference 3, at pages 26 through 28 inclusive, and (c) rescinded the policies attached in Agenda Reference 3, at pages 29 through 37 inclusive, as obsolete by virtue of the May 14, 2002 bylaws revision and current administrative organization and practice.

Executive Committee – Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Vice Chair

4. Report

The quarterly report of the Executive Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 4.
RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

5. Borrowing Authority – July 1, 2008 through October 31, 2008

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees authorized the officers to borrow, for operating purposes of the University, $30 million on terms which the officers believe best for the University, such authority to cover the period from July 1, 2008, through October 31, 2008.

Healthcare Enterprise Committee – Frank Baldino, Jr., Chair

6. Report

The quarterly report of the Healthcare Enterprise Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 6.

Facilities Committee – Mitchell L. Morgan, Chair

7. Report

The quarterly report of the Facilities Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 7.

RECOMMENDATION FOR ACTION:

8. Weiss Hall-Ground Level Classroom Renovations and Reconfigurations

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Facilities Committee (5/1/08) that the officers be authorized to proceed with the upgrades and expansion of the ground floor of Weiss Hall at a cost not-to-exceed $975,000 with the funding and financing sources being College of Liberal Arts Operating Fund ($250,000--#10-1801-000) and Technology Fund ($75,000--#10-1801-610), Provost Academic Equipment Fund ($350,000--#10-2795-000) and Plant Development Fund.

Academic Affairs Committee – Leonard Barrack, Chair

9. Report

The quarterly report of the Academic Affairs Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 9.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

10. Consideration of Tenure

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendations of the Academic Affairs Committee (5/5/08) and the President regarding the granting of faculty tenure.
11. Establishing, Restructuring, and Renaming Curricula and Programs in Various Schools and Colleges and the Transferring of Faculty Tenure

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the recommendation of the Academic Affairs Committee (5/5/08) that the officers be authorized to establish, restructure and rename curricula and programs in the various schools and colleges and transfer faculty tenure as set forth in Agenda Reference 11:

a. Establish Curricula:
   i. Bachelor of Science degrees in the College of Science and Technology
      - Biology with Teaching
      - Mathematics with Teaching
      - Chemistry with Teaching
      - Earth and Space Science with Teaching
      - Physics with Teaching
      - General Science with Teaching
   - Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience: Systems, Behavior and Plasticity in the College of Liberal Arts
   - Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience: Cellular and Molecular in the College of Science and Technology

B. Restructure the collegial requirement for the Bachelor of Arts degrees in the School of Communications and Theater.

C. Terminate the Bachelor of Arts degree in Biochemistry in the College of Science and Technology

D. Rename the Department of Geology as the Department of Earth and Environmental Science in the College of Science and Technology

E. Transfer the Tenure of the Faculty Members of the Department of Geology to the Newly-Established Department of Earth and Environmental Science.

Development Committee – Richard J. Fox, Chair

12. Report

The quarterly report of the Development Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 12.

Athletics Committee – Robert A. Rovner

13. Report

The quarterly report of the Athletics Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 13.

Audit Committee – J. William Mills, III, Chair

14. Report

The quarterly report of the Audit Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 14.
Budget & Finance Committee – Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Chair

15. Report

The quarterly report of the Budget & Finance Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 15.

Student Affairs Committee – Patrick J. O’Connor, Chair

16. Report

The quarterly report of the Student Affairs Committee was accepted as presented in Agenda Reference 16.

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OFFICER’S REPORT

17. Secretary’s Report – George E. Moore

Upon motion duly made and seconded, the Board of Trustees approved the presentation of degrees-in-course dated August 29, 2008, to candidates approved by the appropriate academic committees of the faculty with the understanding that degrees for Law School evening students who regularly complete their studies in July shall be dated July 21, 2008, with a certificate from the Dean of the Law School verifying said receipt; and that degrees for School of Dentistry students who regularly complete their studies in June and early July shall be dated July 3, 2008, with a certificate from the Dean of the School of Dentistry verifying said receipt.

OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Polett invited the Board members to attend the memorial service to celebrate the life of Dr. Marvin Wachman, who was the sixth President of Temple University from 1973 to 1982. The service will begin at 4:30 p.m., in the Great Court of Mitten Hall, located at 1913 N. Broad Street.

ADJOURNMENT