

AGENDA
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

December 16, 2005

10:00 a.m.

Dean B. Ellis Library Board Room - 8th Floor
Jonesboro Campus

- I. Call to Order
Mrs. Florine T. Milligan, Chair
 - II. Approval of the Minutes of Meeting
September 9, 2005
October 18, 2005
 - III. President's Report
Reports of the Officers
 - *IV. Agenda
 - Resolution Authorizing the Development and Enactment of a Plan for the Separation of the Administration of the ASU System and the ASU-Jonesboro Campus.
 - Resolution Authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to Increase the International Application Fee.
 - Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a One-year Certificate in General Studies.
 - Resolution Authorizing ASU-Beebe to Issue Bonds to Provide for Construction of a New Science Center and Classrooms.
 - Resolution Approving ASU-Beebe to Offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Veterinary Technology.
 - Resolution Approving ASU-Beebe to Offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree and a Technical Certificate in Criminal Justice.
 - Resolution Approving the Naming of the Institutional Advancement Building on the Beebe Campus.
 - V. Executive Session
 - *VI. Approval of Personnel Actions
 - VII. Other Business
 - *VIII. Adjournment
- *Action Item

**Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
December 16, 2005**

The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees met on Friday, December 16, 2005, in the eighth floor Board Room of the Dean B. Ellis Library on the Jonesboro campus. Mrs. Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Board members present were: Mr. Jim Pickens; Colonel Dallas Wood, Secretary; Mr. Mike Gibson, and Mr. Mike Medlock. Reverend Chuck Coffelt, Director of Wesley Campus Ministry on the ASU-Jonesboro campus, delivered the invocation.

Minutes

Upon motion by Mr. Pickens second by Col. Wood, the minutes of September 9, 2005, were approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Medlock, the minutes of October 18, 2005, were approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

President Les Wyatt welcomed Mr. Jim Pickens return as a Trustee. Mr. Pickens was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Richard Bell and will serve until January 2007.

Representing Athletic Director Dr. Dean Lee, Mr. Randy Kalman, Associate Director of Athletics for Ethics and Governance, presented commemorative footballs to the Board in appreciation of their support and commitment to Division 1-A athletics. The ASU football team will represent the Sun Belt Conference as co-conference champions in the New Orleans Bowl. This will be the first bowl appearance by ASU since competing at the Division 1-A level and the first conference championship in 20 years. Also, the team excelled in academics by receiving the Team GPA Sun Belt Conference award.

Mr. Pickens commended Dr. Dean Lee, Coach Steve Roberts and staff, and the entire football team by stating: "This is certainly a blue ribbon day for Arkansas State University and I think the Board should go on record to let them know how much we appreciate all the hard work they have done on behalf of Arkansas State University."

Campus Reports

ASU System:

President Les Wyatt said activity has been focused on the development of support for the Higher Education College Savings Bond issue. This bond issue would benefit all of the ASU campuses as well as 39 entities of higher education across the state who would receive support and distribution of funds. While voters rejected this issue, Dr. Wyatt believes it will resurface at some future date and that all higher education leaders, faculty, staff, and students must do a better job of informing the public and promoting support.

All campuses are beginning to anticipate the creation of biennial budget plans and processes with the actual development to begin in the spring of 2006. More information will be forthcoming.

Despite the failure of the College Savings Bond issue, there is growth and development on all ASU campuses.

ASU-Jonesboro:

Dr. Wyatt distributed copies of a press release regarding incoming fall 2006 freshman living on campus. Mr. Jim Black, enrollment management consultant, has recommended this policy in order to increase enrollment and stabilize the retention rate. An outline of the enrollment management plan implementation schedule was also distributed.

More time is needed for the completion of the Faculty Handbook and the Shared Governance document. Dr. Bill Humphrey, president of the Faculty Senate, forwarded a letter stating that a draft copy of the handbook will be sent to the faculty senators by January 9, 2006, with an anticipated vote on January 20. That document will be presented at the Board meeting on February 24, 2006. This information must be approved and committees appointed and in place before the Higher Learning Commission returns for a visit in the spring of 2007. Mr. Gibson stated the Board's expectation that a revised Faculty Handbook be presented for review and approval at the February 24, 2006, meeting of the Board. Dr. Wyatt assured the Board that a revised Faculty handbook would be delivered timely to this expectation.

Commencement activities for the Jonesboro campus will begin at 7:00 p.m. this evening in the Convocation Center.

ASU-Beebe:

Chancellor Eugene McKay said bonds have been sold and construction will begin on two buildings at the Heber Springs campus with classes anticipated to begin by fall 2007. Mr. Don Harlan, vice chancellor for ASU-Searcy and Workforce Education, will direct the new Pathways program, which is designed to assist economically disadvantaged, at-risk students. The program will be implemented spring 2006 at the Searcy campus with a plan to offer the program at the Beebe and Heber Springs campuses in the fall.

ASU-Newport:

Chancellor Larry Williams stated that a \$550,000 grant was received to initiate a Career Pathways program. The program is in place with 220 plus individuals provided intake services and 80 being certified eligible to participate and receive additional assistance. Craighead County is one of the counties included in Newport's service area. Dr. Williams recognized Assistant Professor Allen Mooneyhan, who was elected vice president of the Arkansas Association of Two-year Colleges at the October meeting. At the annual convention for the Arkansas Chapter of American Alliance for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance held in Eureka Springs on November 2-4, the ASU-Newport team finished second out of 12 teams competing. Dr. Williams announced that the Newport campus will host the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Coordinating Board on

April 28, 2006, and extended an invitation to the Board. A \$41,000 grant from the Workforce Investment Board has been received to assist with the High-voltage Lineman Technology program. Dr. Williams indicated an accreditation self-study booklet that will be distributed to all faculty, staff, students, and campus leadership, as well as the community, to prepare for the coming visit by the Higher Learning Commission in November 2006. He particularly noted that the last three pages of the booklet contain recent highlights and significant achievements at ASU-Newport from 2001-2006. As a part of this process, a revised mission statement and a revised strategic plan for the campus will be presented for approval at a later date.

Mr. Pickens asked if the High-voltage Lineman Technology program was exclusive to the Arkansas Electric Co-Ops. Dr. Williams replied that there are three students currently enrolled who are self-pay. The Co-Ops, through contributions to the ASU Foundation, provide 17 full scholarships per year. Above those scholarships, there are three self-pay slots available, which are determined on a competitive basis. Mr. Pickens asked if Entergy or other related businesses were precluded from the program. Dr. Williams stated that Entergy has contributed toward the cost of scholarships but with the funding costs of the program only 20 students can be accepted at this time. There is the possibility of expanding the program.

ASU-Mountain Home:

Chancellor Ed Coulter said that construction on the physical plant is ahead of schedule and will be in service at the beginning of 2006. The new respiratory care program, in conjunction with the local hospital, has 25 students currently enrolled. He thanked Senator Shawn Womack and Representative Johnny Key for providing assistance in securing the funds for the necessary equipment for this program. Declining enrollment has led to phasing out the Hearing Healthcare program. Resources from this program will be utilized in other academic programs. Attention was directed to the informational map of Arkansas which lists the distribution to students by county for ASU-Mountain Home. A 2004-2005 CAAP Summary Report was also included. The CAAP, sometimes referred to as the Rising Junior exam, shows the Mountain Home campus ranking above the Arkansas 2-year aggregate, 4-year aggregate, and national 2-year aggregate in 11 of 12 areas. The capital campaign is progressing well with 100% participation of all Advisory and Development Council members. The medical community has responded with an average pledge of \$17,100 of those contacted. A \$100,000 gift has been received to name the health sciences lobby and \$100,000 to name the stage of the performing arts center. In the last distribution of HUD monies and transportation distribution in Washington, ASU-Mountain Home received \$250,000. Tuesday evening a gift of \$500,000 was received to name the nursing floor of the new health science building.

AGENDA:

Mrs. Milligan stated that Dr. Wyatt had met with the Board individually to discuss the proposed resolutions.

- Resolution authorizing the development and enactment of a plan for the separation of the administration of the ASU System and the ASU-Jonesboro campus.

Mrs. Milligan stated: "We want you to know that the Board of Trustees is proud of Arkansas State University. We now have four primary campuses. All are fully accredited, operate separate and stable, and serve the needs of thousands of Arkansans. There also are five satellites conducting activities in numerous additional locations. Since I have been on the Board, the Board and I have observed the cooperative and working relationship among the campuses in their exchange of students, teachers, and the delivery of courses and programs from one campus to another, even the interaction with other colleges and universities. The Board is proud of all the accomplishments, but especially some of our most recent accomplishments, and that is producing the greatest annual number of graduates; programs ranging from the certificate program, associates, baccalaureate, masters, and the doctoral degree; and even our most recent victory in our athletic program. I believe the academic productivity of the campuses is increasing each year. Looking at the annual operating budget, they are operating at an all time high for the system of campuses and even at the individual campuses. We are especially proud of accountability. Each campus has not only

generated non-appropriated revenue but appropriated revenue in regard to gifts, grants, and contracts. At the Jonesboro campus, we have seen growth in degrees offered to students and especially the physical campus. Dr. Wyatt, we anticipate that there will be more development in the future. Even the operating budget on this campus is at an all-time high, including expenditures for our research programs. Another item we are proud of is the distribution from one of the largest endowments on record. The new activity associated with the Arkansas Biosciences Institute has given us a powerful new dimension for the Jonesboro capabilities. Because of this growth and the anticipation we are expecting in future opportunities, the Board of Trustees for some time has considered the separation of responsibilities associated with the administration of the ASU System and the ASU-Jonesboro campus. Some of the Board members, realizing that some are new, remember that at a planning retreat in 1999, the Board began discussing this initiative with campus administrators. This fiscal year, the Legislative Session recognized the organization of an ASU System in our budget in addition to the campus budgets and even the identification of positions that have been shared between the system and the campuses. In fact, it seems as if we are already operating in an ASU System. The Arkansas Department of Higher Education has included provisions for the new formula, not only to the campuses but to the system. Today, we will consider the initiation of an effort to create a new structure for the university."

Mrs. Milligan emphasized two points:

1. "The Board asks that Dr. Wyatt assist in planning for the separation process, that he continue to serve as the ASU System President, and help direct an effort in recruitment of a Chancellor for the Jonesboro campus. With the plans already in place, it is hoped a Chancellor can be chosen during the spring semester.
2. The Board encourages the continued development of the relationship and linkage within and among the campuses of this ASU System and to relate to them and other colleges and universities.

Reasoning for this development is: There is a need for additional resource development, which is more than fund-raising, and there is an advantage for a strong proponent at the state and national levels for the interests of the university in its entirety. The Board is confident that Dr. Wyatt will address these issues as the ASU System President. At the same time, there is an opportunity on the Jonesboro campus for the new chancellor to focus on the implementation of plans which have already been established by the constituents of this campus, such as:

- Leading campus initiatives within the enrollment plan;
- Coordinating the procedures described by the shared governance plan,;
- Celebrating of campus achievements in conjunction with the Centennial Celebration;
- Directing further development of assessment programs, and

- Overseeing the forthcoming visit of the Higher Learning Commission in 2007."

Mrs. Milligan concluded her statements by reading the proposed resolution:

"Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the development and enactment of a plan for the separation of the administration of the ASU System and the ASU-Jonesboro campus. The President will present the plan to the Board of Trustees for approval, and will assist the Board and the Jonesboro campus in the implementation of those activities which will make the subsequent division both efficient and effective for leadership of the university."

Upon motion by Mr. Pickens, second by Mr. Medlock and Col. Wood,

Resolution 05-42 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution authorizing ASU-Jonesboro to raise the International Application Fee to \$40.00 effective spring 2006 semester.

Dr. Wyatt explained the current fee is \$25.00 and needs to be increased to become comparable with other universities and to defray the cost of processing those applications.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 05-43 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution approving ASU-Jonesboro to offer a One-Year Certificate in General Studies.

Dr. Wyatt said approval of this certificate program has already been obtained by the two-year campuses. The Certificate in General Studies will be a record and document assigned to students who complete this portion of a degree.

Upon motion by Col. Wood, second by Mr. Pickens, Resolution 05-44 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution authorizing ASU-Beebe to issue bonds to provide for construction of a new science center and classrooms.

Chancellor McKay said that they have outgrown the current facilities. The bonds will allow the construction of a new building to meet the needs of students. Dr. Wyatt added that the cost will be \$11 million. Some of the revenue needed is in hand, but in order to fully fund the bond and complete the building, a proposal for a tuition increase will be presented for approval at the May Board meeting. Although tuition proposals are generally presented at the May meeting, this authorization will allow the proposal to the Department of Education to be considered at their spring meeting, which is when financing activity for bonds is approved. This approval must be obtained in order to sell the bonds and to begin

construction next year.

Mr. Pickens asked the dollar amount of the shortfall, to which Dr. Wyatt responded \$1.5 million. Chancellor McKay stated that it was hoped that the bond issue would pass and it did not. This is a contingency plan to allow construction to move forward.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Col. Wood, Resolution 05-45 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution approving ASU-Beebe to offer an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology.

Chancellor McKay stated that research has been done and with the support of the Veterinary Association through internships and job placement, students will have greater career opportunities.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Pickens, Resolution 05-46 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution approving ASU-Beebe to offer an Associate of Applied Science Degree and a Technical Certificate in Criminal Justice.

Dr. Wyatt said that the Criminal Justice Institute, which is associated with the University of Arkansas System, provides services on a state-wide basis. This

is an opportunity to offer an associate degree on the Beebe campus in conjunction with the Criminal Justice Institute. The program is designed to serve those with interests in law enforcement and corrections with opportunities for employment in the state.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Col. Wood, Resolution 05-47 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution approving the naming of the Institutional Advancement building on the Beebe campus.

Chancellor McKay praised Dr. Ruth Couch for her many contributions to ASU-Beebe. He cited her dedication and commitment to excellence in education, her community service, and her financial support of the university as some of the many reasons for this tribute.

Upon motion by Mr. Pickens, second by Mr. Gibson, Resolution 05-48 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Gibson, the Board voted to retire into executive session at 11:02 a.m.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Mrs. Milligan 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."

The Board was reconvened by Mrs. Milligan at 12:04 p.m.

Mrs. Milligan expressed her appreciation for her tenure on the Board, which will expire on January 14, 2006. She stated she has enjoyed her association with the Board and Dr. Wyatt the past five years and would welcome another term if appointed.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Col. Wood, the academic appointments for Jonesboro, Beebe, and Newport were approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Gibson, the non-academic appointments for Jonesboro, Beebe, Mountain Home, and Newport were approved. Mr. Medlock added that the appointments would include a 5-year contract extension for Coach Steve Roberts.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Pickens, second by Col. Wood the academic reassignment of duty for Jonesboro was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

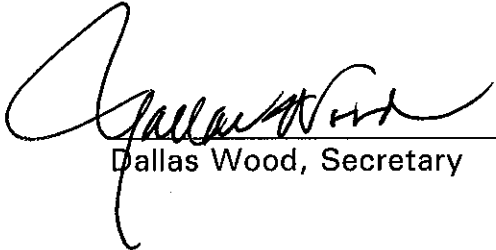
Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Pickens, the non-academic reassignment of duty for Jonesboro was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Pickens, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

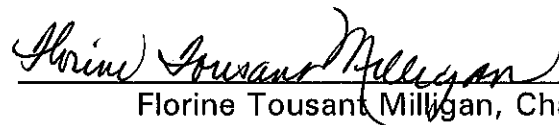
NAYS: None

Upon motion by Col. Wood, second by Mr. Medlock, the Board adjourned at

12:06 p.m.



Dallas Wood, Secretary



Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Leslie Wyatt 870-972-3030

ACTION ITEM: The Board of Trustees approves the development and implementation of a plan to create an ASU System administration function separated from the ASU-Jonesboro campus administration.

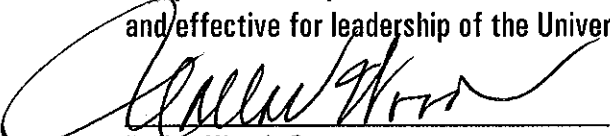
ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve changes in administrative structures of the campuses, and approve the duties and responsibilities of the ASU President.

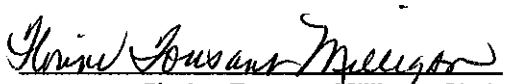
BACKGROUND:

- Arkansas State University has grown to be an enterprise which includes four operationally separate campuses in nine locations, enrolling 17,000 students. The opportunities for the definition of the ASU System have grown over the last decade and now compete for attention with the focus on daily administration of the Jonesboro campus. It is timely to consider the division of those administrative functions and to assign them to two individuals.
- A series of responsibilities and opportunities have been defined in recent planning and feasibility studies which may be assigned to each of the administrative officers in order to promote further development of the university.
- The Board must authorize the commencement of this transition in order for the new structure to be reflected in the institutional budgets, for the preparation of the biennial budget proposals, to be noted by the Department of Higher Education and various accreditation agencies, and to provide authority for a number of transitional activities.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Board of Trustees authorizes the development and enactment of a plan for the separation of the administration of the ASU System and the ASU-Jonesboro campus. The President will present the plan to the Board of Trustees for approval, and will assist the Board and the Jonesboro campus in the implementation of those activities which will make the subsequent division both efficient and effective for leadership of the University.


Dallas Wood, Secretary


Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus Burton 972-3303

Action Item: ASU-Jonesboro requests approval to increase the application fee for international students.

Issue: ASU-Jonesboro requests permission from the Board to increase the international application fee due to increasing costs of service.

Background:

- ASU-Jonesboro currently has an international application fee of \$25.00.
- The fee is designed to defray costs associated with postage, telephone, fax, photocopies, and the printing of recruitment materials. All of these services and products have increased since this fee was established at \$25.00.
- The ASU-J fee is one of the lowest in the state. Other Arkansas universities charge as follows:

○ Arkansas Tech	\$30
○ Central Baptist	\$25
○ Henderson	\$30
○ Hendrix	\$100
○ John Brown	\$100
○ Lyon College	\$50
○ Ouachita	\$50
○ Philander Smith	\$30
○ Southern Arkansas	\$30
○ UA Fayetteville	\$50
○ UCA	\$40
○ Williams Baptist	\$20

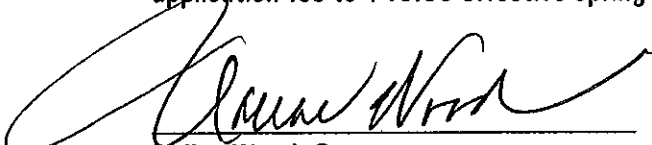
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Jennus Burton 972-3303

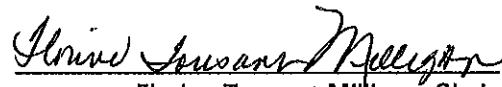
- ASU-J is requesting Board approval to raise this fee from \$25 to \$40. ASU-J believes that this rate would be somewhat comparable to other university rates for the same service and be competitive.

Recommendation/Resolution:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is authorized to raise the international application fee to \$40.00 effective spring 2006 semester.



Dallas Wood, Secretary



Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
December 16, 2005
Resolution 05-44

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (972-2030)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to offer a one-year Certificate in General Studies, effective August 2006.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must be notified prior to submitting a proposal for a new program to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

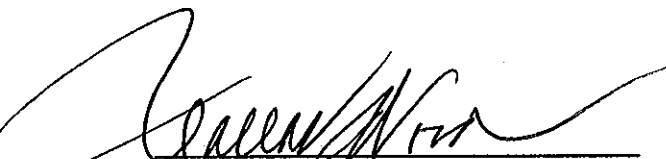
BACKGROUND:

This one-year award is intended to provide recognition of the completion of a body of knowledge in general education based on the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS, 1991); to serve as an intermediate step toward an Associate of Arts degree; and/or to recognize as a "completer" a student who has successfully completed a significant number of courses in general education but does not intend to complete an Associate of Arts degree.

Whether pursuing a course of study in a two- or four-year college, students normally wish to obtain a degree primarily in order to gain employment in a given field. The completion of a course of study described in this proposal would provide a means of documenting the achievement of the Foundation Skills, as well as many of the competencies described in the SCANS report. The SCANS report describes skills that are essential to anyone entering today's workforce, as well as the competencies needed to function as responsible adults in a variety of environments.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer a one-year Certificate in General Studies, effective August 2006.


Dallas Wood, Secretary


Florine T. Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Mr. Jerry Carlisle (501-882-8235)

ACTION ITEM:

Arkansas State University-Beebe requests approval to issue bonds to provide funds for construction of a new classroom building at the Beebe campus.

ISSUE:

ASU-Beebe is in critical need for more and new science labs as well as additional classrooms and faculty offices. The university is planning an approximately 60,000 square foot building to house and provide eight new science labs with prep rooms, fourteen regular classrooms, eighteen new faculty offices, a lecture auditorium and a large open access computer lab. Plans are to have the building ready for use in the fall semester of 2007.

BACKGROUND:

- ASU-Beebe proposes to issue bonds, not to exceed \$11,000,000, to provide funds for the construction of the new science center and classrooms.
- The Board will need to provide authority to hire bond counsel and underwriters for the bond sale. ASU-Beebe has hired Stephens, Inc to serve as Manager of the bond sale to assure that ASU-Beebe will achieve the lowest possible interest rate on the sale of the bonds.
- The university will pledge tuition and fee revenues to the debt service payment for the bonds. Estimated tuition and fee revenue for FY 06 is \$5,436,000. It will be necessary to ask for Board approval to increase tuition by \$2 per semester hour beginning with Fall 2006.
- The university will seek ADHE Coordinating Board approval for the bond issue.
- The Chair of the Board, the President of the University, and Vice President for Finance and Administration are authorized to execute such writings and take such action as may be appropriate to cause the bonds to be issued, including without limitation, and with respect to each issue, the execution and delivery of a trust indenture or trust indentures, in form and substance substantially like those used in the past, a Bond Purchase Agreement with the Underwriters, a continuing disclosure agreement in compliance with the Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 15c2-12, and an Official Statement.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Mr. Jerry Carlisle (501-882-8235)

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Beebe is approved to issue bonds not to exceed the amount of \$11,000,000 for the construction of a new classroom building on the Beebe campus. The average rates of interest would not exceed of 5.30% and final maturity shall not exceed thirty (30) years. Furthermore, Arkansas State University-Beebe is authorized to engage the firm of Friday, Eldredge & Clark as bond counsel and is authorized to hire Stephens, Inc. as underwriters.



Dallas Wood, Secretary



Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Mr. Barry Farris (501-882-8442)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Beebe requests approval to offer a new Veterinary Technology program effective fall semester 2006.

ISSUE: The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees must approve any new programs prior to submission to the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB).

BACKGROUND:

The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association (ArVMA) is interested in establishing an AVMA accredited degree program in Arkansas that would lead to an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology.

In Arkansas, a Certified (Credentialed) Veterinary Technician, C.V.T., is a person who has graduated from a two- or three-year AVMA accredited program in Veterinary Technology, and obtains a passing score on the Veterinary Technician National Examination (VTNE).

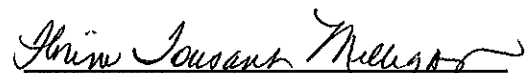
The Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association recommends Arkansas State University-Beebe for the Veterinary Technology program that would lead to an Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology. The program will benefit ASU-Beebe and the state of Arkansas.

ASU-Beebe is located in the central part of the state with easy access to major highways in Arkansas. This also positions the program in proximity to UAMS and other state agencies such as the Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission and their labs. On-campus residence halls would enhance recruiting throughout the state of Arkansas. A livestock farm, classrooms, and a large covered pavilion equipped with livestock restraining equipment supports ASU-Beebe's Agriculture Department. Compressed video rooms are available which can be used to receive or transmit instruction to or from another site. In addition, the Medical Laboratory Technician program supports equipment that may be shared with Veterinary Technician students.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Beebe is approved to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology, effective fall semester 2006.


Dallas Wood, Secretary


Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Theodore Kalthoff (501-882-8230)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Beebe requests approval to offer the Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice and the Technical Certificate in Criminal Justice. Both the Associate of Applied Science and Technical Certificate will have three options: Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Forensics.

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

BACKGROUND:

- The Associate of Applied Science and the Technical Certificate in Criminal Justice are designed to provide students with the skills necessary to move directly into the workforce within one of the three options.
- The program has been discussed with the Criminal Justice Institute at Little Rock as well as with the area law enforcement agencies and they have indicated their support for the program. In addition, each year when the KUDER occupational interest survey is administered to high school students, criminal justice is the number one career choice in our area.
- Facilities and equipment needed for this program are already in place at the ASU-Beebe campuses and a limited number of criminal justice courses are already being offered at the Beebe and Heber Springs campuses.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Beebe is approved to offer the Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice with options in Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Forensics; and the Technical Certificate in Criminal Justice with options in Law Enforcement, Corrections, and Forensics, effective fall semester 2006.


Dallas Wood, Secretary


Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

A Resolution for the recognition of significant contributions to
Arkansas State University-Beebe
by
Dr. Ruth Couch

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, Dr. Ruth Couch came to Arkansas State University-Beebe as an assistant professor of English, and was Arkansas State University-Beebe's first full professor and the first female on the faculty to achieve a doctorate; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Couch has taught composition, world literature, and mythology to countless students, and advanced from associate and professor of English to division chair, acting dean of instruction, and finally to vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1994. Her tenure of nine years in that position makes her the longest-running academic affairs officer in the school's history; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Couch is published in several professional journals and magazines and is the author of "This Land of Legend," a book of her original poetry, which has led to numerous local speaking engagements. She has served on the state committees on distance education and assessment. For the past 20 years, she has been a consultant/evaluator for the Higher Learning Commission for accreditation of colleges and universities across the nation. Approximately thirty visits, several as chair, she chaired one Higher Learning Commission Self-Study Committee at Arkansas State University-Beebe and chaired two technical school visits for Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

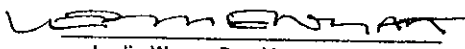
WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Couch has been active in the community. Her involvement in church and civic activities includes Arkansas State University-Beebe Development Council, longtime member of First Baptist Church, Sunday school teacher and trustee, director of Beebe Chamber of Commerce, Beebe Economic Development Commission member, former president of local Kiwanis Club, former state president of Arkansas Business and Professional Women, and former state first vice-president of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International; and

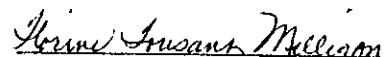
WHEREAS, Dr. Ruth Couch has served 32 years on the Arkansas State University-Beebe staff as an educator and administrator.

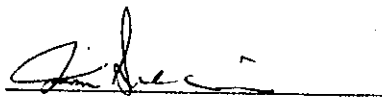
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, that the Institutional Advancement Building on the Beebe campus shall be named and henceforth known as

The Couch Advancement Center

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 16th day of December 2005


Leslie Wyatt, President


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