

AGENDA
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
May 6, 2005
Telephone Conference Call
Jonesboro Campus

I. Call to Order

Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

II. Roll Call

*III. Agenda

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science.
- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Master of Arts in Criminal Justice.
- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Master of Social Work.
- Resolution Conferring upon Dr. C. Calvin Smith the Honorary Degree Doctor of Humane Letters.

*IV. Approval of Personnel Actions

*V. Adjournment

*Action Item

**Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
May 6, 2005**

The Arkansas State University Board of Trustees met by conference call on Friday, May 6, 2005 in the conference room of the President's Office on the Jonesboro campus. Mrs. Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. A roll call confirmed the presence of the following Board members: Mr. Richard Bell, Vice Chair; Colonel Dallas Wood Secretary; Mr. Mike Gibson, Board member; and Mr. Mike Medlock, Board member. Members of the ASU staff and the media also were present.

Agenda:

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science.

Increased demand in the field of forensic sciences has prompted proposal of this program explained Dr. Wyatt.

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, Resolution 05-09 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Master of Arts in Criminal Justice.

Over 250 students are in the undergraduate criminology program, and many have indicated their interest in pursuing graduate level education. This field relates closely to employment opportunities in the criminal justice industry.

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Medlock, Resolution 05-10 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution Approving ASU-Jonesboro to Offer a New Master of Social Work.

Social work demand for residents in Northeast Arkansas and the Delta area is significant, said Dr. Wyatt. This degree will allow undergraduates and other professionals the opportunity to achieve a higher level of expertise in the social work field. Dr. Susan Hanrahan, dean of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, stated that the program's accrediting body must first approve the plan and therefore, it would be two years before the first students could be admitted.

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Bell, Resolution 05-11 was approved.

AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

- Resolution Conferring upon Dr. C. Calvin Smith the Honorary Degree, Doctor of Humane Letters.

Dr. Smith has been member of the faculty for 32 years and in 2003 became the first Presidential Distinguished Professor in the Heritage Studies program.

Dr. Wyatt praised Dr. Smith for his pioneering efforts in the state recognizing him as the first African American to be appointed to the faculty at Arkansas State University. He is widely recognized in the state and region for his contributions to academia.

Upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Gibson, Resolution 05-12 was

approved.

AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Mr. Medlock the Board voted to retire into executive session at 10:15 a. m.

AYES: Milligan, Bell, 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."

Mrs. Milligan reconvened the Board at 10:19 a.m.

Approval of Personnel:

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

AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Medlock, second by Mr. Gibson, the promotion recommendations for the Beebe campus were approved.

AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Gibson, second by Mr. Bell, the tenure recommendations for the Jonesboro campus were approved.

AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

Upon motion by Mr. Bell, second by Colonel Wood, the tenure recommendation for the Beebe campus was approved.


AYES: Milligan, Bell, Wood, Gibson, Medlock

NAYS: None

With no further business, and upon motion by Colonel Wood, second by Mr. Medlock, the meeting adjourned at 10:28 a.m.



Dallas Wood, Secretary



Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (972-2030)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to offer a new Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science, effective spring semester 2006.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve any new program before submitting the proposal to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

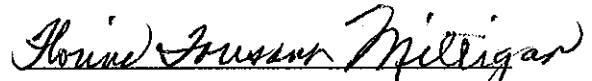
BACKGROUND: Interest in forensic science has increased dramatically in the past 10 years. In response to this interest many universities have begun to offer degrees in forensic science, primarily at the graduate level. Eighty-nine colleges and universities in the United States claim to offer a program of study in forensic science. Of these only 17 are undergraduate programs and only five provide cross-disciplinary training across the natural sciences while also providing legal ethics and evidence training. There is no such program in Arkansas. Given the recent dramatic surge in interest in the field, stimulated in part by television shows such as CSI and the national-international schema associated with terroristic threats, students are seeking undergraduate training that will provide them entry into their field through applied training. This trend is mirrored in other fields such as environmental science, where students seek cross-disciplinary training in the sciences to solve global and local environmental problems. The time for training students behind disciplinary electric fences is gone. Although these boundaries have been knocked down to a large extent at the graduate level, 21st century undergraduate education requires that these disciplinary boundaries be dropped and that undergraduate students be broadly trained.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer a new Bachelor of Science in Forensic Science, effective spring semester 2006.



Dallas Wood, Secretary



Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (972-2030)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to offer a new Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, effective fall semester 2005.

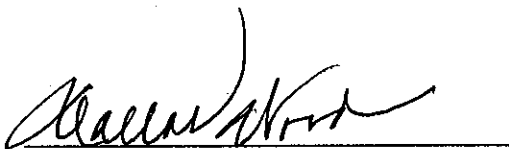
ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve any new program before submitting the proposal to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

BACKGROUND: The Master of Arts in Criminal Justice is quickly becoming the path to both employment and promotion in the Criminal Justice system as processes are becoming exceedingly complex. This is particularly true in state agencies (e.g., Probation and Parole which requires the BA at a minimum) and federal agencies (e.g. US Marshall Service). Many area practitioners have voiced strong support for the program and believe it will cause state agencies to be more effective and their employees more competitive statewide.

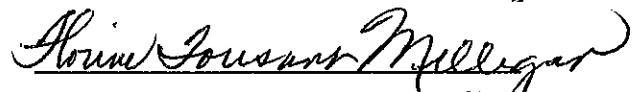
Currently, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock has the only such program in the state and it is not sufficient to meet statewide need. Not only have our current students gone out of state for graduate work in the past two years (e.g., University of Cincinnati, University of Memphis, several in Missouri, and others), but UALR undergraduates are similarly limited in their choices. We have 250 undergraduate majors in Criminology and of our current graduating seniors more than 15 had expressed a certainty that they will stay here for graduate study; this number does not include those already in the field who wish to come back. Indeed, a half dozen December 2004 graduates are already applying to start their course work since we will be utilizing existing courses across disciplines.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer a new Master of Arts in Criminal Justice, effective fall semester 2005.



Dallas Wood, Secretary



Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Dr. Susan Allen (972-2030)

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU-J) requests approval to offer a new Master of Social Work, effective fall semester 2006.

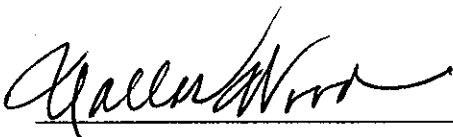
ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve any new program before the proposal is submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

BACKGROUND: A bachelor's in social work degree is the minimum requirement to qualify a person for a job as a social worker in Arkansas; however majors in psychology, sociology and other fields are often employed due to the lack of persons with social work training. Although a bachelor's degree is required for entry into the field, an advanced degree in Social Work has become the standard for many positions. Master's degree programs prepare graduates for advanced practice (CSWE, Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards, 2001). The focus is on their chosen field of concentration and further develops their skills which may include those required to perform clinical assessments, to manage large caseloads, and to explore new ways of drawing upon social services to meet the needs of clients (Bureau of Labor Statistics, Occupational Outlook Handbook, 2000).

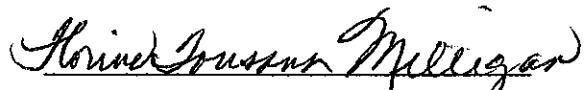
Graduates of the ASU-J MSW program will extend the university's commitment to the community, the lower Mississippi Delta region, the State of Arkansas, and the nation as they provide direct services, manage human services agencies, and promote social justice. A master's level social work degree at Arkansas State University, therefore, complements the university's mission to the community and the region.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to offer a new Master of Social Work, effective fall semester 2006.



Dallas Wood, Secretary



Florine Tousant Milligan, Chair

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

RESOLUTION

A Resolution Conferring upon Dr. C. Calvin Smith the Honorary Degree
Doctor of Humane Letters

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University adopted procedures for the conferring of honorary degrees by Arkansas State University; and

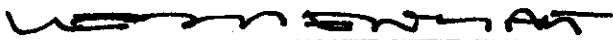
WHEREAS, the procedures adopted by the Board provide that honorary degrees are conferred to create a significant and lasting tribute to individuals whose contributions to humanity give new understanding to knowledge of our world, ourselves, and our past, present, and future, and who have demonstrated outstanding achievement and serve as an example of excellence to the student body and to others in the University community; and

WHEREAS, such procedures require that nominations for such a degree be reviewed and approved by the Honorary Doctorate Committee and to further receive the unanimous recommendation of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs and the President; and


WHEREAS, Dr. C. Calvin Smith, has been duly nominated and his nomination has been properly reviewed and recommended by the Honorary Doctorate Committee, the Vice Chancellor for Research and Academic Affairs, and the President of the University.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University that Dr. C. Calvin Smith shall be granted the honorary degree, Doctor of Humane Letters, which said degree shall be conferred during Commencement Exercises on May 6, 2005.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED, this 6th day of May 2005



Leslie Wyatt, President



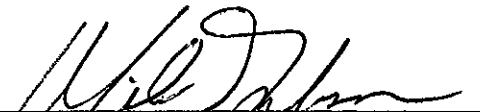
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Mike Gibson, Member



Mike Medlock, Member