

**Ozarka College Board of Trustees
Board Meeting
Minutes from March 19, 2009**

The Ozarka College Board of Trustees met on Thursday, March 19, 2009 at 4:00 pm in the board room. Board members Ben Cooper, Barbara Perryman, Bonnie Wyatt, Sharron Mathis, Paul Weaver and Dennis Wiles were present. Paul Balentine was unable to attend the meeting. College employees in attendance were Tina Wheelis, Karla Rush, Dr. Michael DeLong, Scott Pinkston, Ron Helm, Joan Stirling, Michelle Gray, and Nancy Dust.

Barbara Perryman, President, called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes from January 22, 2009 special meeting were approved unanimously following a motion from Dennis Wiles and a second by Sharron Mathis.

The following action items were discussed and approved by the board:

- Approval of new hires to fill open positions – Lesa Bull and approval of hiring current administration, faculty and staff for the 2009-2010 academic year (motion by Ben Cooper, second by Dennis Wiles)
- Consideration of end of month and year-to-day finance report. (motion by Paul Weaver, second by Sharron Mathis)
- Change to Presidential Search Committee—The Board of Trustees accepts the resignation of Ben Cooper from the Presidential Search Committee and appoints Dennis Wiles as the representative for Izard County and the Board of Trustees. (motion Sharron Mathis, second by Paul Weaver)

Presidents Report: Tina Wheelis, Interim President, presented information on the following topics.

A. 2009-2010 Budget Update

B. Storm damage update

C. College vehicle Update

- Purchasing a car (Chevy Impala)
- Receiving a free vehicle (truck)

D. Legislative Update—Tina presented the board members with a handout that detailed the bills that effect Ozarka College and discussed each of those bills.

E. May retreat/board meeting—May 21, 2009—12:00 noon

- A comprehensive review of the 2009-2010 budget

F. Presidential search update

G. Survey on Trustee Tuition Waivers—Tina explained the FOIA request that all of the colleges received and provided copies of the survey results for the meeting. She also

provided the board members with "Instructions for Statement of Financial Interest" provided by ADHE.

Area reports:

Academic Affairs—Dr. Michael DeLong reported that the fall schedule would be posted the first week of April. A Human Services emphasis has been added to the Associate of Arts degree.

Student Services—Ron Helm reported that the graduation committee has met and started planning for graduation. Kevin Johnson will be the commencement speaker. There should be between 125-140 graduates. The new student enrollment for Fall 2007 was 947 and Fall 2008 was 951. Enrollment is currently 240 new students for the Fall semester.

Human Resource—Tina Wheelis reported that the search committee for the culinary arts instructor has been selected and has begun reviewing resumes.

Finance—Michelle Gray reported that the state auditors are at the college and plan to stay for two months. They have asked for a flow chart of process and are focusing on fraud, internal control and risk assessment. \$6.5 million in Financial Aid has been distributed this year. At this rate, next year the restricted budget will be larger than the unrestricted budget.

Paul Weaver made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sharron Mathis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Submitted by Nancy Dust