

**Special-Called Meeting of the ECU Board of Regents
Via Video Conference
March 20, 2015
10:00 a.m.
Board Room, Coates 100**

Call to Order

A special called meeting available via video conference of the Eastern Kentucky University Board of Regents convened at 10:12 a.m. on March 20, 2015 in Room 100, Coates Administration Building, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Ky. Mr. Turner, Chair of the Board, presided via face time on I-phone. Mr. Turner noted the presence of a quorum. The following members of the Board were present:

Attendees:

Mrs. Nancy Collins via I-phone (no video)
Mrs. Janet Craig via video conference
Mr. Ernie House, in person
Mr. Alan Long, in person
Mr. Bryan Makinen, in person
Mr. Kyle Nicholas, in person
Dr. Amy Thieme, in person
Mr. Craig Turner, via face-time on I-phone

Absent:

Mrs. Janie Miller
Mr. David Tandy
Mrs. Holly Wiedemann

Other persons present at the meeting were:

Dr. Michael Benson, President
Mr. Scott Cason, VP for Marketing and Communications
Mr. David McFaddin, Executive Director for Government Relations & Regional Stewardship
Mr. Barry Poynter, VP for Finance and Administration
Mr. Matt Roan, Special Assistant to the President
Ms. Dreidre de Leon, Exec. Asst. to the President & Asst. Secretary to the Board
Brianna White, ECU Progress
Zeynab Day, ECU Student
Laura Cooper, ECU Student

Action Agenda

Approval of Recommendations to approve fee for Center for Student Life

President Benson brought before the board a recommendation to approve a fee for the Center for Student Life.

Mr. Turner asked Mr. Nicholas to provide an overview to the Board of the processes the Student Government Association (SGA) utilized to inform the student body and gain their support for this fee.

Mr. Nicholas explained his SGA Presidential platform was based on breaking ground on a student union as soon as possible. After his election in April 2014, the Student body leadership and university administration met in the fall and discussed the scope of student facility projects

and funding needed to support the debt service. The Student Senate created a working adhoc group within the student senate to study the fee for campus improvement. The ECU student newspaper *The Eastern Progress* ran two comprehensive stories about this proposal and two campus wide forums were held.

Mr. Nicholas stated on March 2, 2015, SGA voted on the student fee. The resulting vote led to a 24-5 vote approving the fee. On March 17, 2015, the ballots were read publically and the vote was ratified by 100% vote.

Mr. Turner thanked Mr. Nicholas for his hard work and that of the Student Government Association.

Mr. Turner asked if anyone had any questions before the Board took a vote.

Ms. Zeynab Day, an ECU student addressed the Board. Ms. Day stated she felt that the ECU student body was not adequately informed and brought forth a petition with 428 signatures she obtained from ECU students requesting the ECU Board of Regents vote no to implement a fee due to lack of information and awareness.

Mr. Turner thanked Ms. Day for her comments.

After questions and discussion, Mr. Turner asked for a motion to approve the fee for the Center for Student Life. Mr. Nicholas made a motion to approve the student fee; Mr. Long seconded. Mr. Turner asked to take a roll call vote. The following members voted "aye" in support of the student fee: Nancy Collins, Janet Craig, Ernie House, Alan Long, Bryan Makinen, Kyle Nicholas, Amy Thieme and Mr. Turner. No members voted "nay". The following members were absent: Janie Miller, David Tandy and Holly Wiedemann. The motion was approved by roll call vote.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Mr. Turner requested a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Craig made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Makinen second. Motion passed by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.



David Tandy, Secretary 6/22/15
Date