I. Call to Order
   Charles Luter, Chair

*II. Approval of the Minutes of Past Meetings
   February 20, 2015
   April 10, 2015

III. President’s Report
     Reports of the Chancellors

*IV. Agenda
   • Proposed ASU System Resolutions
     • Resolution conferring Trustee Emeritus Status
     • Resolution approving ASU System to establish provisional positions
     • Resolution approving 2015-2016 tuition and fee rates for system campuses
     • Resolution approving Arkansas State University operating budgets for fiscal year 2015-2016 and authority to execute the budgets
     • Resolution approving ASU System to offer in-state tuition rates to veterans and their family members eligible under the Veterans’ Access, Choice, and Accountability Act
     • Resolution approving ASU System to reaffirm the Weapons Policy

   • Proposed ASU-Jonesboro Resolution
     • Resolution approving ASU-Jonesboro to enter into agreements for private camps

   • Proposed ASU-Beebe Resolution
     • Resolution approving 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for ASU-Beebe

   • Proposed ASU-Newport Resolutions
     • Resolution approving ASU-Newport to offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Geriatric Support Technology and a Technical Certificate in Gerontology
     • Resolution approving ASU-Newport to offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Pre-Nursing and Allied Health

V. Executive Session
VI. Approval of Personnel Actions

VII. Other Business

VIII. Adjournment

Action Items
ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION

A Resolution Conferring upon
Dan Pierce
the Designation of Trustee Emeritus

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees recognizes the importance of the many contributions provided by individuals who have served previously on the Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, in 1999 the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University created a recognition group, the Trustee Emeriti, to honor trustees who have served with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Dan Pierce of Jonesboro, Arkansas, served with expertise and excellence on the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees following his appointment by Governor Mike Beebe in 2010,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University that this resolution, in appreciation of his countless contributions, designates Dan Pierce as Trustee Emeritus of Arkansas State University in deep gratitude for his legacy of wise and generous counsel and untiring efforts on behalf of the university, its students, faculty, staff, and friends.

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 8th day of May 2015.

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Charles Luter, Chair                        Howard L. Slinkard, Vice Chair

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary                        Tim Langford, Member

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Niel Crowson, Member                          Charles L. Welch, President
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**ACTION ITEM:** Arkansas State University System requests approval to establish the maximum number of legislatively authorized provisional positions for all campuses for fiscal year 2015-2016.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees must approve the establishment of provisional positions.

**BACKGROUND:**

- As the university continues to receive monies from grants, contracts, and other non-appropriated sources, the campuses have found it necessary to expedite the process of approval for provisional positions. Since board authority is necessary to establish provisional positions and the board meets regularly only four times a year, the board may approve the establishment of all provisional positions on all campuses of Arkansas State University, allowing the university to seek the establishment of the positions from the Department of Higher Education, the Office of Personnel Management, and the Legislative Council, as needed.

- The board agreed to this request during the last fiscal year and its approval is again being sought for the upcoming fiscal year. This will allow the ASU Departments of Human Resources on all campuses to respond immediately to the university’s provisional position requests.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to establish 300 provisional positions for ASU-Jonesboro, 100 provisional positions for ASU-Beebe, 40 provisional positions for ASU-Mountain Home, and 60 provisional positions for ASU-Newport as authorized for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

Ron Rhodes, Secretary

Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, Arkansas State University-Beebe, Arkansas State University-Mountain Home, and Arkansas State University-Newport request approval to set tuition and fee rates.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve tuition and fee rates.

BACKGROUND:
In order to meet the additional costs needed to provide a quality education and economic development activities for the State, Arkansas State University System campuses request approval to adjust tuition and fees.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-JONESBORO

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Online MBA (per ssch) | $480.00 | $580.00 |
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ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-BEEBE:
Tuition (Effective fall semester of 2015)
Beebe, Heber Springs, Searcy, and the Little Rock Air Force Base:

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ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-NEWPORT:

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RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that tuition and fee rates for Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, Arkansas State University-Beebe, Arkansas State University-Mountain Home, and Arkansas State University-Newport are approved as stated herein.

Ron Rhodes, Secretary
Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University System (ASU) requests approval of operating budgets for fiscal year 2015-2016 and for the authority to execute the budgets during the fiscal year.

ISSUE: Each fiscal year, the Board of Trustees must approve the operating budgets of the ASU System.

BACKGROUND:

The operating budget establishes expenditure levels for certain categories of expense, including salaries, supplies, services, and capital expenditures. Moreover, the budget establishes sound economic policy by which the university manages its annual fiscal affairs.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-JONESBORO:

The 2015-2016 operating budget for Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASUJ) was developed through the efforts of the university’s Executive Council, and shared with the University Planning Council (UPC) and the campus community. State appropriation funds will remain flat for ASUJ in FY2016. A $1.2 million reduction in existing budgeted expenditure categories was implemented to offset Fall 2014 enrollment declines. Additional tuition revenues and reallocated resources were provided in order to deliver high-quality instruction and an enhanced overall educational experience for students.

FY2016 state general revenue and Educational Excellence Trust Fund resources are anticipated to be flat. To continue to offer the educational experience required for today’s student population, a 4.0% tuition increase is requested, as well as a $2 per-credit-hour increase in the athletic fee and a $1 per-credit-hour increase in the facilities fee.

Funds were allocated for the following categories:

- faculty promotions;
- continued support of institutional and performance scholarships;
- inflationary cost increases related to utilities, property insurance, and software maintenance;
- software for enhanced data security and retention efforts;
- maintenance and operations funds for the Humanities and Social Sciences Building and the Student Activities Center (SAC);
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- minimum wage increase;
- employee health care increases; and
- faculty equity.

The Arkansas State University-Jonesboro budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 is $146,114,879 for educational and general operations and $38,424,621 for auxiliary operations.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-BEEBE:
The proposed 2015-2016 operating budget for Arkansas State University-Beebe (ASUB) was prepared by the ASUB Planning Committee, which includes faculty, staff, and administration representatives. The budget was submitted to the chancellor for his review and approval. Operating funds are provided for the campuses in Beebe, Searcy, Heber Springs, and the Little Rock Air Force Base.

A 3.2% tuition increase provided funds to offset a revenue loss caused by a downfall in enrollment, and a $2 per-credit-hour increase in the academic excellence fee provided funds for faculty salary adjustments. ASUB, as well as all institutions of higher education in Arkansas, will not receive an increase in general revenue funding. Reductions in debt service expenses, scholarships, and part-time faculty salaries permitted reallocation of funds to other expenditure categories.

Funds were allocated to the following categories:
- COLA raises for faculty, non-classified staff, and classified staff;
- faculty and staff promotions;
- an additional faculty member at Heber Springs in Early Childhood Education;
- continued and additional support for institutional technology; and
- inflationary increases in certain fixed-cost categories.

The budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 at Arkansas State University-Beebe is $27,055,977 for educational and general operations and $3,217,700 for auxiliary operations.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-MOUNTAIN HOME:
The Arkansas State University-Mountain Home (ASUMH) Chancellor’s Cabinet, in conjunction with the ASUMH Budget Committee, developed the proposed educational and general operating budget for fiscal year 2015-2016 to meet the intellectual needs of the ASUMH student population. ASUMH is
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Contact: Charles L. Welch (501) 660-1000

Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
May 8, 2015
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committed to improvements in learning by delivering high-quality instruction, relevant academic programs, and services that benefit the needs of business and industry in our community.

To continue providing a high level of educational experience and student support, a 2.7% increase in tuition and mandatory fees, along with reallocations and reductions of existing budgets, is necessary. The tuition increase will help offset a decrease in tuition revenue due to an enrollment decline. ASUMH has reduced budgeted expenditures in full-time salaries and benefits, part-time labor, travel, and equipment.

In addition, ASUMH has budgeted a sufficient amount for contingency expenditures to offset a 5% decline in enrollment or to be allocated for significant needs in the next fiscal year, should enrollment goals be met.

The fiscal year 2015-2016 budget for Arkansas State University-Mountain Home is $10,507,323 for educational and general operations and $160,000 for auxiliary operations.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY-NEWPORT:

Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) conducted a collaborative budgeting process that allowed broad-based inclusion and communication. Under the college’s shared leadership model, a cross-departmental budget planning team was appointed by the chancellor to assist administration in prioritization of budget requests. ASUN again utilized a zero-based budgeting model. This allowed a level of critical evaluation to refine needs and encourage efficiency. With no growth in state funding and the increasing needs of our growing student population, the institution was able to allocate resources to fund initiatives that align closely with the updated strategic plan.

A strategic budgeting framework was utilized to allow budget managers to formulate requests to meet the needs of the related service areas. The framework allowed for the collection and organization of common information to prioritize needs and fund initiatives based on strategic priorities. This process included the participation of administrators with input from faculty and departmental staff, while guidance was provided by the Office of Fiscal Affairs. Noting that the institution has an obligation to keep education affordable, this process provided a diligent basis of evaluation to maximize institutional resources and minimize the need for tuition and fee increases. As the institution moves to continually increase accountability, the result of this year’s budget planning process has allowed the college to better
provide for the diverse needs of each of its service areas. The chancellor was actively involved throughout the process and has given approval for these requests.

A 1.1% tuition increase, a $1 per-credit-hour increase in the academic excellence fee, and a $2 increase in quality-improvement fees accounted for an overall increase of 3.8% in tuition and fees, which will provide new revenue sources in the budget. Revenue from tuition and fees was allocated to the following categories for ASUN:

- funds for regular campus operations in fiscal year 2015-2016 at the estimated level of $14,682,544 for locations at Newport, Jonesboro, and Marked Tree;
- funds for growth of academic programs, including hiring a new Advanced Manufacturing instructor at Jonesboro; a Dean for Nursing and Allied Health to oversee and enhance health care programs on three campuses; Criminology and Psychology/Sociology instructors; and a full-time student recruiter to expand outreach to service areas;
- funding to increase completion rates, primarily in retention support;
- funding for information-technology related to further expansion of the virtual desktop infrastructure;
- funds for anticipated campus needs and increased fixed costs, such as employee health care costs, and costs related to academic assessment and higher efficiency through technology acquisitions;
- funding for capital and related needs, including equipment for technical programs, and replacing and adding other instructional equipment and technology;
- funds for a 2% salary increase for non-classified and faculty personnel, and a COLA of 1% for classified salary increases; and
- funds needed for additional increases in faculty salary levels to become more competitive with the SREB average for comparable institutions.

The fiscal year 2015-2016 budget for Arkansas State University-Newport is $14,682,544 for educational and general operations and $241,000 for auxiliary operations.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Charles L. Welch (501) 660-1000

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM:
The Arkansas State University System is funded as a non-formula entity with a fiscal year 2015-2016 operating budget of $3,303,961, of which $2,506,652 is categorized as a state appropriation. The remainder of $797,309 is funded from other sources, including campus and foundation support.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that fiscal year 2015-2016 operating budgets for Arkansas State University are approved, and authority is granted to execute the budgets in the amount of $201,664,684 for education and general operations and $42,043,324 for auxiliary operations.

Ron Rhodes, Secretary

Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Charles Welch (501) 660-1000

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University System requests approval to offer in-state tuition rates to veterans and their family members eligible under the Veterans’ Access, Choice, and Accountability Act (VACAA).

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve all tuition rates.

BACKGROUND:

Currently, the ASU System provides that all persons serving in the military, dependents of active duty military personnel, and all honorably discharged military personnel are eligible for resident tuition rates (Resolution 11-05).

Under the VACAA, which takes effect July 1, 2015, the following individuals will become eligible for resident tuition rates:

- A veteran using educational assistance, under either Chapter 30 (Montgomery G.I. Bill – Active Duty Program) or Chapter 33 (Post-9/11 G.I. Bill), Title 38, of the United States Code, who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and who enrolls in the school within three years of discharge from a period of active-duty service of 90 days or more;

- Anyone using transferred Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (38 U.S.C. § 3319) who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and who enrolls in the school within three years of the transferor’s discharge from a period of active-duty service of 90 days or more;

- A spouse or child using benefits under the Marine Gunnery Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship (38 U.S.C. § 3311(b)(9)) who lives in the State of Arkansas while attending a school located in the State of Arkansas (regardless of his/her formal state of residence) and enrolls in the school within three years of the service member’s death in the line of duty following a period of active-duty service of 90 days or more;
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• Anyone described above while he or she remains continuously enrolled (other than during regularly scheduled breaks between courses, semesters, or terms) at the same school. The person so described must have enrolled in the school prior to the expiration of the three-year period following discharge or death described above and must be using educational benefits under either Chapter 30 or Chapter 33, of Title 38, United States Code.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to offer in-state tuition rates to veterans and their family members eligible under the federal Veterans’ Access, Choice, and Accountability Act.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary                      Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Charles Welch, 501-660-1000

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University System desires to reaffirm its weapons policy.

ISSUE: Policies disallowing the carrying of a concealed handgun on university property should be readopted each year, pursuant to state law.

BACKGROUND:

- Arkansas State University System revised its System Weapons Policy on May 10, 2013, to specifically disallow the carrying of a concealed handgun.

- The legislature has indicated in A.C.A. § 5-73-322(b)(2)(C) that a policy disallowing the carrying of a concealed handgun on university property should be readopted each year.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees reaffirms the Arkansas State University System Weapons Policy effective immediately.

Ron Rhodes, Secretary

Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval to enter into agreements submitted for the purpose of allowing certain employees to conduct private camps on and in ASUJ facilities.

ISSUE: ASUJ wishes to contract with certain employees to conduct private camps on the ASUJ campus. Such camps are designed to bring future students to the campus in order to expose them to its facilities and personnel while engaging in program activities. Additionally, funds are generated and paid to ASUJ to cover the use of its facilities and auxiliary services.

BACKGROUND:

- A.C.A. § 6-62-401 authorizes the Boards of Trustees of state institutions of higher learning to grant permission to employees of such institutions to conduct, on and in campus facilities, certain outside work for private compensation (as described in the Act). Employees are to be engaged in this outside work only after they have fully discharged their employment responsibilities to such institutions. Employees are required to take annual leave during these camp periods.

- The Act grants the board the non-delegable duty to make express findings of fact as follows:
  - the activities in question involve no conflict of interest with the mission and purpose of the institution itself;
  - the activities proposed would bring to the campus a significant number of persons who are potentially future students who might tend to enroll on that campus as a result of their exposure to its facilities and its personnel while engaged in these activities; and
  - the contemplated activities will, as a part thereof, generate funds to be paid to the state institution for housing, meals, and for the use of institutional resources that will produce significant revenues in support of the auxiliary functions of the particular campus serving its enrolled students.

- All agreements will comply with A.C.A. § 6-62-401.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to enter into agreements submitted for the purpose of allowing certain employees to conduct private camps on and in ASUJ campus facilities effective June 1, 2015, through May 31, 2016.

Ron Rhodes, Secretary
Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM:  Arkansas State University-Beebe (ASUB) requests approval for its proposed 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

ISSUE:  The Board of Trustees must approve all strategic plans.

BACKGROUND:

- ASUB’s Institutional Effectiveness Committee conducted multiple assessments, environmental scans, and considered the perspectives of internal and external stakeholders in order to prepare the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan.

- This plan was developed by a cross-functional team of administrators, faculty, staff, and students with the goal of providing a holistic and comprehensive plan for the university as it moves forward.

- This plan will guide the campus for the next five years.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan for Arkansas State University-Beebe is approved effective July 1, 2015.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary    Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Contact: Sandra Massey (870) 512-7851

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) requests approval to offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Geriatric Support Technology and a Technical Certificate in Gerontology.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve the offering of any new degree.

BACKGROUND:

- People are now living longer, and as the Baby Boomer generation ages, health care will begin to focus more on the geriatric patient.

- The above-proposed degrees serve as value-based certificates for working Certified Nursing Assistants and Licensed Practical Nurses by making them more employable, by expanding their knowledge base, and by fulfilling their Continuing Professional Education requirements.

- The proposed degrees fit into ASUN’s nursing and allied health pathway.

- The proposed degrees will be offered online, and existing resources will be utilized to offer them.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Newport is approved to offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Geriatric Support Technology and a Technical Certificate in Gerontology effective fall semester of 2015.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary                        Charles Luter, Chair
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ACTION ITEM: Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) requests approval to offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Pre-Nursing and Allied Health.

ISSUE: The Board of Trustees must approve the offering of any new degree.

BACKGROUND:

- This above-proposed degree serves to increase student success in Practical Nursing and Allied Health by preparing students with the proper tools necessary, including effective study skills, applicable math skills, medical terminology, communication skills commonly used in the health care industry, and college and life skills.

- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) certification will be earned as part of this program, providing students with employment opportunities in the health care industry.

- Existing resources will be utilized to offer this degree.

RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Newport is approved to offer a Certificate of Proficiency in Pre-Nursing and Allied Health, effective fall semester of 2015.

Ron Rhodes, Secretary

Charles Luter, Chair