

**AGENDA**  
**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**September 18, 2015**  
**10:00 a.m.**  
**ASU-Newport**

- I. Call to Order  
Charles Luter, Chair
  
  - \*II. Approval of the Minutes of Past Meetings  
May 8, 2015  
August 27, 2015
  
  - III. President's Report  
Reports of the Chancellors
  
  - \*IV. Agenda
    - Proposed ASU System Resolutions
      - Resolution approving a change to the Board of Trustees Bylaws
      - Resolution approving ASU System to establish provisional positions for ASU Mid-South
      - Resolution approving ASU System to revise the Distribution of Information Regarding Sex-Offenders Policy
      - Resolution approving ASU System to revise the Weapons Policy
      - Resolution approving ASU System to proceed with the Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Capital Project and related financing at ASU-Jonesboro
  
    - Proposed ASU-Jonesboro Resolutions
      - Resolution approving ASU-Jonesboro to realign academic colleges
      - Resolution approving ASU-Jonesboro to amend the Faculty Handbook
  
    - Proposed ASU Mid-South Resolutions
      - Resolution naming the athletic and wellness facility
      - Resolution naming the training facility
  
  - V. Executive Session
  
  - \*VI. Approval of Personnel Actions
  
  - VII. Other Business
  
  - \*VIII. Adjournment
- \*Action Items

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

**ACTION ITEM:** The Arkansas State University System requests approval to amend the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees wishes to amend the Bylaws adopted on September 7, 2007.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University adopted bylaws on September 7, 2007, in order to effectively manage the university; to provide for a definitive, orderly form of governance; and to secure and continue a superior institution of higher education.
- Arkansas State University Mid-South officially joined the ASU System on July 1, 2015. The Board desires to amend its bylaws to include Arkansas State University Mid-South as a campus of the Arkansas State University System in Article VI.1. Organization.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University Board of Trustees approves the change to the Bylaws that is proposed by this resolution, effective September 18, 2015.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Charles Luter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1000

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

**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 approval is requested to establish provisional positions and the board only meets regularly four times a year, the board may approve the establishment of all provisional positions on all campuses of Arkansas State University and allow 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 approved this request in May for the ASU campuses for FY2015-16. ASU Mid-South officially joined the ASU System on July 1, 2015. Therefore, approval is requested to establish provisional positions for ASU Mid-South, so that it can respond immediately to provisional position requests.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to establish 75 provisional positions for ASU Mid-South, as authorized for the 2015-2016 fiscal year.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Charles Luter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

**ACTION ITEM:** The Arkansas State University System requests approval to revise the Distribution of Information Regarding Sex-Offenders Policy, to include residential restrictions for registered sex offenders.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees must approve all system policies.

**BACKGROUND:**

- Under state law, it is unlawful for a Level 3 or Level 4 registered sex offender to reside, by dwelling permanently or continuously, within 2,000 feet of property on which any public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, youth center, or daycare facility is located. Certain campus residential facilities fall within this restriction.
- The Arkansas State University System is dedicated to providing an educational and social climate that is conducive to the safety of all members of the university community.
- Consistent with state law, registered sex offenders designated Level 3 or Level 4 offenders may be required to vacate any university-affiliated housing that is within 2,000 feet of property on which any public or private elementary or secondary school, public park, youth center, or daycare facility is located.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTIONS:**

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to revise the Distribution of Information Regarding Sex-Offenders Policy to include residential restrictions for registered sex offenders, effective immediately.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Charles Luter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

**ACTION ITEM:** The Arkansas State University System requests approval to revise its Weapons Policy.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees must approve all system policies.

**BACKGROUND:**

- Act 1078 of 2015 provides an exception for a concealed-carry licensee to possess a weapon in a publicly owned and maintained parking lot if the licensee is carrying a concealed handgun in his or her motor vehicle or has left the concealed handgun in his or her locked and unattended motor vehicle.
- The Arkansas State University System is dedicated to providing an educational and social climate that is conducive to the safety of all members of the university community.
- Consistent with state law, the exception provided in Act 1078 of 2015 should be authorized in the System Weapons Policy.

**RECOMMENDATIONS/RESOLUTIONS:**

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to revise the Weapons Policy, effective immediately.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Charles Luter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Jeff Hankins (501) 660-1004

**ACTION ITEM:** The Arkansas State University System requests approval to proceed with the Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Capital Project and related financing at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees must approve all capital projects and their financing.

**BACKGROUND:**

- After an external investment grade energy audit of existing facilities at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, the ASU System is requesting to execute an energy performance contract to provide needed campus-wide energy improvements to include lighting retrofits, water and waste management strategies, chiller upgrades, as well as installation of other energy control mechanisms. The cost of the project is estimated to be \$15.2 million.
- The ASU System is requesting to finance the project with a tax-exempt capital lease agreement at an estimated interest rate of 3.75% for a term not to exceed 20 years. The projected debt service would be approximately \$1.5 million per annum to be repaid from guaranteed utility and operational savings generated by the energy improvements.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that the Arkansas State University System is approved to proceed with the Guaranteed Energy Cost Savings Capital Project at Arkansas State University-Jonesboro and to execute a tax-exempt capital lease agreement at an estimated interest rate of 3.75% for a term not to exceed 20 years to finance the project.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Charles Luter, Chair

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Lynita Cooksey (870) 972-2030

**ACTION ITEM:** Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval to realign nine academic colleges, resulting in six colleges, each under the leadership of one academic dean.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees must approve changes in organization of academic units.

**BACKGROUND:**

- ASUJ constituencies have been charged with recommending the realignment of the nine academic colleges, with the goal of contributing to the long-term financial health of the university, better meeting the changing academic and career needs of its students, and creating ways to enhance academic quality through collaboration.
- Two task forces came to a consensus, recommending an academic college restructuring, which was proposed and vetted through the shared governance process. Each unit will be represented by one dean. These units are the following:
  1. College of Agriculture and Technology and College of Engineering
  2. College of Business
  3. College of Education and Behavioral Sciences
  4. College of Fine Arts, College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and College of Media and Communication
  5. College of Nursing and Health Professions
  6. College of Sciences and Mathematics
- The new college units will begin this transition during the 2015-2016 academic year with college nomenclature determined by and restructured at the department and/or program level, as appropriate, to be completed by June 30, 2016.
- In early 2016, board approval will be requested for additional restructuring of departments and/or academic programs and final naming of combined colleges.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Lynita Cooksey (870) 972-2030

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to realign academic colleges as outlined above.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Charles Luter, Chair



**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Tim Hudson (870) 972-3030

**ACTION ITEM:** Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASUJ) requests approval to amend the Faculty Handbook of Policies and Procedures.

**ISSUE:** The Board of Trustees must approve all revisions to handbooks.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Faculty Handbook Committee for ASUJ has reviewed the Faculty Handbook of Policies and Procedures and has proposed three changes to that document.
- The first change relates to the current membership and purpose of the Education and Technology Committee. This committee is one of the 17 Academic Shared Governance committees on the ASUJ campus. These committees “are the vehicle by which the faculty influences decisions and courses of action in areas of faculty responsibility by being informed of, expressing views on, and making recommendations about academic issues affecting the institution.” The Director of the Center for Learning Technology serves as an official voting member of the Education and Technology Committee, while the Dean of Continuing Education and Community Outreach serves as an ex-officio, nonvoting member of the Education and Technology Committee. The proposed changes provide that the Director of the ITTC Faculty Center will replace the Director of the Center for Learning Technology on the committee. Additionally, the Chief Information Officer will replace the Dean of Continuing Education and Community Outreach on the committee.
- The second change relates to the purpose of the Education and Technology Committee. The revised purpose statement removes “implementation of courses and/or degrees at distant sites” as a committee purpose. The new committee purpose will be changed to address “learning via face-to-face, compressed video, and online, including learning within 3D virtual environments.”
- The final change makes modifications to the section of the Faculty Handbook addressing teaching load. These changes set forth the factors to be considered when establishing classroom enrollment caps, as well as the process by which those enrollment caps are established.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Contact: Tim Hudson (870) 972-3030

- The proposed changes have been approved through the shared governance process.
- A copy of the proposed changes is attached to this resolution.

**RECOMMENDATION/RESOLUTION:**

Be it resolved that Arkansas State University-Jonesboro is approved to amend the Faculty Handbook of Policies and Procedures as reflected in the attached revisions, effective immediately.

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Charles Luter, Chair

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Resolution Recognizing the Significant Contributions of  
Dr. Glen F. Fenter  
to Arkansas State University Mid-South

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has retained unto itself the authority to name facilities of the university in honor of individuals who have significantly distinguished themselves through service to and support of the university; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Glen F. Fenter was the sole president of Mid-South Community College from June 1, 1992, until June 30, 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Glen F. Fenter is a highly respected advocate for higher education and the students we serve; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Glen F. Fenter has made outstanding contributions to Arkansas State University Mid-South of a magnitude worthy of special gratitude and lasting recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, that the athletic and wellness facility on the ASU Mid-South campus shall be known henceforth as:

**Dr. Glen F. Fenter Athletic Complex**

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015

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Charles Luter, Chair

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Howard L. Slinkard, Vice Chair

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Ron Rhodes, Secretary

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Tim Langford, Member

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Niel Crowson, Member

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Charles L. Welch, President

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

A Resolution Recognizing the Significant Contributions of the  
Thomas B. Goldsby Family  
to Arkansas State University Mid-South

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has retained unto itself the authority to name facilities of the university in honor of individuals who have significantly distinguished themselves through service to and support of the university; and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the Thomas B. Goldsby Family are respected leaders in the community and supporters of higher education and the students we serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Thomas B. Goldsby Family has made outstanding contributions to Arkansas State University Mid-South of a magnitude worthy of special gratitude and lasting recognition.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University, that the training room for student-athletes in the athletic and wellness facility on the ASU Mid-South campus shall be known henceforth as:

**Thomas B. Goldsby Training Center**

DULY ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2015

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