

**Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
June 14, 2004**

The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees met by telephone conference call on Monday, June 14, 2004, in the conference room of the President's Office on the Jonesboro campus. Mr. Mike Medlock, Chair of the Board of Trustees, was present and called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. A telephone roll call confirmed the presence of the following board members: Florine Tousant Milligan, Vice Chair; Richard Bell, Secretary; Dallas Wood, and Mike Gibson.

Mr. Medlock moved to the first item on the Consent Agenda:

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer Agricultural Mechanics as a New Emphasis in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Program.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 04-27 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, and Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Minor in Engineering.

Dr. Rick McDaniel, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, explained that this is for non-engineering majors; it is structured toward business, mathematics, and physics majors.

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Gibson, Resolution 04-28 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, and Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences.

Dr. Wyatt addressed both resolutions dealing with master's proposals by explaining that during the past six years the Jonesboro campus has developed two doctoral programs of significance to the university. These are capstone doctorates as they incorporate a number of undergraduate and master's level courses that make up the doctoral levels. Because of the strong student demand for a master's level offerings while working toward a PhD, the university will use existing courses and faculty to package master's level courses.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 04-29 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, and Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer the Master of Arts in Heritage Studies.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mrs. Milligan, Resolution 04-30 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, and Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving ASU-Beebe to Submit a Capital Grant Application to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for an Aquarium and Science Center.

Dr. Wyatt explained that this resolution and the one which follows requires full Board approval prior to application because of changes in the guidelines published by the Reynolds Foundation. ASU-Beebe will apply for a grant for an Aquarium and Science Center that will cost approximately \$13,761,400 with a total of 67,473 sq. feet. ASU-Newport will propose a grant to create a Transportation Safety Center at a total estimated cost of \$5,200,000 with 24,000 sq. feet. Mr. Bell asked if there was any match in funding. Dr. Larry Williams, Chancellor of ASU-Newport, said if an applicant is successful a 20% match is required to be placed in an endowment for the operations and maintenance of the facility. Dr. Wyatt added that while the matching funds would be assured by the institution, each campus would be responsible for those funds. For example, funds for the Newport project could be placed within from the ASU Foundation with restrictions to match the grant. Colonel Wood asked if 20% of \$13.7 million would place a strain on the Foundation. Dr. Williams responded by saying that the actual funding would be raised by each individual campus. Newport would need approximately \$1.4 million and this amount would be raised locally through other resources to be deposited into the Foundation. The Foundation itself would not be responsible for providing that match. Dr. Wyatt added the same would be true of the Beebe campus. Many campuses that received Reynolds' grants some years ago are still in the process of raising matching funds so adequate time is given by the Reynolds Foundation to raise the matching requirement. The ASU Foundation can hold funds and can sign off once the total match is accumulated.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Gibson, Resolution 04-31 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, and Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving ASU-Newport to Submit a Capital Grant Application to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for a Transportation Safety Center.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mrs. Milligan, Resolution 04-32 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, and Gibson

NAYS: None

With no further business, and upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Colonel Wood, the meeting adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, and Gibson

NAYS: None

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair

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Resolution 04-27

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-2030

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University - Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval to offer a new emphasis, Agricultural Mechanics, in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture 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 College of Agriculture proposes to offer this option which will allow students the opportunity to major in agricultural education and choose a non-teaching option where they will be able to develop an expertise in mechanics.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer Agricultural Mechanics as a new emphasis in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture program effective August 2004.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair

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Resolution 04-28

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-2030

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University - Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval to offer a new minor in Engineering 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 College of Engineering proposes establishment of an official minor in engineering. This will allow students in other technical majors such as physics, computer science, mathematics, chemistry, biological sciences, or agriculture to add to their formal educational credentials through completion of 23 credit hours of designated engineering course work; and also to solidify their background in particular areas of interest or specialization and acquire the computational, engineering science/analysis, and engineering design skills to augment the knowledge and skills gained in their primary major. Although the College of Engineering is in strong need of new faculty and other resources to support its primary mission of providing a competitive, marketable engineering education to its majors, the addition of this proposed minor will not, in itself, require any additional resources or course additions since the number of students initially pursuing the minor is expected to be relatively low (less than ten per year).

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer the minor in Engineering, effective August 2004.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair

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Resolution 04-29

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-2030

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University - Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval to offer a new program, Master of Science in Environmental Sciences effective January 2005.

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 College of Sciences and Mathematics at ASU-Jonesboro proposes to develop an interdisciplinary Master of Science degree in Environmental Sciences. It is anticipated that the program will have the same high demand as the current Ph.D. program in Environmental Sciences. This degree is highly appropriate in light of the importance of managing and balancing use of the state's unique natural resources and the numerous environmental issues requiring both educational and research support.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer the Master of Science in Environmental Sciences, effective January 2005.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair

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Resolution 04-30

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen 870-972-3030

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University - Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval to offer the Master of Arts in Heritage Studies 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 Ph.D. Program in Heritage Studies began operation in August 2001 after formal approval by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. After a national search, Dr. Clyde A. Milner II became Director of the Heritage Studies Ph.D. Program on July 1, 2002. Academic year 2003-2004 is the third year of operation for the PH.D. Program. As of January 1, 2004, at least, 25 Ph.D. students will be enrolled in the program. It is anticipated that in academic year 2004-2005 approximately 30 doctoral students will be enrolled in the Heritage Studies Ph.D. Program. This proposal requests the creation of the Master of Arts in Heritage Studies which will only be available to students enrolled in the doctoral program. It will be an “en route” master’s degree and not a separate master’s program with a separate admissions process.

It has become evident that as the doctoral students progress through the Ph.D. curriculum, they should receive a master’s degree. It is proposed that this M.A. in Heritage Studies be granted after the completion of all of the required course work in the Ph.D. program (36 semester credit hours, the equivalent of twelve 3-semester hour courses). Because the proposed “en route” Master of Arts in Heritage Studies will be fully contained within the already established Ph.D. Program in Heritage Studies, Arkansas State University will not need to provide additional faculty, facilities, library resources, or graduate courses beyond those that clearly must be provided for the doctoral program.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer the Master of Arts in Heritage Studies effective August 2004.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair
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Resolution 04-31

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Eugene McKay (501) 882-5192

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Beebe seeks approval to submit a capital grant application to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

ISSUE: The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation requires that an applicant’s Board of Trustees certifies that their project conforms to the long-range, strategic, facilities, and capital plans; and that the Board has reviewed the Foundation’s guidelines and has approved the application being submitted.

BACKGROUND:

ASU-Beebe has grown at a steady pace for several consecutive years, which has resulted in the need for additional classrooms and science labs. In addition, the university would like to develop a component that would allow the university to fulfill one of the objectives of strategic goal number six (#6) which states: "The university will expand relationships with the public schools within the geographic service area by providing opportunities for area schools to increase their learning functions through on-campus exposure to university facilities and programs such as agriculture, technology, sciences, arts, and other expanded emphasis areas."

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Beebe has approval to submit a capital grant application to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for an Aquarium and Science Center. The Board certifies that the project conforms to ASU-Beebe's long-range, strategic, facilities, and capital plans.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Newport seeks approval to submit a capital grant application to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation.

ISSUE: The Donald W. Reynolds Foundation requires that an applicant's Board of Trustees certifies that their project conforms to the long-range, strategic, facilities, and capital campaign plans; and that the Board has reviewed the Foundation's guidelines and has approved the application being submitted.

BACKGROUND:

ASU-Newport has been a leader in training activities related to commercial driver training and the transportation industry. The institution has currently outgrown its existing facilities. A need exists for a facility to house a transportation safety center, with space available for economic development programs.

With changes in homeland security and additional educational programming being required for the acquisition of certain commercial licenses, it is imperative that the university and this region of the United States have a facility for transportation safety training.

Emphasizing transportation and economic development in one centrally located facility will significantly impact opportunities in the Delta Region.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Newport has approval to submit a capital grant application to the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation for a transportation safety center. The Board certifies that the project conforms to ASU-Newport's long-range, strategic, facilities, and capital campaign plans.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair