

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Trustees**  
**May 9, 2003**

The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees met on Friday, May 9, 2003, in the 8<sup>th</sup> floor boardroom of the Dean B. Ellis Library by teleconference call. Mr. John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A roll call confirmed the physical presence of board members, Mr. Mike Medlock, Vice Chair; and, Ms. Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary. The roll call also confirmed the following joining by telephone: Colonel Dallas Wood, Trustee; Mr. Richard Bell, Trustee; Dr. Eugene McKay, Chancellor, ASU-Beebe; Dr. Ed Coulter, Chancellor, ASU-Mountain Home; and Dr. Larry Williams, Chancellor, ASU-Newport. President Leslie Wyatt; members of the ASU faculty, staff, students; and local media attended.

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

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Bell, the minutes of March 14, 2003, were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt then proceeded to the Consent Agenda items. He stated that Dr. Wyatt had reviewed the resolutions with each board member, individually, prior to the board meeting and questions were answered and explanations given at that time.

The Consent Agenda was presented as follows:

- < Resolution 03-17, Establishing All Legislative Authorized Provisional Positions.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-17 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-18, Approving the Amendment of a Previous Resolution (Short-term Loan - Student Union) and the Documents Entered into Pursuant to It.

Dr. Wyatt explained that this resolution would give authority to the Jonesboro campus to borrow money to support the completion and furnishing of the Student Union facility. It is uncertain about the amount of money that will be needed because a request has been made to the General Assembly for assistance in this effort. The General Assembly remains in session, but Dr. Wyatt stated that he is confident that a budget will be forthcoming by the weekend. If the Legislature is able to provide some support, it will enable the university to determine the amount of money needed to finish the project. The sum is not yet known, but it will be impacted by the amount the Legislature will provide.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 03-18 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-19, Approving Summer 2003 Private Camp Agreements.

Dr. Wyatt commented that approval of this resolution gives consent by the board for private business to be conducted on the Jonesboro campus for the specific financial

benefit of an employee of the university.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-19 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

< Resolution 03-20, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Program, Master of Arts in Biological Sciences was the next item for consideration.

Dr. Wyatt said this was the first of several proposals to follow that deal with new programs or the modification of titles. He commented the university has an extraordinary and strong program in biology, and it is considered to be one of the university=s top-flight academic programs. This action will permit the Jonesboro campus to formally organize, recognize, and award the Master of Arts in Biological Sciences.

Upon motion by Ms. Bingham, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-20 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

< Resolution 03-21, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Program, Master of Science in Education - Educational Theory and Practice.

Dr. Wyatt explained that this resolution was similar in nature to the previous one. He added that board approval will enable the university to forward these proposals to the

Department of Higher Education for their approval and consent.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Ms. Bingham, Resolution 03-21 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-22, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Change the Name of the Honors Program to the Honors College.

Dr. Wyatt said the change of title would allow a more formal recognition of the students and the program itself. With the concept of an Honors College, there is a prospect for development of a residential college. This change is similar to the national trend to identify honors= activities on university campuses under a collegiate banner.

Upon motion by Ms. Bingham, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-22 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-23, Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Change the Name of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work to the Bachelor of Social Work.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 03-23 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-24, Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Change the Name of the Master of Science in Education-Counselor Education to the Master of Science in Education-School Counseling.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Bingham, Resolution 03-24 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-25, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Emphasis, Special Education Program Administration, in the Ed.S. Educational Leadership Program.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-25 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-26, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Minor in Leadership Studies.

Upon motion by Ms. Bingham, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 03-26 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-27, Approving ASU-Beebe Revised Mission Statement.

Dr. Wyatt explained that this is an effort to recognize the new inclusion of the former Foothills Technical College in Searcy, which is now a part of the ASU System and will be named ASU-Searcy. The merger will become effective July 1, 2003. The Beebe campus mission statement will need to be expanded to reflect the addition of this entity. He then deferred to Dr. Eugene McKay, Chancellor of ASU-Beebe, for his comments. Dr. McKay stated that all the steps have been taken to complete this merger, including the focus visit from the North Central Association's Higher Learning Commission, who will recommend approval of the merger, with a follow-up focus visit in 2005-06 to assure that the two cultures have merged successfully. He does not anticipate any problems as ASU-Beebe has worked with Foothills Technical College for a number of years, and have maintained a good working relationship. He indicated that incorporation into the Beebe mission statement is the final step.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Bingham, Resolution 03-27 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-28, Authorizing ASU-Mountain Home to Offer the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Information Systems Technology with an Emphasis in Office Specialist.

Dr. Pat Bailey, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at ASU-Mountain Home, explained that in the past an Office Administration degree had been offered. After some research, it was decided that to better serve the workforce an information technology

degree was needed. Currently there are four emphases with this being the fifth emphasis.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-28 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-29, Approving ASU-Newport to Offer the Associate of Applied Science Degree Program in General Technology.

Dr. Larry Williams, Chancellor of ASU-Newport, said this would be an expansion of the opportunities available to students through this degree. This would afford students in the various certificate, technical, and business offerings an avenue to complete an associate degree under an umbrella type program.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Ms. Bingham, Resolution 03-29 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

- < Resolution 03-30, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Name the New Student Union Building and Its Indoor and Outdoor Spaces.

Dr. Wyatt said that the Student Union will be partially complete and ready for occupancy at the beginning of the fall term, with full completion at some point during the fall term. Once that project is completed, renovation will begin on the Carl R. Reng Center. It is now time to identify those spaces to eliminate confusion this fall. Dr. Wyatt stressed that students have been involved in every aspect of the planning and development of the Student Union, and were instrumental in selecting names for the various spaces.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Ms. Bingham, Resolution 03-30 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Dr. Wyatt added, parenthetically, that some of the names of rooms and spaces will be transferred from the Reng Center to the Student Union. He noted that a number of names being transferred are identified with Native American names. One example is the Wigwam. Although the location has changed a number of times, the Wigwam has been a part of the university for 70 years. Dr. Wyatt hopes to continue with this historical designation. He then addressed members of the Faculty Senate who were present at the board meeting. He indicated that he had been given a resolution by the Faculty Senate that Arkansas State University cease its association with Native American names and images. Dr. Wyatt said he elected not to forward the resolution to the board because there is considerable sentiment for use of [The Indians](#) for ASU. Many constituents from inside and outside the state and the institution have expressed their support. Because of this, Dr. Wyatt said the university, with recognition of these rooms in the Student Union, will continue the tradition of using Native American images for naming purposes, and will do so with the utmost respect. While Dr. Wyatt acknowledged he respected the Faculty Senate's sentiments on the issue, he feels the university can handle this matter responsibly.

Speaking with the consensus of the board, Mr. Medlock, Vice Chair of the Board, said that the following comments were in general and were prepared for the benefit of multiple stakeholders-primarily alumni and students who were concerned. He read, [We](#), the



trustees, have received overwhelming commentary and support of our mascot name, ► The Indians.► These comments have come from within the university and across the state. Our 70-year tradition as ► The Indians► is a source of pride and distinction for former students and many now associated with the ASU campuses. The trustees urge that the use of ► The Indians► name be responsible and dignified and for the university to continue to develop educational programs which honor and acknowledge Native American heritage. With respect to the Senate resolution, the trustees are hopeful that this issue not become divisive within the university. The trustees agreed that the use of the name ► Indians► is a closed issue, and we proudly accept this name in association of ASU. We do hope this matter is closed to further discussion.@ In conclusion, Mr. Medlock thanked Dr. Wyatt for his judgment in withholding this resolution.

< Resolution 03-31, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Name the New Family Apartment Complex, and to Name the Individual Buildings Within the Complex.

Dr. Wyatt said that over the past 50 years or so, almost everyone has seen a large concentration of mobile homes on the southeast corner of the campus. The university has worked very hard to dispose of the trailers and build more suitable housing for the students. This spring the first series of married student housing has opened. The remainder of the first phase of the apartment complex will be completed this fall, and it is appropriate that the new apartment area and the buildings within it be named. That area of campus has been called the Indian Village for some time, and it is proposed that the new facilities be called the Indian Village Apartments. It is noted that each individual building be named as indicated on the resolution. The 14 or so names are drawn from North American family of trees. These names have been considered and approved by student advisory groups. Dr. Wyatt also mentioned that these names are in alphabetical order and will be used in that

order to give approximate direction to the individual apartment buildings within the complex.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Ms. Bingham, Resolution 03-31 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

< Resolution 03-32, Authorizing Naming of the Student Health Facility at ASU-Jonesboro.

The university will lease facilities within the St. Bernards Health Clinic, which is currently under construction on the Jonesboro campus. The new space within the facility will be identified as Arkansas State University- or ASU-Student Health Center.

Upon motion by Ms. Bingham, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 03-32 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

< Resolution 03-33, Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Change the Name of Wilson Student Health Center to Wilson Advising Center.

Dr. Wyatt explained that with the relocation of the Health Center, the space within the Wilson building be renamed the Wilson Advising Center. The location is centrally located where new and continuing students could be given academic advising and general

information. He stated that the university would like to continue to honor the Wilson name in association with the facility. Dr. Wyatt said he had spoken with Mr. Mike Wilson about the possibility of changing the function of the facility from a health center to an advising center, and Mr. Wilson speaking on behalf for the Wilson family gave his approval. Mr. Wilson expressed his gratitude to the board for the continued recognition of the Wilson family name, and particularly Robert E. Lee Wilson, and his association with the board as a trustee.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 03-33 was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

With no further comments or questions, Mr. Hammerschmidt stated that the board would recess for Executive Session and reconvene to vote on any personnel items discussed during that time.

Dr. Wyatt asked that the chancellors be accessible by telephone for personnel items relating to their respective campuses.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, the board recessed into Executive Session at 10:38 a.m.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt reconvened the board at 11:16 a.m.

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

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, the non-academic appointments for the Jonesboro campus were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, the reassignments of duty for the Jonesboro campus was approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, promotions for the Jonesboro campus were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Ms. Bingham, tenure recommendations for

the Jonesboro campus were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, tenure recommendations for the Newport campus were approved.

Ayes: Hammerschmidt, Medlock, Bingham, Wood, Bell

Nays: None

Mr. Hammerschmidt asked if there was any further business. Dr. Wyatt commented that May was typically the month to consider budgets for all the campuses. However, due to the fact that the Legislature has run longer than anticipated in appropriating money, it will be necessary to have a later meeting of the board to consider budgets. The process of developing the budget has not been started because it must first be known the amount of money that will be received from the state. Dr. Wyatt is optimistic that actions of the Joint Budget Committee today will close the budget and final approval of the budget and appropriations will be received by Saturday. All of the appropriation bills for each of the campuses have been approved by the Governor and were signed on May 8. This indicates that if the revenue is assured, there is authorization to spend that money at the beginning of the fiscal year.

Dr. Wyatt said that the money distributed by the state would then need to be organized by each of the campuses for budget purposes. He recommended the board meet on June 6

to consider those budgets. He polled the chancellors and board members and the majority were in agreement to meet on the date suggested. Dr. Wyatt indicated that he will follow the same routine of circulation and visitation to the board with the budget information for their review and discussion the week prior to the board meeting on June 6. He concluded by saying his biggest concern at the campus level is to let faculty and staff know of their appointments for the coming year and the salaries attached to those appointments.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, the board adjourned at 11:24 a.m.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

Arkansas State University  
Board of Trustees  
May 9, 2003  
Resolution 03-17

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus Burton 870-910-8200

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University System requests the establishment of the maximum number of provisional positions for all campuses.

ISSUE: We have received authority from the Office of Personnel Management with advice from the Personnel Committee of the

Legislative Council to establish all provisional positions for the biennium 2003-2005.

BACKGROUND:

As the university continues to receive monies from grants, contracts, and other non-appropriated sources, we have found it necessary to expedite the process of approval for provisional positions. Since it takes Board approval to establish provisional positions and the Board only meets four times a year, the university received approval from the Office of Personnel Management who sought advice from the Legislative Council to allow the ASU Board of Trustees to authorize the establishment of all provisional positions on all campuses of Arkansas State University. The Board approved this request during the last biennium and we are again asking that it be approved for the upcoming biennium. This approval has allowed the ASU Department of Human Resources on all campuses to respond immediately to the university's provisional position requests.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System be approved to establish all legislative authorized provisional positions.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

Arkansas State University  
Board of Trustees  
May 9, 2003  
Resolution 03-18

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus L. Burton (910-8200)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests Board approval to amend a previous resolution and the documents entered into pursuant to it.

ISSUE:

In order to finance the cost of completion and furnishing of the Student Union Building and the Reng Student Services Building, the University seeks permission to utilize a line of credit previously approved by the Board of Trustees.

BACKGROUND:

- ⊘ The Board of Trustees approved, by its Resolution 02-01 of March 8, 2002, the utilization of a line of credit for the financing of the acquisition of certain tracts of land, as set forth

therein, and the execution of the various documents for the issuance and security of the notes that might be issued to implement that undertaking.

- ⌘ The Board of Trustees approved by its Resolution 02-40 of December 13, 2002, the short-term borrowing of up to \$2,000,000 for the purpose of completing and furnishing the Student Union Building and the Reng Student Services Building.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- ⌘ The line of credit approved by way of the March 8, 2002 Resolution provides an efficient means for the financing of the purposes approved by the Board on December 13, 2002.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that (1) Resolution 02-01 of March 8, 2002 is amended to provide that, in addition to the purposes authorized by it, notes may be issued pursuant to it for the purposes set forth and approved in Resolution 02-40 of December 13, 2002 and (2) the Chair and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, and the President of the University, are authorized to execute and deliver such documents as may be appropriate to amend the documents executed and delivered pursuant to Resolution 02-01 of March 8, 2002 and to confirm the undertakings set forth therein and the pledge of student fee revenues to secure the notes issued thereunder and to carry out the purposes of this Resolution.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus Burton 910-8200

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU) requests approval of summer 2003 private athletic camp agreements.

ISSUE: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro wishes to contract with certain athletic personnel to conduct various private athletic camps on the ASU-Jonesboro campus. These camps are designed to bring future students to Arkansas State University due to their exposure to its facilities and personnel while engaged in program activities. Additionally, funds are generated and paid to ASU to cover the use of its facilities and auxiliary services.

BACKGROUND:

- Act 707 of 1981 entitled AN ACT TO SAFEGUARD THE STATE'S INTEREST IN INSTITUTION-OWNED FACILITIES; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES,@ empowers the Boards of Trustees of the state institutions of higher learning to grant permission to employees of such institutions to conduct, on and in campus facilities, certain outside work for private compensation (as described in the Act) which are to be engaged in only after they have discharged fully, their employment responsibilities to such institutions.
- The Act grants the Board the non-delegable duty to make express findings of fact as follows:
  - the activity in question involves no conflict of interest with the mission and purpose of the institution itself;
  - the activity proposed would bring to the campus a significant number of persons who are potentially future students who might tend to enroll on that campus as a result of their exposure to its facilities and its personnel while engaged in this activity; and
  - the contemplated activity will, as a part thereof, generate funds to be paid to the state institution for housing, meals, and for the use of other institutional resources which will produce significant revenues in support of the auxiliary functions of the particular campus serving its enrolled students.
- The following contracts comply with Act 707 of 1981.
- The 2003 contracts are with the following individuals:  
Brian Boyer (Head Women's Basketball Coach)  
June 19~~B~~28, 2003; July 6 ~~B~~ 9, 2003

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus Burton 910-8200

Craig Cummings (Head Volleyball Coach)  
July 15 B 17, 2003; July 23 B 25, 2003

Keith Kessinger (Head Baseball Coach)  
June 2 B 5, 2003; June 9 - 13, 2003; June 16 - 20, 2003

Dickey Nutt (Head Men=s Basketball Coach)  
July 11 B 14, 2003; July 27 B July 31, 2003

Steve Roberts (Head Football Coach)  
June 12 B 14, 2003

Marcia Williams (Women=s Tennis Coach)  
June 9 B 12, 2003

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is, authorized to enter into the agreements submitted, for the purpose of allowing certain athletic personnel to conduct private athletic camps on and in Arkansas State University-Jonesboro campus facilities.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

CONTACT: Dr.Susan Allen 870-972-2030

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to offer a new program, Master of Arts in Biological Sciences, beginning August 2003.

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 Department of Biological Sciences at Arkansas State University is dedicated to preparing researchers, educators, and professionals. The Department has a full-time faculty of 18 and serves approximately 500 majors within the Biological Sciences and Wildlife Ecology and Management majors. The Department currently offers a BS degree in Biological Sciences with five different emphases, a BS in Wildlife Ecology and Management, BSE in General Science: Biology emphasis, a MS in Biological Sciences, and a MSE with a major in Biology. Additionally, many faculty members are central to the interdisciplinary Ph.D. program in Environmental Sciences.

This proposal requests delivery of the Master of Arts in Biological Sciences. The Department has identified three primary target groups: those involved in science education; pre-professional graduates; and those employed in science-related industry. Post-graduate career objectives of the target groups would be served by offering an alternative MA degree program that does not require successful completion of original experiment-based research. This degree would be a content-based degree with scholarly research and/or practicum in a particular field of study as the capstone experience. The curriculum will include 30 academic credits, 3 MA practicum (new course) credits, and an appropriate course outside of the program of study.

Faculty who teach the MA curriculum and tool courses are within the College of Arts and Sciences and other Colleges within the ASU system. No additional faculty/administrators will be required. Library resources are sufficient.

The department has adequate courses for this degreed program with the exception of a course to cover the scholarly product that would be the end-point of this degree. The course would fall in the BIOL category at the 6000 level and be called MA Practicum for 3 credit hours. This class will be developed upon acceptance of this degreed program.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer a new program, Master of Arts in Biological Sciences, beginning August 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to offer a new program, Master of Science in Education-Educational Theory and Practice, effective August 2003.

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 MSE in Educational Theory and Practice offers practitioners an opportunity to improve their general understanding of curriculum theory and current practices and to increase their professionalism and competency in a variety of current educational issues. The program also allows them to increase their knowledge in their specific fields/disciplines by offering a number of elective courses.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer a new program, Master of Science in Education-Educational Theory and Practice, effective August 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

Arkansas State University  
Board of Trustees  
May 9, 2003  
Resolution 03-22  
Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 972-2030

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to change the Honors Program to the Honors College.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve major changes in academic programs.

BACKGROUND:

The ASU-J Honors Program offers special opportunities for exceptionally qualified students to develop their skills and knowledge and to become active, creative scholars. The program has been successful in recruiting some of the region's most talented students. However, the competition for honors students is becoming more competitive as the prestige of honors programs grows. In order for ASU-J to continue to be competitive, structuring of the current program to more closely follow the national and regional trends of honors programs is imperative. Designating the Honors Program as an Honors College gives it more visibility and strengthens its identity.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to change the current Honors Program to the Honors College effective January 1, 2004.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

Arkansas State University  
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May 9, 2003  
Resolution 03-23

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-2030

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to change the name of the degree, Bachelor of Arts in Social Work to the Bachelor of Social Work effective July 2003.

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:

This change is in name only, the curriculum will remain the same, and coincides with the Department of Social Work moving to the College of Nursing and Health Professions.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to change the name of the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work to the Bachelor of Social Work effective July 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

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Resolution 03-24

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-2030

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to change the name of

the degree, Master of Science in Education - Counselor Education to the Master of Science in Education - School Counseling effective July 2003.

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:

This name change is consistent with Arkansas Department of Education licensure and school counseling preparation language nationwide.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to change the name of the Master of Science in Education - Counselor Education to the Master of Science in Education - School Counseling effective July 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

Arkansas State University  
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Resolution 03-25

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-2030

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to offer a new emphasis, Special Education Program Administration, in the Ed.S. Educational

Leadership program effective July 2003.

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:

This emphasis is designed to prepare special education leaders through extensive coursework in the areas of special education, educational leadership, special education law, and administration of special education programs. Graduates of this program will demonstrate the ability to provide leadership to schools through a strong knowledge base of family and child-centered issues and aspects of legal compliance in regard to special education.

The coursework designed for this emphasis has been articulated from standards set forth by the Council of Exceptional Children, Interstate School Leadership Licensure Consortium, and The Educational Leadership Constituency Council.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer a new emphasis, Special Education Program Administration, in the Ed.S. Educational Leadership program effective July 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair  
Arkansas State University  
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Resolution 03-26

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-2030

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro requests approval to offer a new minor in Leadership Studies beginning fall 2003.

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 Division of Student Affairs and University College would like to propose an interdisciplinary minor in leadership studies, using courses already in the ASU curriculum. The minor is designed for students in any major of the University wanting to supplement their program with studies and practice in leadership development. The goal is to prepare students for leadership roles and the responsibilities on-campus and in career, community and family roles. The curriculum focuses on expanding students' knowledge, skills and understanding for specific leadership theories, concepts, models, and modern leadership issues in applied settings.

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RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer the minor in Leadership Studies beginning Fall 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

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Contact: Dr. Eugene McKay, 501-882-8356

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM:

Arkansas State University-Beebe requests approval of their revised mission statement.

ISSUE:

ASU-Beebe is revising its mission statement to incorporate changes to include the elements resulting from the merger of Foothills Technical Institute with ASU-Beebe.

BACKGROUND:

Historically, Arkansas State University-Beebe and Foothills Technical Institute in Searcy have cooperated to serve their constituents in their overlapping service areas. Recently the two institutions have merged into one institution with two campuses that together can better serve the common service area.

According to the General Institutional Requirements (GIR) for the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, "A mission statement defines the basic character of an institution, including a brief description of its primary educational program (s) and their purposes, the students for which they are intended, the geographical area served by the institution (or the particular constituency it serves), and an account of how the institution fits within the broader higher education community. Because the Commission's affiliation with an institution testifies to the appropriateness of its activities as well as to their quality, it is necessary that the institution's mission statement be adopted formally by the institution's governing board and be made available to the public at large, particularly to prospective students."

Since the necessary approvals by the governing boards have been granted and the Arkansas General Assembly has approved the merger with the implementation of ACT 359 of 2003, the revised mission statement of ASU-Beebe as an operationally separate institution of the Arkansas State University System with multiple campuses should be approved as follows:

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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*Arkansas State University-Beebe is a public, open access, operationally separate institution of the Arkansas State University System. The major purpose of this institution is to provide affordable, comprehensive, and high quality instruction and service programs. University transfer and technical programs are available to students at the associate degree and certificate levels. In addition to the Beebe campus, instruction is also available at education centers at ASU-Searcy, ASU-Heber Springs, Little Rock Air Force Base, and through other off-campus locations. Instructional programs beyond the associate degree are available on the Beebe campus from ASU-Jonesboro.*

*An open admission policy encourages the enrollment of both traditional and nontraditional students. The institution recognizes the uniqueness of each student and provides support programs designed to assist students in determining and achieving their educational, personal, and occupational goals. By providing comprehensive training and technical support for business and industry, the institution contributes to the economic development of Arkansas. Cultural enrichment activities are provided to enhance the quality of life for the citizens of the local communities.*

## RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the revised mission statement for Arkansas State University-Beebe is approved.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Mountain Home requests the authority to offer the Associate of Applied Science degree in Information Systems Technology with an emphasis in Office Specialist beginning August 2003.

ISSUE: The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees must approve all new Academic degree program emphasis before they can be submitted to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

BACKGROUND:

The Associate of Applied Science degree in Information Systems Technology with an emphasis in Office Specialist is a 60-semester credit hour program. The Office Specialist core requirement is 24-semester credit hours.

This program is designed to meet the increasing demands of information workers. It is estimated that 1.6 million jobs will require information technology related experiences this year. Over one-half of these jobs will go unfilled due to a shortage in qualified workers.

RECOMMENDATION / RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Mountain Home is authorized to offer the Associate of Applied Science degree in Information System Technology with an emphasis in Office Specialist beginning August 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, Secretary

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John Paul Hammerschmidt, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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**ACTION ITEM:** Arkansas State University-Newport (ASU-N) requests approval to offer the Associate of Applied Science degree program in General Technology.

**ISSUE:** The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees must approve all new academic degree program emphasis before they can be submitted to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Associate of Applied Science in General Technology is a unique degree program. It will enable ASU-N to assist students in designing an individualized program of study to fulfill a unique career goal that cannot be met through the completion of any single technology program offered by the institution. The program will consist of 60 semester credit hours including 15 hours in general education, 24 to 30 hours in a major technical discipline, and 15 to 21 hours in a related support area. Beyond the 15 hours of general education, each program will be unique.

The added programs of study will be a benefit to students and will not involve additional expenses from the ASU-N budget.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Newport be allowed to offer the Associate of Applied Science in General Technology (CIP 30.999) effective fall 2003.

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Florine Tousant Bingham, 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 name the new Student Union building and the spaces within the building.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees reserves the authority to identify buildings and spaces on the Arkansas State University campuses, as defined in Board of Trustees= policy. The Student Union building is nearing completion. The building and rooms should now be named for purposes of identification and wayfinding.

BACKGROUND:

In August 2001, Phase I of construction of the new Student Union began, with completion of this 95,000 square foot facility in fall 2003. Prior to completion, it is necessary to identify and make naming assignments to the food court, dining hall, lounge spaces, meeting rooms, and offices. The construction of Phase I of the new Student Union was funded by a fee assessment imposed by the students of Arkansas State University.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to name the new addition to the Carl R. Reng Student Services Center the Student Union, with outdoor and indoor spaces of the Student Union to be named:

Chickasaw Room	Room Sections 3030, 3031, 3032
Cherokee Room	Room 3034
Osage Room	Room 3038
Choctaw Room	Room 3037
Indian Lounge	Lounge/Lobby CCL02
Alumni Lounge	Lounge 3036
Centennial Ballroom	Ballroom Sections 3025, 3024, 3023
1909 Suite	Room 3020
Pine Tree Room	Room 3013
Mockingbird Room	Room Sections 3014, 3015
Diamond Lounge	Lounge 3011
Apple Blossom Lounge	Corridor DDC03
Student Union Auditorium	Auditorium Room 3007
Heritage Plaza Lounge	Lounge 3011A
Heritage Plaza Loggia	Front Terrace
Heritage Plaza	Front Lawn

Courtyard  
Courtyard Food Court  
Center Court  
Acansa\* Dining Hall  
Wigwam Dining Hall  
Campus Game Room  
Student Fitness Club  
Tribal Leadership Center  
Tribal Board Room

Outdoor Dining  
Food Court Room 1006  
Student Program Area Room 1003  
Resident Dining Hall Room 107  
Food Court Seating Area Room 1001  
Game Room 2019  
Fitness Center Room 3000  
Student Development Area  
Conference Room 2027

\*Acansa is the Quapaw tribe word from which the state of Arkansas is named.  
Acansa means downstream place.

Duly Adopted and Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003

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Dallas Wood, Member

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Richard Bell, Member

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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**ACTION ITEM:** Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval of the naming of the new family apartment complex, and the individual apartment buildings that make up the complex.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees reserves the authority to identify buildings and spaces on the Arkansas State University campuses, as defined in Board of Trustees= policy.

**BACKGROUND:**

The \$7 million construction project was started in May 2002, with anticipated completion of the 14 building apartment complex in August 2004. Students and student affairs administrators feel the naming of the complex and individual buildings will promote a sense of pride and community within their new living space. The naming of the complex will allow identification and wayfinding.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to name the new family apartment complex

**INDIAN VILLAGE APARTMENTS**

And, the individual buildings within the Indian Village Apartments be named:

ASPEN	BALSA	CYPRESS
DOGWOOD	ELM	FRANKLIN
GINKGO	HICKORY	IRONWOOD
JUNIPER	KATSURA	LINDEN
MAGNOLIA	NINEBARK	

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Dallas Wood, Member

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Richard Bell, Member



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to name the student health center space within the St. Bernards health facility.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees reserves the authority to identify buildings and spaces on the Arkansas State University campuses, as defined in Board of Trustees' policy.

BACKGROUND:

Arkansas State University has entered into a land lease agreement with St. Bernards for a new on-campus health care facility. The ASU-Jonesboro student health center will be located in the same facility and will provide services to treat minor illnesses and injuries, routine medical services, health education, and counseling at no cost to the student. A pharmacy also will be located on-site.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to name the student health center space within the St. Bernards health facility:

ASU Student Health Center

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Dallas Wood, Member

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Richard Bell, Member

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

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ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to change the name of the Wilson Student Health Center to the Wilson Advising Center, effective August 2003 or upon completion of the new student health center.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve changes in building usage and name.

BACKGROUND:

The building currently known as the Wilson Student Health Center has long provided minor health care to Arkansas State University students and employees. ASU has partnered with St. Bernards to build a new facility to replace the Wilson Student Health Center. Advising Services, temporarily housed in Delta Hall, will occupy the former health center building. Due to the new partnership with St. Bernards, the use of the Wilson name on the new health center is no longer appropriate. As ASU values the long-term commitment and relationship of the Wilson family, it is most appropriate to continue recognition through the Wilson Advising Center. Located near the hub of other student services, the Wilson Advising Center will provide easy access to students for academic advising which is paramount to student success.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to make use of the Wilson Student Health Center, upon completion of the new student health center, for the purposes of student academic advising under the new name of:

Wilson Advising Center

Duly Adopted and Approved this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 2003

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