

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR ALABAMA STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF RECONVENED REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 9, 1990**

The reconvened regular meeting of the Board of Trustees for Alabama State University was held on February 9, 1990 in Councill Hall Hall (Govan Lounge) at Alabama State University.

The meeting was called to order at 9 a.m. by the Chairman, Dr. Joe Reed. Members present were Mr. Ross Dunn, Dr. LaRue W. Harding, Mayor Andrew M. Hayden, Ms. Lillian A. Hope, Attorney Larry H. Keener, Mrs. Patsy B. Parker, Dr. James A. Smith and Mrs. Frankye H. Underwood.

Following roll call, prayer was led by Dr. Smith.

On motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Underwood and carried by unanimous vote, the minutes of the December 15, 1989 meeting were adopted.
Agenda Item #3

The agenda was approved by consensus. **Agenda Item #4**

Chairman Reed called for **Report of the President--Agenda Item #5**. President Howard informed the Board that the preliminary draft of the Self-Study has been completed and that the entire university has been involved in the preparation. He reported that the Visiting Committee of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) has been named and that March 26-29 are the dates for the Reaffirmation review. President Howard informed the Board that a schedule of events for March will be given to them. The Board members were requested to check their calendars especially for March 26, the night the SACS Committee will be entertained. The reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will begin at 7 p.m. at the Governors House Hotel and Conference Center. Board members were also encouraged to participate in the review process and activities scheduled.

In the academic area, President Howard reported that he has been verbally informed by the State Department of Education that all of the University's education programs have been approved. Written notification from the State Department of Education will be forthcoming.

Enrollment for the 1990 Spring Semester surpassed that of last spring. President Howard noted that the University treats athletes as student-athletes just as NCAA requires and that the University's graduation rate for athletes is commendable.

The Board was informed that the contractor is a few days behind schedule on the dormitory project because of inclement weather. However, it is expected that students will be able to occupy the dormitories this coming fall.

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The Board was informed that the administration has no idea what the appropriation will be for 1990-91. Alabama State was not a party to the Alabama Commission on Higher Education's (ACHE) Unified Budget request to the Legislature because the ACHE proposal did not recommend a fair increase in funding for Alabama State University.

Agenda Item #6--Financial Report (Authorization for Sale of Bonds)--Chairman Reed made comments about the sale of bonds for the P.E. Complex and expressed appreciation to the Board for its support. The firm of Blount and Parrish and the Chatman Company were used for the bond sale. Comments were made by Bill Blount regarding the bond sale. **It was moved by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mayor Hayden that the Board authorize the sale of the bonds not to exceed \$5.5 million. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.**

The Board went into Executive Session for the discussion of the good name and character of individuals--**Agenda Item #7.**

Chairman Reed called for **Action from the Executive Session--Agenda Item #8.** President Howard recommended that the Board approve the naming of one of the dormitories currently under construction in honor of **Dr. Bessie Sears Estell.** Dr. Estell, an ASU alumnus, served as a teacher and principal in the Birmingham Public School System for 46 year. She was President of the Alabama State Teachers Association, Secretary of the Congress of Christian Education of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., the first Black women to serve as a member of the Birmingham City Council, a charter Director of the ASU Foundation and held many other positions in education, religious and community life. **On motion by Mrs. Underwood, seconded by Mayor Hayden and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the naming of the dormitory for Dr. Estell.**

President Howard recommended the Board of Trustees authorize the conferring of the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the 1990 Spring Commencement Exercises on the following persons:

Attorney Fred D. Gray, ASU alumnus and graduate of Case Western Reserve University Law School, is a civil rights jurist, former member of the Alabama House of Representatives, former President of the National Bar Association, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees for Southwestern Christian College.

Dr. Yvonne Kennedy, ASU Alumnus, educator, member of the Alabama House of Representatives, President of Bishop State Community College, National President of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority and church and civic leader. She is also a graduate of Morgan State University and the University of Alabama.

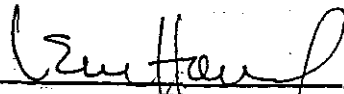
Dr. Ulysses McBride, graduate of Knoxville College, Indiana University and Auburn University, is an educator, college administrator and Grand Polemarch of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity. Formerly he has been a coach and principal.

Dr. Ruby Jackson Gainer, ASU alumnus and graduate of Atlanta University, was a teacher in Jefferson County School System and in Escambia County, Florida for 49 years. Dr. Gainer also filed a suit against the Jefferson County Board of Education equalizing salaries for Black teachers in Alabama. She was organizer of the Department of Classroom Teachers of the Escambia County Teachers Association, and Vice President of the Classroom Teachers of the National Education Association.

On motion by Dr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Parker and carried by unanimous vote, the Board approved the conferring of the honorary degrees.

Chairman Reed recognized the presence of Mrs. Janet Sutton, President of the General Alumni Association, University administrators--Dr. Roosevelt Steptoe, Ms. Jacqueline Williams, Mr. Howard J. Craig, Mr. John F. Knight, Jr., Dr. John Baker, Jr., and Dr. Nora D. Lawson, Chair of the Faculty Senate.

There being no other business to come before the Board, it was moved by Dr. Smith and seconded by Mayor Hayden that the meeting recess until call of the Chair. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.



Leon Howard, Secretary to the Board
and President of the University

APPROVED



Joe L. Reed, Chairman
Board of Trustees