

**Arkansas State University  
Board of Trustees  
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The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees met on Friday, December 19, 2003, in the Board Room on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of the Dean B. Ellis Library on the Jonesboro campus. Mr. John Paul Hammerschmidt, chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. The following board members were present: Mr. Mike Medlock, vice chair; Mrs. Florine Tousant Milligan, secretary; Mr. Richard Bell and Colonel Dallas Wood. Mr. Hammerschmidt introduced Reverend Arliss Dickerson, director of the ASU Baptist Collegiate Ministry to offer the invocation.

Mr. Hammerschmidt announced the first item of business was the approval of minutes.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, the minutes of September 13, 2003, were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt then called on President Leslie Wyatt for remarks. Dr. Wyatt welcomed everyone to the Jonesboro campus. He announced that the Little Rock office has moved to a new location near the Capitol in the Riverdale District. The offices are located in the Winrock Building and have accommodations for members of the Board as well as representatives of the other campuses. Work has begun toward the resolution of funding efforts in anticipation of the development of the biennial budget for the state. He and the two-year chancellors have been working with the Department

of Higher Education and with colleagues in higher education to develop funding formulas that might guide the distribution of funds for the Legislature. While formulas have not been established, work will continue toward achieving equity and providing necessary funds for programs. The special session is being monitored closely to see the effect of proposed legislation with respect to higher education and particularly ASU. As of this date, there have been no discussions regarding funding distributions for higher education institutions, and only initial discussions about funding decisions for the public schools. There has been one item of concern with specific regard to ASU-Newport. Dr. Larry Williams, chancellor, has advanced a proposal to the Legislature for reconsideration of laws concerning commercial driver's license testing and authorization. It is anticipated that legislation will be passed that will be favorable to the program at Newport.

Dr. Wyatt began the Jonesboro campus report by introducing members of the ASU Debate Team and Dr. Dennis White, chair of Speech Communication. A first place trophy from a recent tournament in St. Louis was presented to the Board by Chris Harper, the team's coach. This was a prestigious win over Notre Dame and places the team third in national standings.

Dr. Wyatt gave an update regarding the on-going strategic planning process. Committees and taskforces have been organized to deal with issues surrounding this process. Several consultants have been invited to campus. The entire campus at Jonesboro has been involved. Dr. Wyatt invited examination of the process through the strategic plan as it is depicted on our website where there is a list of all the committee reports and progress is being recorded. Much of the fall semester has been devoted to

discussions within the campus community. The actual writing materials will be developed for presentation and review during the spring semester.

Another area of concern included in the Higher Learning Commission report was enrollment management. To address this concern, steps are being taken to better market and advertise the institution. Ads will be seen in this area of the state shortly, and are designed to make the public aware of the higher educational opportunities that exist here and at the other ASU sites.

There are many construction projects on the campus. One major project is the Student Union. While construction completion is a year behind, it is anticipated that some functions can be moved into the new part of the Student Union project in early spring. Various components of student activity will be moved into the building as work is completed; however, the renovation on the Reng Center is just beginning. In addition to those projects, construction continues on the Biosciences building at the south entrance of the campus on what was formerly Caraway Road. Caraway Road is being converted into a pedestrian mall. Progress is moving along well on the ABI building and Dr. Susan Allen, vice chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs, and her staff have been actively recruiting individuals for that facility. Another area of interest is the opening of the Student Health Center on the east side of campus. Students, faculty, staff, and members of the general public can receive first care medical treatment at that site.

Dr. Wyatt expressed his gratitude to St. Bernards Medical Center for partnering with ASU to develop this wonderful new facility. The space previously occupied by the Wilson Health Center will become the temporary location for the Student Government Association, since they have been dislocated from the Reng Center because of

renovation. Ultimately, the Wilson Health Center space will be reassigned as an advisement center for students at the Jonesboro campus.

During the spring semester, the budget development process for the Jonesboro campus will begin for the coming fiscal year and the biennial budget. Dr. Wyatt anticipates information and guidance will be forthcoming from the Legislature to assist in this process.

He then called attention to information provided in the board report regarding the university's diversity efforts. Dr. Glen Jones, Assistant to the President for Diversity Initiatives, has worked with academic and staff leadership to develop resources to facilitate progress in diversity activities. Greater diversity has been achieved in a relatively short time not only in student enrollment on the Jonesboro campus but also in the staffing patterns for faculty and staff. Dr. Wyatt commended Dr. Jones and others for the work done in moving the university toward the goal to be reflective of the people it serves.

Sometimes, Dr. Wyatt stated, progress is measured by what is not there. He then presented the Board with refrigerator magnets as a reminder of a different era when trailers occupied space on campus as temporary housing for students. The last trailer has been removed after 50 years, and the new housing facilities are remarkable. Dr. Wyatt proceeded with information regarding construction of a new College of Business building which will be located east of the Arkansas Biosciences Institute building. He indicated a schematic that shows the current location of the biosciences building and the approximate location of the new College of Business building, which will create a mall quadrangle on the east side of the campus. The ground plan for each floor was pointed out on the schematic. He introduced

Dr. Jan Duggar, dean of the College of Business, who worked with architects to design this facility. Construction of this facility is important to the vitality of economic development in East Arkansas, and a dream of those in the College of Business.

Later, a bond issue will be presented to complete the housing project for married students and their families. There will be a recommendation for construction of Phase II and Phase III of that project. There are 100 units within the current accommodations. The plan is to build another 92-96 units and provide accommodations for some commercial establishments, which would be built on the perimeter of the area and will provide service to the residents who are located within the complex. There also is a plan underway to develop recreational fields which are located between the railroad tracks. The recreational and academic facility at the new track location is complete. Two ball fields are complete and

Dr. Wyatt stated that there are plans to develop four more baseball fields on the west side of Caraway Road as it crosses the railroad tracks. The facility should be in use by late spring of 2004 with completion of construction occurring as the bonds are processed for payment.

Dr. Wyatt concluded the Jonesboro campus report by announcing that commencement would be held this evening. Everyone is welcome to attend and witness the culmination of many success stories as 725 students graduate, 600 of whom will participate in the ceremony tonight.

Dr. Wyatt then introduced Dr. Eugene McKay, chancellor of ASU-Beebe, for the report of the Beebe campus. Dr. McKay began by mentioning the passing of Mr. George Fisher, a distinguished ASU-Beebe graduate. The Beebe campus was the recipient of 130 originals of Mr. Fisher's sketches, which are featured in a gallery on the

second floor of the library. Continuing, Dr. McKay said that the Wilcox Group architectural firm has been selected for the Phase I development of the ASU-Heber Springs campus. He also reported that the temporary mobile homes in use on the campus since 1987 have been removed. The planning process has begun on a new \$8,000,000 science building to be completed on the Beebe campus in 2007. Dr. McKay then indicated information provided to the Board regarding graduation rates. ASU-Beebe produced more associate degrees than any other two-year institution in the state with 399 this past year. Foothills Technical Institute, now ASU-Searcy, produced 195 certificates

Colonel Wood asked if there was a date for the ASU-Heber Springs construction to begin. Dr. McKay responded by saying that it would depend on when the \$12 million dollars for construction was received. Dr. Wyatt added that the acquisition of the land is not yet complete. The issue has become complicated because of a question of ownership as a result of a bankruptcy. He is confident that this will be resolved in the near future. He noted that the money for the new campus will be provided by the tax revenue income generated by Cleburne County, and will be sufficient to begin the first phase of construction, even absent an appropriation from the Legislature for that purpose. Most significant is the 500 students enrolled at ASU-Heber Springs without a nickel of state support.

Dr. Wyatt also mentioned that the Speaker designate for the House of Representatives, Bill Stovall, is a resident of Heber Springs, and he is concerned about the lack of funding for that facility.

Mr. Hammerschmidt asked if the new science building to be constructed would be purely for academic teaching or if research would be done.

Dr. McKay said that it would be a teaching facility. Dr. Wyatt said near the Beebe campus is a national fisheries location for trout stocking on the Little Red River, and discussion has been initiated with the U.S. Department of Interior about the prospect of being involved with the fisheries projects as they exist at Mountain Home and at Heber Springs using biologists from the Beebe campus as well as the Jonesboro campus. Some work has been done through the PhD program in Environmental Science, particularly with ecotoxicological efforts directed at stream-bed restoration in the Little Red River Valley. Dr. Jerry Farris, professor in the Biological Sciences department of ASU-Jonesboro, and a number of his students have visited the Heber Springs area and talked with residents there about a project called reforestation. Because of the hands-on research done, new grass growth was developed along the entire stream area to prevent erosion and as a result the fish population has increased. Dr. Wyatt commended the biology department for their efforts.

Dr. McKay also mentioned ASU-Beebe and most of the two-year schools have entered a consortium to work with Wal-Mart to give associate degrees on-line for their employees.

Dr. Wyatt then called on Dr. Ed Coulter, chancellor of ASU-Mountain Home, for his report. Dr. Coulter said that the fourth annual Jingle on the Green was a huge success, and a community event he hopes will continue for many years to come. He then directed attention to the state map provided that shows ASU-Mountain Home has students enrolled from 33 counties in Arkansas and 9 other states. Dr. Coulter recently attended a global commission meeting of the, American Association of Community Colleges and was pleased to report that ASU-MH received much recognition for hosting a Russian delegation of librarians. He then moved to scholarships and indicated the

figures provided. In the past, there has been some discussion about the quality of students at the two-year institutions. The figures show a marked increase in the number of ACT and Honors scholarships. This is a good news/bad news situation, in that there is an increase in the quality of students, but the bad news is the budget is not keeping pace.

Dr. Coulter said they are committed to the scholarship program and will stretch the existing dollars to the limit. The famous gazebo is now completed and a fire pit has been built in the center. He also is excited about the new entrance gate currently under construction from Highway 62 to the campus. It will be a wonderful addition to the campus and a good first impression for visitors.

Dr. Coulter directed attention to the first ASU-Mountain Home 2002-2003 Annual Report included in the materials hand-out. This is a new publication produced on campus and includes material and information that is well presented and insightful. In addition, he mentioned that \$75,000 was received from VA-HUD to assist in the construction of the shed/auditorium/community center. In conclusion, he thanked Dr. Wyatt for leading the efforts for funding for the two-year institutions as well as the four-year institutions.

Dr. Wyatt asked Dr. Larry Williams, chancellor of ASU-Newport, to submit his campus report. Dr. Williams began by introducing Ms. Angela Garner, an honors freshman at ASU-Newport, who recently won the world's championship duck calling contest. Dr. Williams also recognized Assistant Professors Alan Mooneyhan and Joe Campbell who now serve on the board of the Arkansas Association of Two-year Colleges as faculty representatives. Of the three faculty representatives on this board, two are from ASU-Newport. He also mentioned a bid opening on January 8, 2004 to select a contractor for the new student/community center. Twelve contractors have



picked up bid packages. In addition, a resolution is being presented today requesting approval of naming opportunities. There are currently donations in hand or pledges equal to \$1.1 million toward the furnishing of the interior of that facility with an endowment for an adjacent facility. After the first of the year, a community-wide capital campaign will be started to add to that amount which will allow the campus to develop further. Approval also is being requested for the High Voltage Lineman Certificate Program, a program that will have an option for an Associate of Applied Science degree in the second year. At a meeting in Little Rock, all 17 rural electrical cooperatives in the state of Arkansas voted unanimously to support the initiation of a High Voltage Lineman program on the ASU-Newport campus. Each of the 17 cooperatives has pledged a \$3,000 scholarship per year for a minimum of five years as their commitment to make the program more viable and to insure its success. The Rural Electric Cooperative Association will help facilitate this commitment by writing a check for \$51,000 on the first of July for the next five years. There also will be paid internships for the students and guaranteed employment opportunities upon graduation. It will be the first program of this type in the public sector in the state. Since word of this program has filtered throughout the state, there are 15 different municipalities that have similar operations and they have asked about opportunities to participate. Dr. Williams said this program would be a significant addition to the technical programs. He hopes to enroll the first student in this program in the fall 2004. Another item of interest is the graduation this semester of the first class of students from the Diesel Technology program, which is the Barloworld Freightliner program. Since the graduation of that class, Barloworld has purchased locations in Springdale, Arkansas; Texarkana, Arkansas; and Tyler, Texas. In response to these new locations, a new class will begin in January with students from

Arkansas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Mississippi, and Texas. Earlier Dr. Wyatt spoke of a legislative matter that the Newport campus has been working on, and Dr. Williams wanted to commend the efforts of Robert Evans for the work that he does in Little Rock in working with our legislators. There is a problem with a state statute that was going to be interpreted by the State Police that would significantly impact ASU-Newport's commercial driver's training program, but thanks to Mr. Evans' leadership, the Senate passed the revision of the language of that statute 35 to 0, the House passed the statute 97 to 0 with an emergency clause. It has been sent to the Governor for signature, and he has indicated that he will sign it. This will resolve the issue and allow ASU-Newport to continue to serve the transportation industry.

Colonel Wood asked relative to the January 8 bid opening of the new student/community center, what is the estimated date of completion. Dr. Williams said the estimated construction period would be from 12 to 14 months. The capital funding for the building is in place and the majority of donations are in place for furnishings of the facility. They are now working on philanthropic efforts for the landscaping and some of the exterior work. This will allow the campus to use some of the bond money to expend to other facilities.

Mr. Hammerschmidt commented that the vocational jobs that ASU-Newport offers, particularly the High Voltage Lineman and Diesel Technology programs, lead to high paying jobs. Dr. Williams responded that yes, the Rural Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas have been hiring workers because of their basic knowledge and work skills. They entered them into an apprentice program for five years, and then after that they became journeymen, many of whom earn in the \$45,000 to \$70,000 range. He explained that many of the cooperatives are going to allow two years of credit for the

completion of the one-year certificate program, so three years after graduation students will be eligible for that journeyman position. Mr. Hammerschmidt said that it would be interesting to track those careers.

Dr. Williams said they have in place a nine person board represented by individuals from Jonesboro, Fayetteville, Little Rock, Mena, and Newport, to study and design the curriculum. They have worked with the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and similar programs in Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri and have taken the best of their programs to design the curricula for the Newport program. He said 75% of the rural population in the state of Arkansas is served by electric cooperatives. They do not have metropolitan areas, but they do have the majority of the acreage within the state. These programs will be significant for the campus in other ways when the Legislature is approached for assistance with other programs.

Dr. Wyatt referred back to Colonel Wood's point about construction activities and the bonding and bidding process is pertinent to any facilities built on the grounds of Arkansas State University. All of that land belongs to the Trustees in behalf of the people, and all of the buildings built on those grounds belong to them in behalf of the people. But the process used to get approval to buy property, to work with contractors, architects, and project professionals is very tightly controlled, regulated, and observed by the state and other agencies. He noted that later a resolution will be introduced that will directly deal with this process for several other projects. The university takes great care to establish this process at the local campus level. The reason that the process happens so much in advance of presenting the issue to the Board is to assure that all the t's have been crossed and l's dotted before seeking Board approval. Dr. Wyatt recognized Ms. Lucinda McDaniel, legal counsel for the university, and said that we

utilize Ms. McDaniel and her firm to aid in understanding the legal parameters of these issues. Colonel Wood asked if realistically the Heber Springs campus project was five to seven years away. Dr. Wyatt said yes, that was correct. There is a building which is operational in Heber Springs at this time. Because of the scope of the new campus, the infrastructure development, utilities and everything that must be done underground before anything happens above ground, it will probably be a five to ten year growth period for that campus. The same process was used to construct the Mountain Home campus and took about five to six years. Dr. Wyatt said he did not anticipate the Heber Springs campus being completed any quicker.

Dr. Wyatt said that concluded the reports of the campuses.

Mr. Hammerschmidt moved to the Consent Agenda. He noted that Dr. Wyatt discussed the Consent Agenda with Board members individually prior to the meeting.

- Resolution 03-44 Correction of Typographical Error in Resolution 03-44 – Effective Date to Extend In-state Tuition to Students Residing in counties Bordering Arkansas should be fall 2004 instead of Fall 2003.

Dr. Wyatt explained that this resolution is simply to correct the Board records.

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-44 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-47 Approving the Purchase of Acreage and Buildings Adjacent to the Campus from the Arkansas State College Foundation.

In the Board informational packet is a schematic for the ground to be purchased. The Jonesboro campus has a great deal of acreage associated with it, much of which is devoted to the university farm operations. The university has had a beneficial working relationship with the Arkansas State College Foundation for a number of years. That Foundation was created due to the efforts of Dr. V. H. Kays and his successors. Now it has been joined with members of our community who have a great and abiding interest and concern for Arkansas State University, principally, Dr. Eugene Smith, President Emeritus of the university. After the recent death of Mr. Buddy Kays, the Arkansas State College Foundation began discussion with Arkansas State University about the land held within their interest. Although apart from the university, it is a foundation dedicated to the interests of ASU. Discussion has come to the point that Arkansas State College Foundation has agreed to sell to ASU the property north of the campus. It is very valuable property because of the location and the current potential revenue, and for development of future campus activities. Dr. Wyatt said this is the last major parcel of land outstanding in the effort to define the perimeter of the campus as being along Johnson Avenue on the north, on both sides of Caraway Road, and almost to the south edge of railroad frontage on the south end of the campus. There will still be a few private residences held within this parcel, which the university still maintains interest in acquiring. This is an opportunity to acquire some land that includes facilities which are revenue producing and are fully occupied. A maintenance shed which is a part of this parcel, as is land which lies along the east University Loop which is across from the Convocation Center, and a large tract of undeveloped property which is bounded on the

north by Johnson Avenue and which will be across the street from the new alumni center to be constructed. There have been discussions about building additional student housing in this large tract, and there is a resolution that will be addressed later on this issue. Dr. Wyatt said this purchase, if approved, would benefit the university for decades to come.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 03-47 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-48 Approving the Borrowing of a Sum Sufficient to Complete the Purchase of Acreage and Buildings Adjacent to the Campus, and to Complete Several High Priority Construction Projects.

The availability of this property and the possibility of purchase, along with a combination of other needs including the degradation over time of the existing residential facilities, primarily Twin Towers, and the estimated cost of renovation of that property, combined with the apparent need for academic facilities improvement, all of that in the matrix of the best financial market for bonds in some time, leads the university to consider addressing current and future financial needs.

Dr. Wyatt called on Jennus Burton, vice president of Finance and Administration, for further details. Mr. Burton said approval is needed to borrow up to \$43.2 million of debt. There are six major projects that this amount will fund. These funds will increase availability of housing on the Jonesboro campus, and allow the university to finance a

strategically important piece of land. The land purchase will have a twenty- to thirty-year horizon for development. Included in the agenda item will be the selection of an underwriter to assist in management of the bond issue. He said that the formal Request for Proposal process is complete and the financial officers of all the campuses participated in this process. He concluded by saying that rates for borrowing money were at a 45-year low.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-48 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-49 Authorizing an Increase in the Fee for Two-Day New Student Orientation Sessions at ASU-Jonesboro.

Dr. Wyatt explained that this was a pilot program for two-day student orientation sessions initiated last summer with great success from the students' viewpoint as well as the parents of those students. In order to pay the costs for the two-day orientation sessions this summer, it is necessary to increase the fee.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-49 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-50 Resolution Approving the Revision of ASU-Jonesboro's Promotion, Retention, and Tenure Policy.

Dr. Wyatt said there have been discussions for several years about changes that are appropriate to include in the faculty handbook which address this policy. During the past year, the process has been tested, and found to be in need of revision. The proposed resolution contains changes or additions that have been determined by a group organized within the faculty and Faculty Senate.

Ms. Lucinda McDaniel, legal counsel for the university, has worked to establish concurrence with legal practice and state policy to be certain that these revisions will give the protections and opportunities that are appropriate to the faculty who enter this process. The changes for this policy would be effective for individuals who enter the promotion, retention, and tenure consideration next year. The university would continue with the existing policy during the spring 2004 semester. The new policy would be binding on those who enter the process in the fall 2004 and into the spring recommendation process in 2005. In addition, there is another item included in this same resolution that pertains to the use of files that are organized which focus on promotion, retention, and tenure policy and practice. In the past, those files have not been available to hearing committees or review process outside that which is focused within the department, college, or academic affairs. Through recent tests of this policy, it has been determined that it would be an advantage in some circumstances to have those promotion, retention, and tenure files made available to a hearing committee if it can be established that they have an appropriate use for them. Also, a proposal is being advanced that the review of PRT files by the University Hearing Committee be authorized as a part of that same faculty handbook policy. Dr. Wyatt said Dr. Susan



Allen, vice chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs; the chair of the University Hearing Committee; and Lucinda McDaniel, legal counsel, have worked to develop these policy procedures. All of this process falls into the general aspect of operation called shared governance. Shared governance is the process at the university by which information, advice, and counsel is collected from the people who are affected by an outcome of the process. In this case, the faculty members who will work under these policies have had opportunity to work with the development of these recommendations. Everyone is aware that these policies are finally approved and initiated upon consent and approval by the Board of Trustees, so this process comes through many stages of recommendation and have been brought here for final determination. Dr. Allen added that the university, with the help of a consultant, is working to revise the entire faculty handbook, but because approval is needed for the PRT policy for the cohort who will apply in January 2005, this issue must be addressed now. She is optimistic that the entire handbook with revisions can be presented to the Board at a later date in 2004.

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 03-50 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-51 Approving the ASU-Jonesboro Campus-wide Pet Policy.

Dr. Wyatt said this is an effort to define policy as it relates to health and personal safety.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mrs. Milligan, Resolution 03-51 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-51 Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer an Associate of Applied Science in Food Technology.

For many years, there has been discussion with the University of Arkansas and those involved with the foods program, which is a part of the Fayetteville campus operation, as well as the individuals involved with the U of A Division of Agriculture, to offer a program on the Jonesboro campus to address the needs of the food industry. There have been a number of participants in this project from the food-finishing and food-processing industry in Jonesboro, notably Mr. Rick Rorex of Riceland Foods of the Jonesboro facility. While this program will serve as a complete and final entity for those students who obtain this credential and stop there, the program also can be a platform to progress to the baccalaureate and advanced levels at other institutions in the state. Mr. Bell commended Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, for her leadership and direction in this effort and said he looked forward to expanding this to a four-year program.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-51 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-52 Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer the Master of Public Administration Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice.

This is in response to the public safety and law enforcement communities in regard to Homeland Security issues. There is capacity within the criminal justice program to organize a program which will award a certificate that will focus on the aspects of Homeland Security administration. Colonel Wood clarified that this is a certificate not a degree. Dr. Wyatt explained there is no degree recognized in this area, but the certificate is valuable for providers of these services.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-53 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-54 Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biosciences.

The advent of the development of the Arkansas Biosciences Institute facility on campus as a research operation has given opportunity for the university to consider its potential direction in a number of areas. Over the past year, work has been done to define the processes on campus to give support to ABI. Prospectively, there is the capability to develop a collateral and supportive academic program to mirror and complement the efforts in the research facility. Discussion has been held with colleagues at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, which offers a similar program, about the potential they have seen in Arkansas for the programs focusing on molecular

sciences. ASU has worked to develop an articulation agreement with the UAF and their program, and to develop our own program in conjunction with the ABI facility on the Jonesboro campus drawing on resources that we have or will have associated with existing academic areas such as agriculture, science and mathematics and related disciplines. The proposal presented is to continue the organization of the planning process that can be advanced to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and to work with them in the final approval and consent process. Work will continue with colleagues at the UAF, UAMS at Little Rock, and the Division of Agriculture to insure that this program fits appropriately into the educational fabric in Arkansas that will make the greatest use of potential in these areas. Because of the provisions that are attendant to the ABI facility and the continuing annual support of it, the university has the opportunity to make this program very successful. Dr. Wyatt stated that in a larger sense it is necessary to have this program to make ABI successful because the students who participate in this program at the post-baccalaureate level to include masters, doctorate, and post-doctorate levels will find an academic tie to the research efforts that will have the greatest possible effect from that investment of public funds. Dr. Susan Allen added that there is much collaboration regarding another program that is being jointly proposed by UALR and UAMS in bioinformatics. She reiterated the point Dr. Wyatt made about the tremendous amount of interaction and collaboration among universities in Arkansas to optimize the possibilities for training students and attracting new faculty in molecular biosciences.

Mr. Hammerschmidt asked if scholarships could be offered in this area since this facility is funded through Tobacco Settlement monies. Dr. Wyatt said assistantships could be offered. Dr. Allen said there are budgeted graduate student assistantships in

the Tobacco Settlement budget. There also are budgeted positions for post-doctoral assistantships or fellowships as they are more commonly called. Dr. Wyatt said this would be a research-focused degree that would depend upon teaching as an important component. He said those who participate in this program will be very actively involved in the teaching activities.

Not only will relationships with other institutions in Arkansas and the entire United States be developed through this program, there will be international opportunities as well, opportunities which the university hopes to cultivate.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-54 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-55 Approving ASU-Beebe's Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act Compliance Policy.

Dr. Wyatt said similar policies would be adopted by all the campuses of Arkansas State University to meet federal and state law that require definition of the systems' participation in this program. Dr. Eugene McKay, chancellor of ASU-Beebe, explained that this recommendation has been developed with the assistance of Ms. Lucinda McDaniel, and meets the requirements of state and federal guidelines.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 03-55 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-56 Approving ASU-Newport to Offer the Technical Certificate Program in High-Voltage Lineman Technology.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mrs. Milligan, Resolution 03-56 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-57 Approving the Naming of the ASU-Jonesboro Alumni Center.

Previously, a plan for an alumni center to be built across from the Convocation Center was submitted to the Board. The center is to be a gathering place for former students returning to campus for various events. For many years, work has been done to establish the revenue through private funding that is necessary to build the facility. Dr. Wyatt thanked Beth Smith, director of Alumni, and Steve Owens, vice president for University Advancement, for their efforts. Darrell and Charlotte Cooper are graduates of ASU who now reside in Michigan. They have pledged a significant sum of money to support the construction of the alumni center. It is recommended that the Arkansas State University-Jonesboro campus alumni center be named in recognition of Charlotte Cooper and Darrell Cooper, and to begin involving them in the planning and development of that facility with construction to begin soon.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-57 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-58 Approving the Naming of the ASU-Beebe Greenhouse.

Dr. Wyatt said that Billy and Brenda Shurley have made a significant contribution to the Beebe campus. Beebe is one of the few two-year institutions that has an active farming operation which benefits the agricultural program of the campus. Dr. Eugene McKay explained that the Shurleys were students at ASU-Beebe and later received bachelor's degrees from ASU-Jonesboro. They have given their support to Beebe in the construction of a new student center, and established an endowed scholarship. They have recently contributed \$40,000.00 for construction of a greenhouse.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-59 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-59 Approving the Naming of an Academic Program at ASU-Mountain Home.

Dr. Wyatt recognized Dr. Pat Bailey, vice chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, and Drs. Rebecca Baird and Steve Johnson, faculty of the Mountain Home

campus for their submission of the proposed resolution. He also said that he had met with individuals from the community who overwhelmingly gave their support and endorsement of the proposed resolution. The resolution is for recognition of significant contributions to ASU-Mountain Home by Dr. Fran Coulter. Dr. Wyatt noted Dr. Fran Coulter's presence and proceeded to read the resolution.

Dr. Wyatt said the resolution is advanced to the Board for approval with the support and enthusiastic resolve from all who have had the opportunity to work with Fran Coulter. She is an esteemed colleague and a great teacher.

Mr. Hammerschmidt said this is a very worthy resolution for a great lady and a great program that it honors. Mr. Medlock added that it is a very appropriate honor for Fran Coulter, and also for the Mountain Home campus to have had her dedication and effort at that campus.

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-59 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

- Resolution 03-60 Approving the Naming of Designated Areas of the Student Community Center and the Center for the Arts Auditorium at ASU-Newport.

Dr. Wyatt indicated materials in the board packet which lists individuals and amounts of money contributed and room naming opportunities for the new Student Community Center as well as a significant contribution by the Walton Family Foundation for the Center for the Arts located on the Newport campus.



Dr. Williams said the Walton Family Foundation contribution is very generous , and includes an additional commitment for a future project.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mrs. Milligan, Resolution 03-60 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt then stated that the Board would recess for Executive Session and reconvene to vote on any action items discussed during that time. Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Medlock, the board recessed into Executive Session at 11:45 a.m.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt reconvened the Board at 12:14 p.m.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Medlock, the academic appointments for the Jonesboro campus were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Bell the nonacademic appointments for Jonesboro and Beebe campuses were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Colonel Wood, the correction for the non-academic appointment for the Beebe campus was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, the contract extension for the Jonesboro campus was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt asked if there was any other business, and Dr. Wyatt recognized Mr. Medlock for introduction of a resolution. On behalf of the board, Mr. Medlock introduced a resolution honoring the contributions of John Paul Hammerschmidt to Arkansas State University and the Board of Trustees. Mr. Medlock then read some meaningful excerpts from the resolution

Mr. Hammerschmidt thanked everyone and said that it has been his great honor to serve on the board with its past and present members and with Dr. Wyatt. During his tenure he was pleased to see the development of the ASU System, which he believes is an important step in economic growth for the state and the university.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 03-61 was approved.

Ayes: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt asked if there was any other business.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Colonel Wood, the meeting adjourned.

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Richard Bell, Secretary

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Mike Medlock, Chair

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Contact: Rick Stripling 870-972-2048**

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to extend its in-state tuition area to include all counties and selected cities that border the state of Arkansas.

ISSUE: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro seeks to stay competitive with its counterparts in the mid-south area. Since 1998, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro has enrolled 21% fewer students from Missouri, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Mississippi, and Louisiana. The adjoining states are offering state-funded scholarships to retain more of their graduating seniors. Extending the ins-state tuition area would slow the decline in the number of out-of-state students enrolled on campus.

BACKGROUND:

- Currently, Arkansas State University-Jonesboro offers in-state tuition to 14 counties in Missouri, 8 in Tennessee, 2 in Mississippi, and Bowie County in Texas.
- For fall 2004, all neighboring states will be offering state scholarships to qualified high school graduates. These scholarships are similar to Arkansas' Challenge Scholarships and tend to pay for a large part of a student's cost of attendance.
- Missouri has two scholarship programs aimed at keeping students in the state. The *Missouri College Guarantee Program* that allows qualified students to attend any school in the state and receive a scholarship equal to tuition and fees charged at the University of Missouri minus federal financial aid. The *A+ Program* allows qualified high school students to attend any public community college or technical school and have the cost of tuition and books covered.
- For fall 2004, Tennessee will be awarding to qualified students up to \$3,000 for the cost of attendance at a four-year college/university.
- Both Tennessee and Missouri are our top out-of-state feeder schools and the number of students attending from these states has dropped steadily for four years. In fall 1998, 1,292 students, or 12.5%, were non-Arkansas residents. By fall 2002, only 1,064, or 10.2%, were non-Arkansans.

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The new areas will include:

- Louisiana – The parishes of West Carroll, East Carroll, Morehouse, Union, Claiborne, Webster, Bossier, Ouachita (*Monroe*) and Caddo (*Shreveport*).
- Oklahoma – The counties of McCurtain, Le Flore, Sequoyah, Adair and Delaware.
- Mississippi – The counties of Coahoma, Bolivar, Issaquena, and Washington.
- Texas – The county of Cass.
- Missouri – The counties of Stone, Barry, McDonald, Christian, Greene (*Springfield*), Newton, Jasper (*Joplin*), Lawrence, Wayne and Cape Girardeau. Southwest Missouri State University is located in Greene County and Southeast Missouri State University is located in Cape Girardeau County.
- Tennessee – The county of Madison (*Jackson*)

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to extend in-state tuition to students residing in the counties listed above effective for the fall 2004 semester.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Contact: Jennus Burton 910-8200**

**Action Item:** ASU-Jonesboro requests approval for the purchase of acreage and buildings adjacent to the campus, and requests authority to purchase these properties subject to final negotiations with the Owner.

**Issue:** ASU-Jonesboro requires additional funding to complete the acquisition of strategically significant land and buildings located adjacent and north of the Jonesboro campus.

**Background:**

- A Jonesboro campus land planning study was presented to the Board of Trustees at its February 13, 1998 meeting. In this plan, certain high priority properties were identified as targets for acquisition should the opportunity present itself, and funds become available.
- During the previous fiscal year, ASU-Jonesboro purchased several parcels from the Buddy Kays' estate that are in the same general area and adjacent to parcels owned by the Arkansas State College Foundation (ASFC). The Arkansas State College Foundation (ASCF, sometimes referred to as the Kays Foundation) owns certain property located adjacent to and north of the Jonesboro campus.
- The property consists of the following (see Attachment A - Map):
  - A maintenance building and 1 acre of land located at 2506 Banks Drive (Parcel A);
  - 26.65 acres of undeveloped land located north of Danner Street, west of University Loop East, and south of Johnson Avenue (Parcel B);
  - 4.18 acres of undeveloped land located on the northern right-of-way of Banks Drive just east of the Whitaker Street intersection (Parcel C); and
  - 40 plated lots with 36 rental units located on both sides of North Driver Street, on both sides of Whitaker Street, and on both sides of Bush Avenue (Parcels D).
- The appraisals for the properties are as follows:
  - 30.83 acres of undeveloped land appraised at \$2,276,800. The appraisal is dated January 14, 2002;
  - Maintenance Building and 1 acre of land appraised at \$250,000. This parcel is included in the January 14, 2002 appraisal (total appraisal was \$2,526,800); and
  - 40 plated lots with 36 rental units appraised at \$2,626,000. The appraisal is dated August 2, 2002.

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- The ASCF is a separate 501-c-3 organization that exists to support the educational mission of Arkansas State University.
- The current ASU-Jonesboro plan is to open escrow on the property with a local title company for \$5,152,800 or less depending on final surveys, to provide up to \$300,000 as a down payment, and to borrow the balance of the funds through a long term tax-exempt bond issue to fully finance the acquisition. The debt will be repaid with existing revenues budgeted in the University's Debt Service Fund. The remaining balance of \$4,852,800, financed for 30 years at 5.5% would require an annual debt service payment of approximately \$333,900. If the acquisition price is financed fully at \$5.2 million, it would cost approximately \$357,800 annually.
- The ASCF would retain one acre of the undeveloped land on which to build a Foundation building to serve its purposes in the future.
- With the Board's approval, ASU-Jonesboro would proceed to negotiate and finalize the purchase of the properties with the ASCF.
- Request ASU Board of Trustee approval and signature for Attachment B.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to proceed to negotiate and close the purchase of real property holdings from the Arkansas State College Foundation, and the Vice President for Finance and Administration is authorized to sign all appropriate and necessary documents to purchase these parcels.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

Resolution Regarding Purchase of  
Arkansas State College Foundation for Advancement of Higher Education  
Land Holdings

Whereas Arkansas State University is a vital and growing institution of higher education in the State of Arkansas; and

Whereas Arkansas State University has limited land area in which to expand its facilities; and

Whereas Arkansas State University has need for immediate facilities expansion as close to the core of campus as possible; and

Whereas the Arkansas State College Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education is willing to sell its property to Arkansas State University so long as that property forever remains a part of the university campus; and

Whereas Arkansas State University desires to purchase the lands of the Arkansas State College Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education with the provision that said lands shall forever remain a part of the university campus;

Therefore, it is resolved as follows:

Arkansas State University is hereby authorized to purchase the land currently owned by the Arkansas State College Foundation for the Advancement of Higher Education under terms agreed to by both parties with specific restriction that the lands sold to Arkansas State University by the Arkansas State College Foundation for Higher Education shall forever remain a part of the university campus.

Be it resolved this 19th day of December 2003.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair



**Executive Summary**

**Contact: Jennus Burton 910-8200**

**Action Item:** ASU-Jonesboro requests approval to borrow a sum sufficient to complete the purchase of acreage and buildings adjacent to the campus, and to complete several high priority construction projects on campus.

**Issue:** ASU-Jonesboro requires additional funding to complete the acquisition of strategically significant land and buildings located adjacent to and north of the ASU-Jonesboro campus, to complete the renovation of the Chickasaw Building and Delta Hall, to construct a Chilled Water Distribution Infrastructure, to construct Phase II of the Family Village project, and to construct a new 840-bed residence hall. ASU-Jonesboro will borrow these funds through a long-term bond issue and repay them over time.

**Background:**

- ASU-Jonesboro has several high priority projects for which it requires financing. The projects are as follows:
  - Acquire 30.83 undeveloped acres, and 40 platted lots with 36 rental units from the Arkansas State College Foundation;
  - Renovate the Chickasaw Building for Nursing and Health Professions once it is vacated by units that will be occupying space in the renovated Reng Center;
  - Renovate Delta Hall to reuse as an academic building or a residence hall;
  - Construct a Chilled Water Distribution Infrastructure;
  - Begin construction of the Phase II Family Village housing project; and
  - Begin construction of a new 840-bed residence hall.
  
- The estimates for each project are as follows:

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| ○ Land Acquisition                  | \$ 5.2 million      |
| ○ Renovate Chickasaw                | 1.0 million         |
| ○ Renovate Delta Hall               | 1.0 million         |
| ○ Chilled Water Infrastructure      | 2.0 million         |
| ○ Construct Phase II Family Village | 7.5 million         |
| ○ Construct 840-Bed Residence Hall  | <u>26.5 million</u> |
| ○ TOTAL                             | \$43.2 million      |
  
- The Arkansas State College Foundation (ASCF, or sometimes referred to as the Kays Foundation) owns certain property located adjacent to and north of the Jonesboro campus. The University has a separate Board agenda item on the December 19, 2003 agenda that requests Board approval to move forward with this strategically important acquisition. The estimate for acquisition is \$5.2 million.

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- The Chickasaw building currently houses several Student Affairs departments. All of them with the exception of the Testing Center will relocate into the new Student Union and the renovated Reng Student Services Center. This new project will provide the one-stop shopping vision that is part of the Arkansas State University-Jonesboro long-range strategic plan. Once the building is vacant, the renovation will begin to convert this space into classrooms and faculty offices for the College of Nursing and Health Professions. The estimate for renovation is \$1 million.
- Delta Hall is currently closed and vacant. The building was closed after a consultant's report indicated that mold had permeated the facility. The mold was produced primarily as a result of renovation work completed during the 1980s. The heating, ventilating, and air conditioning system (HVAC) was improperly installed and now allows moist air to circulate throughout the facility. This renovation will replace the HVAC and clean up the mold. The building may be used to house faculty offices or as an honors hall. The estimate for renovation and mold remediation is \$1 million.
- The Chilled Water Distribution Infrastructure project consists of a pair of pipes (most 12 inches in diameter) installed four to five feet underground. These pipes will interconnect as many of the chilled water systems within the existing buildings on campus as possible, with the exception of the six buildings located at the southeast and northeast corners of the campus. This interconnection will allow most of the chiller plants to remain in a standby mode while only the most efficient combination of machines is in use; thus saving energy costs and providing redundancy to most of the ASU-Jonesboro facilities. The estimate for construction is \$3.5 million; however, ASU-Jonesboro will only be pursuing \$2 million at this time.
- The Family Village Housing project Phase I was completed in October 2003. All of the units are occupied and all of the old temporary 30+ year-old trailers have left campus. When the original design was complete, ASU-Jonesboro provided for future expansion of the project should the demand dictate the need. The Family Village Phase II may now begin. It is estimated to take 12 to 18 months for construction, and will cost approximately \$7.5 million.

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- ASU-Jonesboro has a need to replace Twin Towers residence hall, a facility that is outdated and requires renovations that exceed its useful life. Estimates to repair HVAC systems, major plumbing systems, and elevators exceed \$10.5 million. ASU does not wish to invest this amount in a 35+ year-old facility (construction completed in 1968). If ASU invested these funds in Twin Towers, it would still be one of the least desirable living modes for ASU students; that is, small shared rooms with community showers and bathrooms at the end of the hall.

The estimate for this project is \$22.7 million for construction of the 840-bed residence hall plus \$3.8 million for capitalized interest for 2 ½ years for a total of \$26.5 million.

The facility would be built on 14 acres or less that ASU plans to acquire from the Arkansas State College Foundation. This location is well within the 10-minute walking distance of the new Student Union and ASU would not be required to build a cafeteria within the new residence hall space. This will allow students who use the new facility to take advantage of the meal plan available in the Student Union.

The bond issue would be sold for 30 years at a rate not to exceed 5.5%. ASU would like to sell the bonds as early in calendar year 2004 as possible to take advantage of the lowest interest rates in the tax-exempt debt market in some 45 years. The Federal Reserve Bank, through Alan Greenspan's recent testimony, has recently decided to leave the bank borrowing rate unchanged; however, they did indicate that there are signs of some economic recovery and this could signal a change in their interest rate philosophy by raising the rate at which the banks borrow funds from the Federal Reserve Bank. ASU would like to get the lowest interest rate possible in the market to keep the costs of the projects at their lowest level.

ASU-Jonesboro will need to hire a Bond Counsel and Bond Underwriter to structure, manage, and sell the long term bonds to finance these projects. ASU-Jonesboro will use Friday, Eldredge & Clark to act as Bond Counsel, and will select a firm to act as Underwriter for the System shortly before the Board meeting. The underwriter proposals are due December 5, 2003. The Underwriter will be chosen by the ASU-System as a result of responses to a Request for Qualifications. Several firms should respond, and ASU will pick the best qualified after conducting interviews with those firms that propose.

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- The estimated annual debt service for the issue, at 30 years, for no more than 5.5% interest is as follows:

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| ○ Land Acquisition \$5.2 million             | \$ | 357,800          |                  |
| ○ Chickasaw Renovation \$1.0 million         |    | 68,800           |                  |
| ○ Delta Hall Renovation \$1.0 million        |    | 68,800           |                  |
| ○ Chilled Water Infrastructure \$2.0 million |    | <u>137,600</u>   |                  |
| ○ Sub-Total E&G Issue                        |    |                  | 633,000          |
| ○ Family Village Phase II \$7.5 million      |    | 516,040          |                  |
| ○ New 840-Bed Residence Hall                 |    | <u>1,823,400</u> |                  |
| ○ Sub-Total Auxiliary Issue                  |    |                  | <u>2,339,440</u> |
| ○ TOTAL Annual Debt Service                  |    |                  | \$2,972,440      |
  
- The Land Acquisition, Delta Hall, Chilled Water Distribution Infrastructure, and Chickasaw Renovations are Educational and General (E&G) bond issues. The project's debt service would be repaid with E&G Sources. The Family Village Phase II project and the 840-bed residence hall would be funded with auxiliary bonds, and both meet the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) debt service test of 120% revenue compared to expense. The E&G bond issues meet the ADHE test of no more than 25% of E&G revenues that may be devoted to E&G bond issues.
  
- Both issues will need to be sent to ADHE for approval if the Board of Trustees approves these issues. The next regularly scheduled ADHE meeting is February 6, 2004.
  
- The Chair of the Board, the President of the University, and the Vice President for Finance and Administration are authorized to execute such writings and take such action as may be appropriate to cause the bonds to be issued, including without limitation, and with respect to each issue, the execution and delivery of a trust indenture or trust indentures, a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriter, a continuing disclosure agreement in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, and an Official Statement.
  
- All prior resolutions in conflict with this new issue debt are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
  
- The new bonds shall mature over a period not greater than thirty (30) years. Moreover, the Underwriters Discount shall not be more than 1.2% of the principal amount thereof.

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**Contact: Jennus Burton 910-8200**

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$43,200,000 for the purpose of permanent financing of future land acquisitions, renovation of the Chickasaw Building and Delta Hall, construction of a Chilled Water Distribution Infrastructure, to construct a new Family Village Phase II residence project, and to construct a new 840-bed residence hall. Furthermore, the ASU-System is authorized to engage the firm of Friday, Eldredge & Clark as bond counsel, and is authorized to enter into an agreement with the selected Underwriter.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Rick Stripling 870-972-2048

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to increase the fee for attending New Student Orientation sessions beginning May 2004. The parent fee will be \$35, a \$10 increase over the 2003 fee. The student fee will be \$50, a \$15 increase over the 2003 fee. Monies collected from this fee will be designated for and used exclusively to fund the increased operating costs for the two-day orientation sessions.

ISSUE: ASU-Jonesboro requests additional revenue sources to fund the expenses for conducting comprehensive two-day new student orientation sessions for entering freshmen and transfers, and their parents. All orientation sessions for 2004 will be two-day sessions, an increase from only two two-day sessions in 2003. Additional revenues are needed to assist in funding the ongoing operational costs for programming, lodging, meals, public relations materials, and peer counselor training and stipends.

BACKGROUND:

- In the summer of 2003, ASU-J modified the new student orientation program from one-day sessions to two-day sessions. These sessions have provided comprehensive services to entering students as well as a support mechanism for their parents. The students who attended and completed the two-day session were able to complete one hour of academic credit online.
- This format has placed ASU-J in a more competitive stance with other institutions to secure commitments from entering students. We have also had students change to on-campus living arrangements after attending the two-day sessions.

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- The positive feedback from parents and students, along with the ability to provide more comprehensive services, has led us to make all 2004 orientation sessions the two-day format. This change will result in additional costs to the program as more parents and students attend.
- Monies collected from this fee will be designated for and used exclusively to provide operating costs for two-day orientation sessions. The associated costs and attendance will provide one hour academic credit for the entering student and completion of online coursework. This credit would be applied toward graduation.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to issue a \$50 per student and \$35 per parent fee for attending two-day New Student Orientation sessions beginning May 2004.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (870-972-2030)

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ACTION ITEM: Promotion, retention and tenure (PRT) are awarded by the Board of Trustees acting through the president of the university; therefore, changes in the PRT policy must be approved by the ASU Board. Research and Academic Affairs request approval to implement the following PRT revisions effective with the 2004-2005 academic year.

ISSUE: The University Promotion, Retention and Tenure Committee and the vice chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs have reviewed the current PRT policy and support the following revisions:

- Change in Department PRT Committee Composition. Each department will maintain a standing committee on promotion, retention, and tenure. Departmental PRT committees will have a minimum of five tenured faculty members representing all areas within the department. Faculty of each department will elect the committee with committee members serving staggered three-year terms. If the department cannot form a committee of five, the department chair, after consultation with the faculty in their department, will select faculty from other departments in the college to make up the committee. The chair of the department may serve on the committee as a non-voting member.
- Comprehensive Pre-tenure Review. A Comprehensive Pre-Tenure Review will be completed in the third year of employment at ASU for all pre-tenure faculty regardless of rank. This review will require that all third-year pre-tenure faculty members submit documentation of performance in the areas of teaching, scholarly activities, and service using the tenure application format. The Department PRT Committee, the Department Chair, and the Dean will formally review this documentation and provide appropriate feedback to each third-year, pre-tenure faculty member regarding their progress toward tenure.
- Tenure Schedule. Persons initially given pre-tenure appointments as professors, associate professors, or assistant professors must be reviewed for tenure not later than the completion of their sixth year of service at Arkansas State University, and tenure must be granted for the seventh year of service at Arkansas State University. If the mandatory review results in a failure to gain tenure by completion of the sixth year of service, the seventh appointment will be a terminal appointment. Non-compensated leave time of a full semester or more will not count toward tenure.



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- Application for Early Tenure. Since it is unusual for a faculty member to amass a record of performance that reflects exemplary productivity in less time than the standard probationary period, accelerated tenure is rare. However, any faculty member has the right to submit an application seeking tenure during any application period in which they can clearly demonstrate meeting the performance criteria that would be expected during the mandatory review. If a faculty member fails to earn tenure in this accelerated review cycle, he/she may apply for tenure again only in the sixth year of the pre-tenure cycle.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to revise the Promotion, Retention and Tenure policy and implement changes for the 2004-2005 PRT review cycle.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Jennus L. Burton (870-910-8200)

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**Action Item:** Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval of a campus-wide Pet Policy.

**Background:**

ASU requests that a pet policy be implemented for the following reasons:

- A policy controlling pets promotes a more conducive environment for teaching and learning.
- Some people are afraid of animals. All of ASU's guests should feel safe and free from any intimidation or fear when visiting the campus.
- Some people are allergic to pets, more specifically fur-bearing animals. Many people are allergic to proteins found in dog saliva and the oil in dander that sheds along with fur (St. Bernard's Newsletter, Spring 2003).
- Pets make it impossible for ASU to encourage students, faculty and staff to make use of the green spaces on campus due to sanitation issues.
- Thus, ASU recommends that the Pet Policy shall be stated as follows:

"In the interest of promoting greater personal safety, a more healthful environment and increased maintenance efficiency in campus educational, administrative, and general-purpose buildings, and on the campus grounds surrounding these facilities, pets shall not be allowed inside buildings with the exceptions of service animals for people with disabilities; animals, fish, fowl or reptiles under control of, and used by academic departments for approved teaching and/or research purposes and those animals, fish, fowl or reptiles used in approved performances. Where exceptions apply, appropriate signage shall be posted. All pets on the grounds must be on a leash. Pet owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Unattended animals will be turned over to the city animal control officers.

Primary responsibility for implementing this policy shall rest with the following:

- Academic deans, department heads, and faculty for academic, academic support and research space assigned to their respective college and/or department;
- Directors and department heads for administrative and administrative support and research space assigned to their respective function;
- Personnel of the Department of Public Safety and/or the Facilities Management Department for unassigned space, general-purpose facilities and campus grounds.

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Uncooperative staff members will be referred to their respective department head, director, or administrator; students will be referred to the Judicial Board; and faculty members will be referred to their department head and/or the dean of their college for appropriate action.

This policy does not affect policies now in existence as published and enforced by auxiliary activities such as Residence Life, Residence Dining, and University Housing.”

Updated October 24, 2003

Recommendation/Resolution:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to implement the Control of Pets on Campus Policy as stated herein effective January 1, 2004.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (870-972-2030)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Food Technology effective August 2004.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve the offering of any new degree or any new option of an existing degree prior to submission to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND:

The Associate of Applied Science in Food Technology provides an understanding of the selection, preservation, processing, packaging, distribution and use of safe, nutritious and wholesome foods. Students will be able to integrate and apply food principles through the use of computer, laboratory, statistical and quality assurance techniques. Communication, organizational, information acquisition and interactions skills are also built into the curriculum. The program was designed with input from representatives of the following local food industries: Riceland Foods, Inc.; ConAgra Foods; Busch Agricultural Resources; and Nestlé USA. Input also was received from the Department of Food Science, University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. This program was designed to provide a quality curriculum that introduces students to the world of food technology and provides an educational foundation for upper division study in food science. As part of the curriculum, there is an opportunity for laboratory experiences at local food industries as well as student practicum work through student internships. Cooperation with the community agencies will support those endeavors.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Food Technology effective August 2004.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (870-972-2030)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to offer a Master of Public Administration Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice, effective August 2004.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve the offering of any new degree or any new option of an existing degree prior to submission to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND:

There is a need to provide professional training to criminal justice professionals in the Northeast Arkansas region to respond to criminal activity that is concomitant with the economic and population growth that is evident in this area of the country. In addition, changing needs of the law enforcement community have arisen due to post-terrorist activities associated with homeland security.

These needs, combined with the expertise offered by faculty at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro in criminal justice and public management provide the opportunity to develop lasting and mutually beneficial ties between ASU and the region's law enforcement community. We propose to establish a certificate in criminal justice that will serve the training needs of upper-echelon criminal justice professionals by providing both a free-standing certificate and a tracking module for the National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA) accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) program. This certificate program will serve as an indicator of the need for a Leadership Institute that will be built over time to capitalize upon regional needs and state and federal resources.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer the Master of Public Administration Graduate Certificate in Criminal Justice effective August 2004.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (870-972-2030)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biosciences, effective August 2004.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve the offering of any new degree or any new option of an existing degree prior to submission to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND:

Arkansas State University (ASU) is proposing an interdisciplinary Doctor of Philosophy degree program in Molecular Biosciences to begin in the fall of 2004. The Doctoral degree is required to support the Arkansas Biosciences Institute (ABI) and the students and faculty involved.

This proposal is an extension of a well-established need for broadly based and interdisciplinary technical training of graduate students to meet state, regional, and national needs in the coming years. The program is in direct support of the state ABI mandate and funding. It is a logical extension of faculty recruitment and increased focus on molecular bioscience at department and college levels. The university is continuing to expand its research and teaching capacities and is continuing to recruit and hire new faculty members in this area, primarily in the College of Agriculture, the College of Sciences and Mathematics, and the ABI Research Center. Taken together, the increased need for trained molecular and cell biologists in Arkansas and nationally has made it apparent that degree programs are required to foster interdepartmental and intercollege graduate student training and research. The proposed doctoral program in molecular biosciences at ASU will serve both state and student needs.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer the Doctor of Philosophy in Molecular Biosciences effective August 2004.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Contact: Ben Pickard (501) 882-8386**

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**ACTION ITEM:** Arkansas State University-Beebe requests the approval of the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act Compliance Policy for Arkansas State University-Beebe and all of its campuses and sites.

**ISSUE:** The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act (section 1601 of Public Law 106-386) is a federal law that provides for the tracking of convicted, registered sex offenders who are working, volunteering or enrolled as students at institutions of higher education.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act Compliance Policy for Arkansas State University-Beebe reads as follows:

*Arkansas State University-Beebe strives to provide a safe environment for its students, faculty, and staff. To increase the safety and welfare of the campus, Arkansas State University-Beebe seeks to provide timely and appropriate notification of the presence of registered sex offenders to the university community. This notification will be in accordance with current and applicable state laws and be in such a manner that increases safety without creating excessive anxiety among the campus constituencies.*

*Sexual offenders who are students, employees, or people who carry on a vocation with Arkansas State University-Beebe are required not only to register with local law enforcement agencies within the campus jurisdiction but also with the Campus Police Department. Pursuant to state and federal laws, Arkansas State University-Beebe is authorized to release information regarding sex offenders to the public when the release of the information is necessary for public protection.*

*Upon receiving notification of the presence of a sexual offender, the university is required to take necessary and appropriate steps under applicable state laws to inform members of the university community. Before notification, the Campus Police will make a reasonable attempt to contact appropriate agencies and personnel to obtain information to guide the notification process. Notification will be directed by the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, or designee and based on risk assessment information provided by the State.*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Contact: Ben Pickard (501) 882-8386**

*Level I*

*(Low Risk) Individual with no prior history of sexually acting out, and no strong antisocial tendencies, sexual compulsions or psychological factors impairing judgment.*

*Level II*

*(Moderate Risk) Individuals with limited or circumscribed prior history of sexual acting out, possess some antisocial personality characteristics, predatory tendencies, or deviant sexual interest or behavior patterns that increase the general level of risk these offenders pose. They may have mild or well-controlled mental disorders, and/or developmental disabilities.*

*Level III*

*(High Risk) Individuals usually have histories of repeat sexual offending, and/or strong antisocial, violent or predatory personality traits. Sexual compulsions are likely to be present, but may be kept under control when relapse prevention plans are followed and treatment is continued. The offense patterns of these individuals reflect a relatively high probability of re-offense and/or a risk of substantial injury to victims should re-offense occur.*

*Level IV*

*(Sexually Violent Predator) These are individuals with impaired judgment or control who have sexual or violent compulsions that they lack the ability to control. This may be due to pedophilia or other disorder of sexual attraction, mental illness or personality disorder that distorts thinking, interferes with behavioral control, and predisposes the person to acts of predatory sexual violence.*

*The Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act designates certain information concerning a registered sex offender as public information and therefore amends and supercedes the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and other federal and state laws that previously prohibited the disclosure of such personal information. Information regarding registered sex offenders is not subject to release under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).*



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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*The Campus Police Department will maintain records on all registered sex offenders covered under this policy. In the case of a university employee, the Director of Human Resources, or designee, will work in conjunction with the Campus Police Department and the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs regarding notification efforts.*

*The Federal Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act requires institutions of higher education to advise the campus community where information concerning registered sex offenders may be obtained. Information regarding any and all registered sex offenders on the campus of Arkansas State University-Beebe may be obtained from the following department:*

*Arkansas State University-Beebe  
Campus Police  
P. O. Box 1000  
Beebe, AR 72012-1000  
(501) 882-8251  
[www.asub.edu](http://www.asub.edu)*

*The degree centers operated by ASU-Beebe at Heber Springs, Little Rock Air Force Base, and Searcy do not have Campus Police Departments. Local law enforcement agencies are responsible for notifying members of those university communities of the presence of registered sex offenders. Information regarding any and all registered sex offenders on the campus of Arkansas State University-Beebe at Heber Springs, Searcy, and the Little Rock Air Force Base may be obtained from the following departments:*

**ASU-HEBER SPRINGS:**

*Cleburne County Sheriff's Office  
2900 S. Woodrow  
Heber Springs, AR 72543  
(501) 362-8143*

**ASU-LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE:**

*Pulaski County Sheriff's Department  
411 N. Spruce  
Little Rock, AR 72204  
(501) 340-6600*

**ASU-Searcy:**

*White County Sheriff's Office  
411 N. Spruce  
Searcy, AR 72143  
(501) 279-6232*

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Contact: Ben Pickard (501) 882-8386**

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**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Beebe be authorized to implement the Campus Sex Crimes Prevention Act Compliance Policy for Arkansas State University-Beebe effective August 2003.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Larry Williams 870-512-7851

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) requests approval to offer the Technical Certificate program in High-Voltage Lineman Technology, with an option for the completion of the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology.

ISSUE: The State of Arkansas does not have a collegiate level High-Voltage Lineman Program. Arkansas State University-Newport in conjunction with the Electrical Cooperatives of Arkansas has designed and entered into a statewide agreement to provide a quality High-Voltage Lineman Technology Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Technical Certificate in High-Voltage Lineman Technology is a unique program. It will enable ASUN to provide students a program of study that will fulfill a unique career goal. The program will consist of 36 semester credit hours, which includes 12 hours in general education and 24 hours in the major technical discipline. Each of the seventeen Electrical Cooperatives of Arkansas members has committed to fund a full one-year scholarship student from each of their respective areas.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Newport be allowed to offer the Technical Certificate in High-Voltage Lineman Technology (CIP 46.0303) effective fall 2004.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution for the recognition of significant contributions  
to Arkansas State University

by

Charlotte Pugh Cooper (ASU, 1964) and Darrell H. Cooper (ASU, 1964)

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has retained to itself the authority to name facilities of the University in honor of individuals who have significantly distinguished themselves through service and support to the nation, the state, the community, or to the University; and

**WHEREAS**, Charlotte Pugh Cooper and Darrell H. Cooper have made significant contributions to Arkansas State University for the construction of an Alumni Center of a magnitude worthy of special and lasting recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, that the Alumni Center on the Jonesboro Campus shall be named and henceforth known as

**Cooper Alumni Center**

**DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2003

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Leslie Wyatt, President

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

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Mike Medlock, Vice Chair

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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Richard Bell, Member

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Dallas Wood, Member

# ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## RESOLUTION

A Resolution for the recognition of significant contributions  
to Arkansas State University-Beebe

by  
Billy and Brenda Shurley

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has retained to itself the authority to name facilities of the University in honor of individuals who have significantly distinguished themselves through service and support to the nation, the state, the community, or to the University; and

**WHEREAS**, Billy and Brenda Shurley have made significant contributions to Arkansas State University-Beebe for the construction of a Greenhouse of a magnitude worthy of special and lasting recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, that the Greenhouse on the Beebe Campus shall be named and henceforth known as

### The Shurley Greenhouse

**DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2003

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Leslie Wyatt, President

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

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Mike Medlock, Vice Chair

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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Richard Bell, Member

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Dallas Wood, Member



**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**RESOLUTION**

A Resolution for the recognition of significant contributions  
to Arkansas State University-Mountain Home  
by  
Dr. Fran Coulter

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has retained to itself the authority to name facilities of the University in honor of individuals who have significantly distinguished themselves through service and support to the nation, the state, the community, or to the University; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fran Coulter had a successful academic career as a professor of history at Ouachita Baptist University and Arkansas State University-Mountain Home; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fran Coulter was the recipient of a Fulbright Award and two National Endowment for the Arts summer stipends; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fran Coulter served our state on the Arkansas Humanities Commission and served as a board member of the *Arkansas Baptist News* magazine; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fran Coulter was one of the founding division chairpersons at Arkansas State University-Mountain Home and helped establish there the academic programs, policies, and standards of a new institution; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Fran Coulter and her fellow division chairs, Dr. Rebecca Baird and Dr. Steve Johnson, established the Honors program at Arkansas State University-Mountain Home; and

**WHEREAS**, the division chairs and community leaders have made petitions to support this resolution; and

**WHEREAS**, a permanent endowment has been created to perpetuate this resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, the establishment of the Fran Coulter Honors Program at Arkansas State University-Mountain Home with the sincere hope that her spirit, her vision, and her pursuit of academic excellence will always be a part of this program.

**DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2003.

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Leslie Wyatt, President

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

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Mike Medlock, Vice Chair

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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Richard Bell, Member

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Dallas Wood, Member

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Larry Williams (870-512-7851)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) requests approval to name the respective conference rooms, meeting rooms, dining areas, student life areas, and student dining areas to be located in the Student Community Center. In addition, ASUN requests approval to name the auditorium located in the Center for the Arts.

ISSUE: Arkansas State University-Newport has solicited private contributions associated with naming opportunities located in respective facilities. The levels of contributions associated with the naming opportunities along with the donor and level of commitment are attached.

BACKGROUND:

Arkansas State University-Newport is striving to acquire private contributions equal to the revenue projected necessary to furnish the Student Community Center, assist with landscaping expenses, and obtain endowments for existing facilities.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Newport be authorized to name the designated areas for their respective donors based on the receipt of the contributions and/or pledges indicated.

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair



**Arkansas State University-Newport  
Room Naming Opportunities**

**Student/Community Center**

|     | <b>Room/Area</b>          | <b>Donation Level</b>   |
|-----|---------------------------|---|
| 1.  | Student Dining Area       | \$ 150,000 – Medallion Foods, Inc.                            |
| 2.  | Foyer/Commons Area        | \$ 150,000 –  |
| 3.  | Banquet Meeting Room      | \$ 75,000 - Merchants & Planters Bank                         |
| 4.  | Banquet Meeting Room      | \$ 75,000 – Preferred Choice Financial and Insurance Services |
| 5.  | Banquet Meeting Room      | \$ 50,000 – Newport Economic Development Commission           |
| 6.  | Conference Meeting Room A | \$ 50,000 – Arkansas Steel Associates                         |
| 7.  | Conference Meeting Room B | \$ 50,000 – Arkansas Steel Associates                         |
| 8.  | Conference Meeting Room C | \$ 50,000 – Arkansas Steel Associates                         |
| 9.  | Student Lounge            | \$ 50,000 – NEA Higher Education Charitable Foundation        |
| 10. | Kitchen/Serving Area      | \$ 50,000 – Jackson County Economic Development Commissions   |

**Center for the Arts**

| <b>Room/Area</b> | <b>Donation Level</b>  |
|------------------|--|
| Auditorium       | \$500,000 – Total<br>\$250,000 – Construction<br>\$250,000 – Endowment for facility maintenance and programming<br>Donated by Walton Family Foundation<br>In honor of: Lindley and Kaneaster Hodges, Jr. |

# ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES RESOLUTION

## A RESOLUTION HONORING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF JOHN PAUL HAMMERSCHMIDT TO ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Congressman John Paul Hammerschmidt of Harrison, Arkansas, was appointed to the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees in January 1999 by Governor Mike Huckabee; and,

WHEREAS, John Paul Hammerschmidt served the Board of Trustees as its Secretary, Vice Chair; and Chair; and,

WHEREAS, when accepting the appointment to the Board of Trustees, Mr. Hammerschmidt brought forward vast experience in public and professional service; and,

WHEREAS, John Paul Hammerschmidt helped lead the university through a period of unparalleled growth and statewide recognition and achievement, including:

- P Approval of merger of Delta Technical Institute and Foothills Technical Institute into Arkansas State University
- P Embarked on ambitious facilities development and improvement plan for a viable university, which included the construction of the new Student Union, Reng Center renovation, Parking Garage, Soccer Field, Equine Center, Collegiate Park, expansion of Athletic (Football) Complex, Health Physical Education and Sports Sciences/Athletic Track Field, Family Student Housing; Student Health Center; and Paragould campus for ASU-Jonesboro; Technology Building at Beebe; Center for the Arts at Newport; Services Centers on the Beebe and Newport campuses; Campus Site Established at Heber Springs
- P Designation of the Arkansas State University System to encourage a seamless student experience among the campuses and learning sites
- P Developed new Missions for ASU-Jonesboro, Beebe, Newport, Mountain Home, and Heber Springs
- P Graduated first students with Baccalaureate degrees from Beebe
- P Approval of Plans for the Construction of a BioSciences Research Building on the Jonesboro campus
- P Approval from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education for ASU Newport to seek independent status and accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools
- P Completion and dedication of the Mountain Home campus
- P Developed new PhD program in Heritage Studies at ASU-Jonesboro

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure and guardianship, he consistently provided responsible and mature leadership, helping to guide the university's continuing development with his persevering dedication and loyalty to serving his state.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University that this resolution, recognizing the countless contributions of John Paul Hammerschmidt to Arkansas State University, is hereby adopted in deep gratitude for his legacy of wise and generous counsel and untiring efforts on behalf of the university, its students, faculty, staff, and friends.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December 2003.

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Dallas Wood, Member

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Richard Bell, Member

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Florine Tousant Milligan, Secretary

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Mike Medlock, Vice Chair

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Leslie Wyatt, President