

MINUTES OF THE SPRING MEETING

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE

April 4, 2002  
Chattanooga, Tennessee

The Spring Meeting of the Board of Trustees of The University of Tennessee was held, Thursday, April 4, 2002, in the Ballroom of the University Center, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND INVOCATION**

Vice Chair Johnnie D. Amonette called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m., and Dr. Bill Stacy gave the invocation.

**II. ROLL CALL**

The Secretary called the roll, and the following Trustees were present:

Johnnie D. Amonette  
Barbara C. Castleman  
B. C. "Scooter" Clippard  
J. Steven Ennis  
Emerson H. Fly  
James A. Haslam, II  
Waymon L. Hickman  
Rhynette N. Hurd  
Jerry L. Jackson  
D. Lynn Johnson  
Frank J. Kinser  
Andrea J. Loughry  
R. Clayton McWhorter  
John H. Pontius  
Verbie L. Prevost  
Richard G. Rhoda  
Tiffany Smith  
William B. Stokely, III  
John C. Thornton  
Commissioner Dan Wheeler  
Susan R. Williams

The Secretary announced the presence of a quorum.

### **III. INTRODUCTIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Vice Chair Amonette introduced Mayor Bob Corker, who welcomed the Trustees to Chattanooga. The Vice Chair then introduced newly appointed Trustee John H. Pontius, President of Pittco Management of Memphis, and presented him with a Trustee lapel pin. The Vice Chair also introduced Dr. Wayne Brown, Emeritus Trustee and former Executive Director of the Tennessee Higher Education Commission, Dr. Marvin Ernst, UT Chattanooga Faculty Senate President, and Mr. Kino Becton, President of the UT Chattanooga Student Government Association. Mr. Ernst and Mr. Becton welcomed Trustees on behalf of the faculty and students of UT Chattanooga. Finally, the Chair acknowledged the presence of Dr. Edward J. Boling, President Emeritus of the University and President-elect Dr. John W. Shumaker.

### **IV. REMARKS BY PRESIDENT-ELECT JOHN W. SHUMAKER.**

Dr. Shumaker congratulated UT Chattanooga on the remarkable progress toward its goal of becoming a major metropolitan research university. Dr. Shumaker said the support and linkage between the Chattanooga community and the University establishes UT Chattanooga as one of the nation's leaders in the metropolitan university movement.

Dr. Shumaker noted that he visited each campus of the University shortly after his election, meeting approximately 3,500 faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, and students. He announced that the presidential search website has been converted to a transition website with two interactive links, one directly to him and the other directly to the transition office. Questions and suggestions can be forwarded to either site and will be answered as quickly as possible. As the transition progresses, he intends to make longer visits to each campus and to have more briefings with chancellors and other key individuals. Recognizing the challenges facing the University, Dr. Shumaker said his goal is to give the people of the State of Tennessee the very best university they can afford while urging them constantly to afford the very best.

### **V. REPORT OF THE ACTING PRESIDENT**

Acting President Emerson Fly noted several positive events since the last Board meeting. UT Chattanooga student Barbara Elwood received a 2002 Truman Scholarship. Barbara, a junior at UTC, is one of 64 students selected nationally to receive a \$30,000 Truman Scholarship. Lindsay Levkoff and Lisa White, University honors students at Knoxville, received recognition in the annual *USA Today* "All-USA College Academic Team" competition. With help from the Appalachian Regional Commission, a program is being started with high schools in Campbell, Cocke and Scott counties to encourage high school students to pursue higher education. Similar programs in other states have seen college-going rates increase significantly. UT Martin recently recruited Dr. Thomas Rakes as vice chancellor for academic affairs. Dr. Rakes previously served as interim president, provost,

vice president for academic affairs and professor of instructional leadership at the University of Louisiana at Monroe.

Mr. Fly said he is convinced members of the General Assembly fully understand the funding problems of higher education. Although most legislators want to help, not harm, higher education in the State of Tennessee, it is far from certain that they are near a consensus solution to the funding problem. If a solution does not develop before the end of the legislative session, the University will prepare for the worst case scenario. Mr. Fly asked that Trustees remain optimistic and continue to encourage legislators to act on behalf of higher education.

**VI. REPORT OF STUDENT TRUSTEE TIFFANY SMITH**

Ms. Smith distributed a copy of her report to Trustees (Exhibit 1) and noted that a report for Knoxville which was not included in the handout would be forwarded at a later date. She said in February she visited all University campuses with the exception of Knoxville to better educate herself as a student and to educate other Board members on the different aspects of the UT campuses. Ms. Smith said the past year has been full of reports about the funding crisis facing higher education in Tennessee. She said every citizen of the State should believe wholeheartedly that education, whether at the elementary level or the university level, is the most important investment in Tennessee. She said she was surprised to find the primary concern of students throughout the system was the possible loss of the best faculty to either retirement or better opportunities.

**VII. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETINGS**

Mr. Ennis moved approval of the minutes of the December 11, 2001 Winter Meeting, and the March 5, 2002 special meeting. Mr. Haslam seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

The Secretary reported there was no old business to come before the Board.

**X. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

1. **Approval of Proposal to Name UT Martin Football Operations Building.** Mr. Ennis, Chair, moved approval of the proposal ( Exhibit 2) to name the football operations building at Martin in honor of Bob Carroll as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee. Mr. Haslam seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Approval of Resolution to Accept a Deed Conveying the Engel Stadium Complex to The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.** Mr. Ennis moved approval of the resolution ( Exhibit 3) to accept a deed conveying the Engel Stadium Complex to the University for the benefit of UT Chattanooga as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee. Mr. McWhorter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

3. **Approval to Sell Gift Property.** Mr. moved approval of the sale of gift property as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee (Exhibit 4). Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

4. **Approval to Convey Easements to the Knoxville Utility Board.** Mr. Ennis moved to approve conveyance of two easements (Exhibit 5) near Neyland Stadium to the Knoxville Utilities Board as recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee. Mr. Jackson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

5. **Filing of Liaison Committee Minutes.** Mr. Ennis moved acceptance of minutes filed for the UT Bowld Hospital Liaison Committee meeting held November 29, 2001 (Exhibit 6) as accepted and forwarded by the Finance and Administration Committee. Ms. Williams seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**B. REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

1. **Approval of Revised UTC Mission Statement.** Mr. Kinser, Vice Chair, moved approval of the revised UTC Mission Statement as recommended by the Academic Programs and Planning Committee (Exhibit 7). Mr. Haslam seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

2. **Approval of Resolution on Graduate Medical Education.** Mr. Kinser moved approval of the Resolution Concerning the Graduate School of Medicine as required by newly adopted Accreditation Council of Graduate Medical Education regulations (Exhibit 8). Mr. Haslam seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

**3. Approval of Resolution Concerning the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy.** Mr. Kinser introduced the Resolution concerning

the Howard H. Baker, Jr. Center for Public Policy on the Knoxville campus of the University (Exhibit 9). Mr. Kinser said the Center will house the Baker papers and will conduct a variety of studies aimed at improving government policy and encouraging public involvement in democracy. Mr. Kinser moved approval of the Resolution. Mr. Johnson seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kinser recognized Provost Loren Crabtree to elaborate on the Baker Center. Dr. Crabtree said the University is excited and pleased to honor Senator Baker with the establishment of the Baker Center for Public Policy. The Center is being created in concert between public and private entities with no State funding involved. The Federal government provided a substantial Fund for Improvement of Postsecondary Education grant. Private fundraising for the Center is being led by UT Trustee Jim Haslam and Tom Griscom, editor of the *Chattanooga Times Free Press*. Dr. Crabtree said Senator Baker's career has been long and distinguished from the time he first entered politics at the national level in 1967 to the time he assumed his current position as Ambassador to Japan. The Center will have a physical setting on Cumberland Avenue. Dr. Crabtree said the University is delighted that the Center will become a part of The University of Tennessee and will honor the long and distinguished career of Senator Baker.

Vice Chairman Amonette called on Ms. Williams for presentation of the Resolution. Ms. Williams said Senator Baker could not be present to receive the Resolution in person because of his responsibilities as Ambassador to Japan. She asked Trustee Jim Haslam, a member of the Board of Directors for the Baker Center for Public Policy, to accept the Resolution on behalf of Ambassador Baker.

Mr. Haslam said Ambassador Baker is truly a national and Tennessee icon. He said securing funds for the Center promises to be an exciting challenge that will allow for an outstanding physical structure to honor a truly remarkable Tennessean.

**C. REPORT OF THE ADVANCEMENT AND OUTREACH COUNCIL**

Council Vice Chair Scooter Clippard said because of time constraints, the morning meeting of the Advancement and Outreach Council was postponed until June.

## **D. REPORT OF THE LIAISON COMMITTEES**

### **1. REPORT OF THE UT CHATTANOOGA LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair Frank Kinser welcomed President-elect Shumaker to Chattanooga and to the Board of Trustees meeting and thanked Acting President Eli Fly for his many contributions during his long tenure with the University. Mr. Kinser said during the Board's visit to Chattanooga they have witnessed first hand the partnership that exists between UT Chattanooga and the City of Chattanooga. He said a crucial component to further economic and knowledge advancement in the Chattanooga area and the corporate, civic and governmental progress of the region is the development of a limited number of quality, focused Ph.D. programs, and an important ingredient to UTC's future is the wise use of the \$25 million gift from Mr. Jack Lupton.

Mr. Kinser then called on Chancellor Bill Stacy for comments. Chancellor Stacy introduced Barbie Elwood, the UTC recipient of the 2002 Truman Scholarship. Ms. Elwood said the Truman scholarship consists of a \$30,000 award, with \$27,000 to be applied to any graduate school and the remaining \$3,000 to be used for her final year at UT Chattanooga. She said Truman scholarships go to students with leadership potential who are committed to careers in government, the nonprofit sector or public service. Ms. Elwood said her goal is to work with the elderly. She explained her plans to provide comfortable housing for the elderly, especially the underprivileged elderly. Chancellor Stacy then noted the recent gift of \$25 million from Mr. Jack Lupton to UT Chattanooga. An information sheet about the Lupton gift and the first round of expenditures has been distributed to Trustees (Exhibit 10).

### **2. REPORT OF THE UT MARTIN LIAISON COMMITTEE.**

Committee Chair Jerry Jackson said the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools will be on the Martin campus the second week in April. After many hours of preparation, the UT Martin administration feels confident that everything is ready for the visit. He thanked the Board for approving the naming of the UT Martin Football Operations Building for Bob Carroll. Mr. Jackson said two of the three vacant leadership positions on the campus have been filled, and a national search is underway for the third position.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

The Secretary announced the remaining meetings for 2002:

1. Annual meeting in Knoxville: June 26-27, 2002
2. Fall meeting in Knoxville: October 24-25, 2002

**X I. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Catherine S. Mizell  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary