

# Minutes

**May 6, 2021 10:00 a.m.**  
**Adams Administration Building, Troy University Campus**  
**Troy, Alabama**

The Troy University Board of Trustees convened at 10:00 a.m. on May 6, 2021, on the Troy University Campus Troy, Alabama.

## **I. Call to Order**

Board President Pro Tempore Gibson Vance called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Board of Trustees recognizing the absence of Trustee Lamar P. Higgins.

Mr. Vance asked for a roll call.

Mr. Vance called on Trustee Charles Nailen. Mr. Nailen offered touching comments in memory of Trustee Higgins, who passed on April 15, 2021, followed by a prayer.

Mr. Vance welcomed Mr. Marshall George, SGA President, to the Board. Mr. Vance congratulated Gen. Crowth and Mr. Nailen for their reappointments to serve 12 more years on the Board.

Mr. Vance announced Cam Ward has been selected by the Governor to replace Mr. Lamar P. Higgins on the Board of Trustees.

## **II. Roll Call**

At the request of Mr. Vance, the following members, comprising a quorum, answered present:

Mr. Gibson Vance, Mrs. Karen Carter, General Ed Crowth, Senator Gerald Dial, Dr. Roy Drinkard, Mr. John Harrison, Crowth, Senan(rd, M)]TJ[6(r. J)]1.2412 0 612 792 reWhere.a TJ[6(rba)]TJ[13( TJ[

**A. Chancellor**

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- Review of Agenda Items
- Higher Education Overview
- Pandemic's Impact
- The Reality of Covid
- Enrollment Drops in Spring
- Cost-cutting continues
- More closing and mergers
- Confucius Institutes Closing
- Campus News
- Rankings Reflect Quality
- Capital Improvements
- Congratulations Gen. Crowl and Mr. Nail
- Looking Ahead
- Bottom Line
- Dates to Remember

Dr. Hawkins called on Gen. Walter Givhan to introduce Intermark representatives, Jake McKenzie and Amber Turner, along Sam Johnson, Director of Marketing to present the new campaign.

**B. Board Committee Reports**

**Executive Committee, Honorable Gibson Vance**

Mr. Vance called attention to Article 3, Section 7 of the Bylaws relating to a special election to fill the vacancy of Vice President Protem position. Section 6 dictates the appointment of a nominating committee. Members of the nominating committee appointed by President Protem Vance are: Trustee Gerald Dial, Trustee Karen Carter, and Trustee John Harrison. Mr. Vance called on Committee Chairman Dial to report. Chairman Dial reported the committee met by ZOOM on April 30, 2021 to discuss the nominations for the position of Vice President Protem for the remaining term. The committee unanimously selected Trustee Ed Crowl as the nominee for the Vice President Protem. Mr. Vance called for or

Mr. Vance reported on Resolution No 1. Transfer of property. Mr. Vance reported on negotiations with Valiant Cross Academy to purchase building 136 on the Montgomery campus. In order to be in a position to better facilitate the sale or lease of property to Valiant Cross Academy, the University would transfer the property to the Foundation. Discussion followed.

**Resolution No. 1**

**Transfer of Property**

**WHEREAS**, Troy University is governed by its Board of Trustees pursuant to Title 16 -56-1-7, Code of Alabama, 1975; and

**WHEREAS**, said Board of Trustees has been empowered, by virtue of Title 16 -56-7, Code of Alabama, 1975 on behalf of Troy University to hold and dispose of any property or any interest in any property real or personal, from any source, at any time, and upon any terms as it might deem in the best interest of Troy University and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has determined that it is in the best interest of the University and fulfilling a public purpose to transfer real property commonly referred to as: Building known as Building 136, located at 136 Catoma Street, Montgomery Alabama, part of the Troy University Montgomery Campus, more particularly described real property described on Exhibit 5C of the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on May 6, 2021.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Troy University Board of Trustees hereby recommends and authorizes the Troy University Chancellor to execute whatever documents that may be necessary to transfer the property to the Troy University Foundation.

**Honoring the Memory of Trustee Lamar P. Higgins**

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Lamar P. Higgins, a native of Marbury Alabama, and 1981 graduate of Troy University ~~was~~ appointed to the Board of Trustees in 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, the Honorable Lamar P. Higgins ~~was~~ ~~the~~ elected Student Government Association President, the first African-American to hold that position; and ~~With~~EMCBT/P ~~MCID 8~~BDC0 G0 g1

Mr. Vance introduced Resolution No. 3. Trustee Dial recommended sending a copy of the resolution to each member of the Veterans Board. Trustee Vance suggested a copy to the Congressional Delegation in Alabama.

**Resolution No. 3**

**To Name the Veterans Home in Enterprise in Memory of CSM (Ret.) Bennie G. Adkins**

**WHEREAS**, Troy University is proud of its many thousands of alumni who served the United States with honor in the armed forces; and

**WHEREAS**, Bennie G. Adkins, who earned three degrees from Troy University classes of 1979, 1982, and 1988; and was awarded the Honorary Doctor of Law degree in 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, then-Sergeant First Class (SFC) Adkins distinguished himself March 9-12, 1966 when Camp A Shau in the Republic of Vietnam was attacked. SFC Adkins rushed through intense enemy fire and manned a mortar position defending the camp. He continued to mount a defense even while incurring wounds from several direct hits from enemy mortars. Upon learning that several soldiers were wounded near the center of camp, he temporarily turned the mortar over to another soldier, ran through exploding mortar rounds and carried several comrades to safety. By the end of the battle SFC Adkins was hit 18 times by enemy fire.; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2014 CSM Adkins received a call from President Barack Obama informing him that the Distinguished Service Cross he had received for heroism in the Battle of Camp A Shau was presented to him September 15, 2014; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs is constructing a new Veterans Home in Enterprise in memory of CSM Bennie G. Adkins;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Board of Trustees of Troy University endorses the naming of this new Veterans Home in memory of CSM Bennie Adkins as tribute to his courage and valor on the field of battle in defense of this great nation, and for setting the highest standards of service and patriotism for all Americans to emulate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to W. Kent Davis, Rear Admiral, USN (Ret.), Commissioner of the State of Alabama Department of Veteran Affairs.

**ACTION: TRUSTEE DIAL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 3. TRUSTEE CROWELL PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

**Academic Affairs Committee, Honorable Karen Carter**

Mr. Vance called on Trustee Carter to report on the Academic Affairs Committee. Mrs. Carter reported the Academic Affairs Committee last month with Dr. Lance Tatum, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

Mrs. Carter introduced Resolution No. 4. The proposed revisions follow

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Electronic devices:

- 1) may **not** be used in any fashion which creates **disruption** in the instructional setting

WHEREAS, this was an updated version of the 2019 Faculty Handbook; and

WHEREAS, the administration and faculty have identified changes and updates that are needed for timeliness and accuracy in an ame



- ¾ Enrollment Update  
x CHP Enrollment to Date  
x Credit Honor Production History (Fiscal Year)
- ¾ Tuition Rate Scenarios  
x Revenue Sources  
x History of State Appropriations to Total Revenue Budget & Tuition & Fee Revenue  
x 2022 Revenue Budget Analysis  
x Revenue from Proposed Rate Changes  
x UG Comparison of Tuition per Credit Hour (Based on 12 Hours)  
x Graduate Tuition Rates Comparison of Tuition per Credit Hour (Based on 9 Hours)  
x UG Cost of Attendance Comparison  
x Troy University HEERFI & HEERFII as of 3/30/2021  
x History of AL Undergraduate Tuition Rate Changes  
x One Tuition Rate/Cost Consideration
- ¾ Funds Held for Investment

Changing the Tuition Rates and Fee Structure

WHEREAS,

ACTION: TRUSTEE HARRISON MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 5, AS REFLECTED BELOW. TRUSTEE OWEN PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

- o Student Affairs Committee, Honorable Ed Crowell

Trustee Crowell introduced SGA President Maxwell George, from the Demopolis area and highlighted his platform.

Trustee Crowell presented Resolution No. 6 commending outgoing SGA President Nicole Jayjohn.

Resolution No. 6

Commending Nicole Jayjohn for service as SGA president

WHEREAS, Nicole Marie Jayjohn served as President of the Troy University Student Government Association for the 202021 academic year; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jayjohn has shown outstanding leadership qualities and has played an integral role in the progress of Troy University; and

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**ACTION: TRUSTEE CROWELL MADE A MOTION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 6. TRUSTEE CARTER PROVIDED A SECOND TO THE MOTION. THERE BEING NO DISCUSSION, THE MOTION WAS ADOPTED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.**

o **Athletic Policy Committee, Honorable Allen Owen**

Mr. Owen called on Mr. Brent Jones, Director of Athletics, to provide a report on behalf of the Athletic Policy Committee.

Mr. Jones reflected on the challenging year for athletics. Mr. Jones expressed his appreciation to Dr. Hawkins for his leadership in the Sun Belt Conference.

Mr. Jones reported the following highlights from NCAA:

The name, image and likeness passed with a state law going into effect July 1<sup>st</sup>. For the first time in history of intercollegiate athletics, student athletes will be able to monetize their name, image and likeness.

The one-time transfer waiver has passed.

Fall student athletes will receive another year of eligibility like Spring athletes received last year.

For the first time in fifteen months, recruiting off campus will resume June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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Basketball team addressing the Board of Trustees.

**V. New Business**

Mr. Vance asked the Trustees if there were any other items to discuss. Mr. Vance expressed appreciation for the 323<sup>rd</sup> Birthday Celebration which will take place on July 7<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Vance thanked the Trustees for their donations to the Lamar P. Higgins Scholarship Fund.

**VI. Adjournment**

With no further business to come before the Board, Trustee Crowell made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded and the meeting adjourned.

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Jack Hawkins, Jr., Ph.D.  
Chancellor, Troy University

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C. Gibson Vance