

Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
September 17, 2004

The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees met on Friday, September 17, 2004, in the Board Room on the 8th floor of the Dean B. Ellis Library on the Jonesboro campus. Mr. Mike Medlock, Chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. The following Board members were present: Mrs. Florine Tousant Milligan, Vice Chair; Mr. Richard Bell, Secretary; Colonel Dallas Wood; and Mr. Mike Gibson. Mr. Medlock introduced Chuck Coffelt, campus minister of the Wesley Foundation Student Center, to offer the invocation.

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

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Gibson, the minutes of May 7, 2004, were approved.

Ayes: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Bell, the minutes of June 14, 2004, were approved.

Ayes: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

Nays: None

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Colonel Wood, the minutes of August 2, 2004, were approved.

Ayes: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

Nays: None

ASU System:

President Leslie Wyatt shared that an accord has been reached with the Arkansas Department of Higher Education on a funding formula which will be advanced to the Legislature in the coming session. The formula addresses funding for higher education institutions on a basis of need. On the Jonesboro campus, there is a documented unfunded need of \$11m based on the current levels of activity which are conducted on the campus. Dr. Wyatt expressed appreciation to the Department of Higher Education for recognizing the special needs of the two-year campuses throughout the state, especially those of the ASU two-year campuses. Robert Evans, Executive Director for Governmental Relations, will continue to work with and establish relationships with area senators and representatives to discuss the formula and the needs of the university system. The first of informative meetings was held at Heber Springs, where area legislators and concerned citizens were presented information on the formula and the impact it will have. Dr. Wyatt then recognized and commended Mr. Mark Hoeting, Director of Information Technology Services, for the completion of the Enterprise computer solution effort, which has been completed in a timely fashion and within existing budget restrictions. This program will integrate aspects of the SCT and Banner systems and will operate under a system-wide license and allow all of the campuses faculty, staff, and students to have access to this technology at no additional cost to the two-year campuses. This program will be a database that

will allow viewing of real time information such as grades and enrollment data. The technology is invaluable for those students who are concurrently enrolled on two separate campuses. The capability for operators at one campus to understand and assimilate the information at another campus is important to that process. A new system-wide instructional tool, Blackboard, also will become available. This is an electronic teaching and learning tool which has been utilized on the Jonesboro campus but will now be integrated to faculty and students for course management and student information services. In addition to new technology, a new IP phone service has been installed on the Jonesboro campus. Eventually, all of the campuses will be connected to this system, and access to the campuses can be made by dialing a four digit number, which will allow a cheaper rate for long distance service. Dr. Wyatt concluded the system report by stating that enrollment information would be presented for each individual campus.

ASU-Beebe:

Chancellor Eugene McKay said Beebe's overall enrollment is up by eight students over last year's figures for the same period of time. Much of the change is at the Little Rock Air Force Base, which is down 98 students. Dr. McKay introduced Dr. Dianne Tiner, Vice Chancellor for ASU-Heber Springs. She presented schematic designs for Phase I of the new campus. The designs show two three-story buildings. One building will be entirely classrooms and will be the science and technology building. The other building will be the administration building which will house offices and all of the student service areas. Dr. McKay

commended Dr. Tiner on her work and concluded by asking for questions or comments. Colonel Wood asked for clarification of enrollment numbers.

Dr. McKay said since 1998 overall growth at the Beebe campus has been good. However, this year, the Beebe campus was down by 18 students, not counting concurrent enrollment and the Searcy campus. He believes general enrollment figures at two-year institutions across the state will indicate a loss in numbers. There are 3,640 unduplicated students at the Beebe, Searcy, and Little Rock Air Force Base campuses, with 200 additional students taking classes at two campuses.

ASU-Mountain Home:

Chancellor Ed Coulter began by introducing new staff members, Mick Spaulding, Vice Chancellor for Development and Rosalyn Blagg, Director of Instructional Projects. He continued by saying that over the past seven years enrollment has increased by 95%. He provided a chart which indicated the number of graduates receiving degrees. In 2003, 110 students completed degrees and 172 graduated in 2004. He also provided a map that shows the distribution of students attending this fall. There are students from three contiguous Missouri counties and several other counties for a total of 67 students from Missouri. Typically, a two-year campus will serve students within a 50 mile radius; however, the Mountain Home campus has students from 32 counties in Arkansas. Eleven students are from other states, 2 students are from Hawaii, and 3 are international students. Dr. Coulter noted that Mountain Home has one more FTE student this year than

this time last year. He attributes the small increase to several things: The rapid growth that Mountain Home has enjoyed during the past years has allowed 220 to complete degrees, but this number of students represented a backlog of demand. Legislation was passed which limits concurrent enrollment with public schools. Previous figures included concurrent enrollment. Moving to the budget, Dr. Coulter explained that Mountain Home was very conservative in using the funding given. They received a 5% increase in budget, and chose to fund only half of Category B. Workforce funds have increased, while the Baxter County tax continues to add much needed funding. In regard to the ADHE funding formula, Dr. Coulter is pleased with the formula, but that it is a four-year plan which must be followed if it is to help alleviate the equity funding issue. Dr. Coulter concluded by adding that the Mountain Home campus has retained a consulting firm to assist with a feasibility study to determine if the community would support a capital campaign to provide the additional funding needed to construct a Community Center/Auditorium and Health Sciences building. The consultants are visiting with approximately 50 area families, and based on those interviews will bring a report as to whether to continue as planned or scale back. Mr. Gibson stated that the trend in enrollment numbers was troubling from a budget standpoint. He noted past information indicated in 2001 and 2003 that Mountain Home experienced a 20% increase, Beebe had an 11% increase, but now enrollment is not growing.

Dr. Coulter responded that at some point when an institution reaches maturity, a plateau is reached. When an institution is new, the potential for growth can be

phenomenal, but after a number of years those figures will begin to level out as the needs of the area served is met. He believes that Mountain Home has reached its plateau. Dr. McKay said Beebe has not yet reached a plateau, because of the large area the campuses serve. He attributed some of Beebe's enrollment shortfall to the war in Iraq. Colonel Wood questioned Dr. Coulter about the facilities at Mountain Home which were constructed to serve 1,500 students now having to accommodate an enrollment of 1,600. Dr. Coulter said although classrooms are full, no students will be turned away; however, the lack of facilities may prevent expansion of course offerings. Dr. McKay also mentioned that Beebe is serving more students with less funding support from the state. Since 2001, funding has decreased while enrollment has increased. Mr. Bell referred to the comments made regarding legislation passed concerning concurrent enrollment. Dr. Coulter explained that legislation was passed that eliminated the possibility of concurrent enrollment. High school students who previously would have enrolled in college level courses are now enrolling in Advanced Placement courses to raise their grade point average, allowing the students more scholarship opportunities. Colonel Wood asked where the two-year campus graduates were going, and if they were going to other four-year institutions to complete degrees. He said enrollment numbers do not indicate they are coming to ASU-Jonesboro, and questioned if an internal program was in place to track these individuals, or a marketing strategy in place to recruit these students. Chairman Medlock responded that information can be obtained from the Department of Higher Education and the Southern Regional

Education Board regarding the status of two-year students. These reports indicate that not all two-year degree students choose to continue pursuing higher education, that many are going directly into the work force. Dr. McKay added that during the past 10 years, 566 ASU-Beebe graduates came to ASU-Jonesboro, as well as 2,355 non-graduates.

ASU-Newport:

Chancellor Larry Williams reported that Newport has purchased 10.4 acres adjacent to campus at a cost of \$15,542. An additional 31.42 acres will be closed on next week, which will bring the campus holdings to 118 acres. The new High Voltage Lineman program has begun with 13 students enrolled. These students are sponsored by electric cooperatives in Arkansas. The cooperatives have contributed \$52,000 in scholarship money for these students. All 13 students are full-time salaried employees of the cooperatives while attending training. Craighead Electric of Jonesboro donated a bucket truck and an auger truck. A total of over \$100,000 in donations have been received for the program. Construction continues on the student community center with a grand opening anticipated in the spring. Work is in progress on the \$100,000 renovation of the main building on campus.

Expansion of the library is in development stage. This project will add 12,000 to 13,000 sq. ft. of needed classroom space for the learning center and for social sciences. Cost of the library expansion is approximately \$1.2 million. Resources are in place with private contributions and a match for the project. Dr. Williams anticipates a presentation of architectural drawings at the next board meeting.

Enrollment is down by 72 students by headcount. He credits this number to the reporting change created by the Department of Higher Education from last year to this year. Actual FTE generated is about the same as the previous year. He drew attention to the report provided by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, which gives the unduplicated headcount enrollment at Arkansas public colleges and

universities. This report lists ASU-Newport as having considerable growth with 2,276 unduplicated students for 2004 and establishes a 60% increase from 2000 to 2004. Ethnic enrollment data at Newport includes 19% African-American, 2% Hispanic, 1% Asian, and 1% Native American. Of the students last reported to the Department of Higher Education, 79 students graduated with associate degrees and 742 students with certificates. Approximately 90% of those individuals graduating with certificates will go directly into the workforce. Dr. Williams announced the up-coming events surrounding the 2004-2005 Patron's Series as well as the Noon Concert-Lecture Series beginning in October on the Newport campus. Mrs. Milligan asked if the two-year campuses shared information so that whatever benefited one campus might benefit all the campuses. She also questioned whether a survey of community basic needs had ever been done. Dr. Williams responded that Dr. Wyatt frequently gathers all the campuses to discuss the best practices for the system as a whole, and cited meetings regarding the funding formula initiative as an example. He added that the Newport campus seeks advice and counsel from the community on a regular basis. Two years ago, during the strategic planning process, over 50 individuals in the community were involved in discussions of needed services that the campus could provide. More recently, 90 community representatives were involved in an effort called, "Moving Jackson County Forward." Next week a group of about 60 persons will meet to discuss initiatives within the service area relative to business and industry needs, economic development, and community development opportunities. The High Voltage

Lineman program is a prime example of the response to a request that came from area electric cooperatives. The Patron Series also is a blend of campus and community leaders joined together to address the cultural needs of the area. Dr. Wyatt referred back to the ADHE chart on unduplicated headcount enrollment presented by Dr. Williams. He emphasized that while there has been slight growth, the overall most important number is the 161,064 students who have enrolled in Arkansas public colleges and universities. This figure is a strong testament to the growth of higher education, because 30 years ago the challenge was to get Arkansas students to complete high school.

ASU-Jonesboro:

Two informational reports on enrollment management were provided by the ASU Office of Institutional Research and Planning. Information on the reports indicate that the Jonesboro enrollment is relatively flat for the 2004 fall semester. However, the variations in the enrollment mix are notable because they reflect losses in some areas such as first-time freshman and scholarship numbers and gains in the number of graduate and minority students. In response to recommendations made by the Higher Learning Commission to implement an enrollment management plan, a consultant will be on the Jonesboro campus on September 22 to evaluate whether the university's plan is effective. Retention of students and graduation rates are continually increasing to the point that some of the two-year campuses are awarding more certificates and associate degrees than any other school in Arkansas. As a result of these increases, the Jonesboro

campus and the two-year campuses have the capability to award over 2,500 degrees annually. Last year, a strategic planning effort began. Dr. David Cox, professor in the College of Education, organized and is coordinating this process. One of the taskforces created focuses on the issue of shared governance with Dr. Julie Isaacson, professor in the College of Nursing, as chair. Shared governance is an area of particular interest and one that the taskforce hopes to have defined by the fall. The strategic plan has been distributed to the various operational units within the university. The concepts need to be understood and personnel need to commit to those ideas to define methods of implementation. The faculty handbook, last written in 1996, is in the process of revision. There are many new areas to be addressed such as those relating to faculty involved with research activities and how they should be considered in terms of hiring practices, rewards or promotions, and for the first time, the issue of intellectual property. It is anticipated that the faculty handbook, the strategic plan, and the shared governance proposal may be finalized and submitted to the Board for review and consideration at the December meeting. Dr. Wyatt introduced new personnel: Dr. Beth Hood, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and Technology Transfer; Dr. Carole Cramer, Director of the Arkansas Biosciences Institute on the Jonesboro campus; and, Dr. Gloria Gibson, Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. As a new academic year begins, work has begun to process information relating to budget activities. The budget from the last operational year was efficiently and totally used. No deficit occurred but all monies were spent. This

year, money was spent early in the fiscal year, which typically would have been spent later. Dr. Wyatt said the remainder of the budget for the academic year is being carefully managed and that no deficit will occur. He then drew attention to the report submitted by Mr. Jennus Burton, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. The report of activities for the 2003-2004 academic year for the finance and administration organizational unit clearly indicates a strong commitment to service and productivity. Mr. Steve Owens, Vice President for University Advancement, and his staff are continuing to work on developing a capital campaign, and will distribute information at some time in the near future.

Following the meeting, Trustees will be given a tour of the campus. They will view the new Student Union and the renovation of the Reng Center. The new cafeteria in the Student Union is expected to be operational Tuesday and the auditorium within the next month. Across campus, new landscaping, sidewalks, and crosswalks have been added. There is no longer a Wilson Hall cooling tower and Delta Hall has been demolished. At the north end of campus, a new Hard Wired Café will be open. This facility will be an internet-access café for students and the public. A tour of the ABI building is planned with dedication ceremonies scheduled for Saturday morning. Dr. Wyatt then introduced Senator Jerry Bookout and Representative Paul Bookout. The Bookouts, along with Mrs. Loretta Bookout, will be honored on Saturday with the dedication of the Bookout Plaza to recognize their long and dedicated service to the university. The plaza at the south entrance to the campus

will display flags of the United States, the state of Arkansas, and Arkansas State University. Senator Jerry Bookout expressed appreciation in behalf of his family for the honor.

At the conclusion of the Jonesboro campus report, Mr. Medlock stated that the Board is aware of the many changes that the ASU System is seeing in enrollment, funding, and the scope of two-year institutions. He said there will be continued interest in who pays for higher education and how much taxpayers are willing to pay. Graduation and retention will be emphasized more than just enrollment. As competition for students increases, scholarship and cash stipends will be used as recruitment tools.

Moving to the Consent Agenda, Mr. Medlock said that Dr. Wyatt had met with each Board member individually to review the proposed resolutions.

- Resolution Authorizing ASU to Budget and Expend Amounts for Promotional Items for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year for All Campuses.

Dr. Wyatt explained that this is a routine resolution that is presented each year. A 1993 law requires Board approval of promotional expenditures prior to those purchases.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 04-35 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Authorizing the Implementation of a Policy to Provide

Professional Development One-time Awards to Non-faculty Employees.

Dr. Wyatt said similar policies exist throughout the ASU System and that this policy will encourage continuing higher education by offering a financial incentive.

This policy applies only to programs of study completed after July 1, 2004.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 04-36 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving the Naming of the Sports Medicine Center in the ASU Football Complex on the Jonesboro Campus the Tim and Terri Langford Sports Medicine Center.

Dr. Wyatt stated that Tim Langford, an alumnus of the university and his wife, Terri Langford, have contributed \$250,000 for the implementation of a facility that will benefit student athletes.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mrs. Milligan, Resolution 04-37 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving the Naming of the Bookout Plaza.

This resolution recognizes Jerry, Loretta, and Paul Bookout for their leadership and service to the university and request that the plaza at the southern edge of the Jonesboro campus be named for the Bookout family. In addition, a

number of private donors have established an endowment to provide for replacements for the flags as needed.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 04-38 was approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

Mr. Medlock asked for a motion to retire into executive session. Motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Bell.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

The Board retired into executive session at 10:32 a.m. after Mr. Medlock announced, "This body has voted to retire into executive session to consider the personnel action items. We will reconvene in public session following this executive session to present and vote on any action arrived at in private."

Mr. Medlock reconvened the Board at 11:12 a.m.

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Mr. Bell, the academic appointments for Jonesboro, Beebe, Mountain Home, and Newport campuses were approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Colonel Wood the non-academic appointments for Jonesboro, Beebe, Mountain Home, and Newport campuses were approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Gibson, the academic reassignments of duty for the Jonesboro campus were approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mrs. Milligan, second by Colonel Wood, the non-academic

reassignments of duty for the Jonesboro campus were approved.

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

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

AYES: Medlock, Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson

NAYS: None

With no further business, and upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Bell, the Board adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Dr. Wyatt added for the benefit of the press that the Board would continue to be together through several other meetings today, such as a luncheon and meetings with the Arkansas Science and Technology Authority, but no business will be conducted.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus L. Burton (972-3303)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University (ASU) requests Board approval to establish amounts for promotional expenditures for the 2004-2005 fiscal year for all campuses.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve amounts for expenditures for promotional items on the ASU campuses as required by ACT 823 of 1993.

BACKGROUND:

- In the normal course of operations, personnel of the various university campuses use special printed products in recruiting and promoting programs. Generally, these programs may be determined by the Department of Finance and Administration as promotional items within the meaning of Act 823 of 1993.
- The ASU Board of Trustees must recommend to the Department of Finance and Administration amounts to be established for expenditures for promotional items for the 2004-2005 fiscal year.
- The following amounts are being requested for each of the campuses:

Arkansas State University - Jonesboro	\$100,000
Arkansas State University - Beebe	30,000
Arkansas State University - Mountain Home	10,000
Arkansas State University - Newport	10,000
Arkansas State University - Beebe/ASTI	10,000
Arkansas State University - Heber Springs	10,000
Arkansas State University Technical Center	25,000

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University is authorized to budget and expend the amounts for promotional items identified herein.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Lyndle McCurley (870) 508-6100

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Mountain Home requests the authority to implement a Professional Development Award program for non-faculty employees.

ISSUE: Currently ASUMH does not have a policy that allows for awards to non-faculty employees who complete certain degrees attained while employed at the University.

BACKGROUND:

On April 25, 2000, the ASU Board of Trustees approved Resolution 00-23 to provide the authority for Arkansas State University-Jonesboro to implement a Professional Development Award program for non-faculty employees. A similar policy was approved for ASU-Beebe on September 17, 2001.

ASUMH would like to initiate a program to reward non-faculty employees who complete degrees by providing bonuses and to implement the policy effective July 1, 2004 to include the following elements:

Completion Awards:

Associate Degree	\$1,000
Bachelor Degree	2,000
Master Degree	3,000
Specialist Degree	4,000
Doctorate Degree	5,000

The University will only pay for one degree in each category.

- Employees must submit an individual performance development plan with the required signatures to the Office of Administrative Affairs for final approval by the Chancellor's Cabinet.
- An individual must be a full time employee for a minimum of two (2) years before applying.
- Award of payment will be made to a current employee six (6) months after the completion of the goal.
- Approved degrees must be from regionally accredited institutions.
- The Office of Human Resources will be responsible for the administration of the program and application of the awards.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Lyndle McCurley (870) 508-6100

BACKGROUND Continued:

- The program of study must be completed after July 1, 2004.
- Employees completing professional development paid for by the University are not eligible for an award under this policy. This statement does not apply to the education privileges discount policy.
- If the employee terminates employment after attainment of the educational goal and before disbursement, said payment is forfeited.

Since these are bonuses, current adjustments to salaries will not be affected by this policy.

ASU-Mountain Home has shared the proposed policy with members of the Classified Staff Association and the administrative staff. Both entities support the policy and its implementation. ASUMH would like to move forward with the implementation of this policy.

The policy statement will be as follows:

Arkansas State University-Mountain Home encourages the professional development of its employees. Therefore, in an attempt to recognize non-faculty employees for such efforts, one-time rewards will be given for attainment of the stated professional developmental accomplishment.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Mountain Home is authorized to implement a policy to provide professional development one-time awards to non-faculty employees.

Richard Bell, Secretary

Mike Medlock, Chair

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

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

By

Tim and Terri Langford

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 the University; and

WHEREAS, Tim Langford enrolled at Arkansas State University in 1979 through his athletic, academic, and leadership abilities; and

WHEREAS, Tim Langford, as a senior on ASU's football team, was presented the first Terry Gwin Award which is awarded to the top student-athlete in any sport at ASU; and

WHEREAS, Tim Langford, received the National Football Foundation Graduate scholarship, the McDonald Scholarship presented annually by the Southland Conference, and was a three-time Academic All-Southland Conference selection; and

WHEREAS, Tim Langford, a second-team All-Southland Conference pick in 1983, led ASU in total offense for three seasons and still ranks eighth in career yardage with 3,745 yards (1,429 rushing and 2,316 passing); and

WHEREAS, Tim Langford, played quarterback from 1980-1983 under the former coach Larry Lacewell; and

WHEREAS, Terri Langford, physical therapist, received physical therapy training at Arkansas State University; and,

WHEREAS, Tim and Terri Langford have made significant contributions to Arkansas State University 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 Sports Medicine Center in the ASU Football Complex on the Jonesboro Campus shall be named and henceforth known as:

The Tim and Terri Langford Sports Medicine Center

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of September 2004

Leslie Wyatt, President

Mike Medlock, Chair

Florine Tousant Milligan, Vice Chair

Richard Bell, Secretary

Dallas Wood, Member

Mike Gibson, Member

Resolution 04-37

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

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

By

State Senator Jerry Bookout
Emeritus Instructor Loretta Bookout
State Representative Paul Bookout

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 the University; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jerry Bookout, a 1955 graduate of Arkansas State University, began a commitment of service to ASU when he entered as a student and later became first vice president of the Student Government Association. Senator Bookout has served the people of Craighead County and the state of Arkansas in the General Assembly, first as a three-term representative from 1967-73, where he worked with colleagues to grant Arkansas State University its university status in 1967. He then was elected to the Senate, where he served for 24 years and was voted President Pro Tempore. He was re-elected to the Arkansas Senate in 2003. Working with government leaders, ASU administrators and faculty, Senator Bookout has helped develop and secure funding for every classroom, library, and administration facility built on the ASU campus within the last 30 years. Senator Bookout was named a Distinguished Alumnus of Arkansas State University in 1997; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Loretta Bookout, Emeritus Instructor of Elementary Education, has aided her community, state, and Arkansas State University for many years as an advocate, creator, and developer of early childhood programs, as well as public school and university programs. She began her long association with ASU as a student in 1941 at Arkansas State's Demonstration School, and returned to complete her bachelor's degree in 1973 and master's degree in 1980, both in the College of Education. As an instructor in the College of Education, Mrs. Bookout influenced the lives of hundreds, if not thousands, of ASU students; and

WHEREAS, Representative Paul Bookout has served the people of Craighead County and the state of Arkansas as representative for District 75 in the General Assembly for three terms. A 1985 graduate of Arkansas State University, Representative Bookout was a strong advocate in securing funding for the Arkansas Biosciences Institute on the ASU campus, and is a strong supporter for obtaining general improvement funding for many Arkansas State University projects; and

WHEREAS, Jerry, Loretta, and Paul Bookout have given great leadership and service to Arkansas State University and the state of Arkansas, making the Bookout name synonymous with service in Northeast Arkansas;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, that the Arkansas State University flag court located prominently at the southern edge of the Centennial Pedestrian Mall on the Jonesboro campus shall be named and henceforth known as:

Bookout Plaza

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 17th day of September 2004

Leslie Wyatt, President

Mike Medlock, Chair

Florine Tousant Milligan, Vice Chair

Richard Bell, Secretary

Dallas Wood, Member

Mike Gibson, Member

Resolution 04-38