



**Special Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes
Technology Center Conference Room
April 12, 2013
2:30 p.m.**

Members present: John R. Jackson, Jr., Sue Gibson, Dr. Paul Baltz, Ray Noel (via teleconference), Michael Dunn, Doug Cox, Leo Baltz and Dr. Wayne Hatcher. Guests present: Dr. Michael Sullens, Angie Caldwell, Dr. Jan Ziegler, Dr. Roger Johnson, Brenda Gillogly, Priscilla Stillwell, Phillip Dickson, Donna Statler, Betty White, Ann Savage and Regina Moore. Vickie French was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

John Jackson welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Sue Gibson to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2013 board meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

PENDING CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Information provided by Ruby Architects, Inc. projected the square footage and costs of a Health Center Complex and a Hard Tech Building per information provided by administration. Brenda Gillogly shared information regarding BRTC debt service capacity and a comparison of USDA versus Private (Issue Bonds) annual funding costs on \$10 million as requested by the board. The architects are at a stage where they need direction on how to proceed if considering the USDA loan, as interest rates are fluctuating. Motion by Leo Baltz to allow Ruby Architects to proceed with the information needed for the USDA loan on the Health Center Complex. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

AMMENDMENT TO MARCH 14, 2013 FINANCE AGENDA ITEM B – TUITION AND FEES

Motion by Sue Gibson to approve amending of the March 14, 2013 resolution for the tuition increase of \$1 per credit hour and the Technology/Infrastructure fee of \$1 per credit hour which were previously and unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees at the March 14, 2013 meeting to begin effective July 1, 2013 instead of the previously approved fall 2013 term. Motion seconded by Dr. Paul Baltz. Unanimous.

GUNS ON CAMPUS LEGISLATION

Each board member was presented a copy of Act 226 – to allow trained and licensed staff and faculty to carry a concealed handgun on a university, college, or community college campus under certain circumstances; and for other purposes. The Act will become effective 90 days after the close of the legislative session. The Act allows for each institution's governing board to make this decision, and, if so, under what conditions. The board will discuss and decide at a meeting in the near future.

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2013 ANNUAL BRTC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

Board members and guests were invited to the Annual Scholarship Luncheon scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2013, beginning at 11:30 a.m. in the RCDC.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date of the Board of Trustees is scheduled for Thursday, May 2, 2013, beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the BT Conference Center.

BRTC GRADUATION

BRTC Graduation is scheduled for Thursday, May 9, 2013, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the RCDC. The Honorable Shane Broadway, Interim Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, will be the commencement speaker.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Sue Gibson to adjourn into executive session. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

Motion by Mike Dunn to resume regular session. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Sue Gibson to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Motion seconded by Doug Cox. Unanimous.

Dr. Paul Baltz, Secretary

April 22, 2013