Chairman Claibourne D. Smith welcomed all to the May 10, 2007 Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees. Chairman Smith read a statement regarding no audio recording of this and any future meetings of the Board of Trustees and commented that the last regular meeting of the Board was recorded by someone other than the person authorized to do so. He further stated that the Board meetings are open to the public; however, the University did not want to infringe on Members of the Board by having their comments recorded by unauthorized individuals. He remarked further that the aforementioned statement would be read at the beginning of all future Board Meetings. Following the agenda, Chairman Smith asked for a motion on the tuition and fees proposal for academic year 2007-2008, as presented below.

Prior to the motion, the reasonings for the rates were discussed. According to Mrs. Curry, the zero increase in-state will allow the University to be competitive and accessible. By giving students the rates earlier, particularly for the out-of-state population, the returning students can better prepare financially and financial aid can have more time to assist them. It is expected that this will positively impact the retention
rate. Students will be told about the tuition and fee rates immediately through a variety of means, including SGA meetings, mailings, and e-notification. The discussion turned to in-state students paying normal fees at a flat rate.

Ms Vible and Mr. Lawrence noted that the Finance Committee had reviewed and supported the strategy at its April 30 meeting and moved to recommend the proposal to the full Board. The proposal would cover the 2007-08 academic school year. Ms. Vible commended the staff and Finance Committee members who put in many hours to review the strategy and its impact.

**MOTION:** The following fees are proposed for increase for the 2007-2008 academic school year:

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It was moved and properly seconded to accept the tuition and fee increases for school year 2007-2008 as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.
After the motion was passed, Chairman Smith called for a motion on the graduation list, as presented.

MOTION: Moved that the prospective list of graduates for the May 20, 2007 (Commencement Ceremony) be approved subject to the completion of course work, additions and deletions and the approval of the President, as presented.

It was moved and properly seconded to approve the list of candidates for graduation, subject to the completion of all academic course requirements, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

In other matters, Chairman Smith commented on the document regarding the Distance Education Negotiations with the AAUP. Chairman Smith yielded to Mr. Farley for comments.

Mr. Farley made the following comments with regards to the distance education document:

• Marketability and problems with jobs were an issue
• New programs of the University vetted – treat on-line courses similarly
• Concerns of the faculty with intellectual property and copyright issues
• Release time for faculty and ownership
• Distance Education – fewer capital needed to run course
• Greater latitude and delivery of the course
• Military personnel interested in courses and University’s ability to deliver them
• CBA term expires in 2009
• Upon ratification – faculty may develop courses over the summer
• Cost implications from an information technology (IT) standpoint

Mr. Farley yielded to Mr. Russell who commented on IT. Mr. Russell gave the following highlights on the distance education program from an IT standpoint:

• Infrastructure will not overload the University’s bandwidth
• No infrastructural costs will be incurred – University has 2-3 years latitude to experiment with system
• Classes proposed through Faculty Senate
• Use traditional processes, feedback from students in virtual environment (Blackboard), outcome assessment
• Experienced on-campus students will participate in these courses – very convenient
• Forty to fifty percent of students actively enrolled in the courses and is a need that needs to be met
Mr. Russell yielded to Mr. Farley. Mr. Farley returned to the chair to continue the discussion on distance education.

The discussion continued on distance education with the following highlights:

- Middle States’ view on distance education (no cap)
- The University has met with Middle States and they have noted that learning is ensured
- Systematic approach to interact with students
- The University will experience some challenges – a few courses will be rolled out initially
- Training will be available for faculty on distance education
- Pod-cast is a great tool for student use
- Compensation for faculty – refer to pages 11 & 12 of the attached document regarding training and a compensation package.

Chairman Smith asked for and received a motion to adopt the Distance Education piece as presented in the attached document.

It was moved and properly seconded to adopt the distance education piece as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith yielded to President Sessoms who commented on Commencement week activities. President Sessoms made the following comments:

- Thursday, May 17, 2007 – Banquet for Seniors at 6 p.m. at the Dover Sheraton
- Saturday, May 19, 2007 – Honor’s Program at 6 p.m. at the E.H. Theatre, Joseph R. “Beau” Biden, III will be the keynote for the robed event
- Sunday, May 20, 2007 – Commencement, processional at 9:40 a.m. (no high heels on the field)
- Board of Trustees’ may park on Old State College Road in front of the Library on Sunday morning
- The University will graduate two of its first Ph.D. students with degrees in Mathematics and Physics

Mr. Lawrence commented on the 2007-2008 meeting schedule time line, calendar of events, and early alert notices. Chairman Smith suggested that the committee chairs interface with University Administrators and discuss those areas that impact their work; i.e., EPC – faculty promotion and tenure and new program proposals. Chairman Smith stated anything that falls outside the committee’s purview, that he and the President would get that information to the Board (i.e. honorary degrees, etc.).
Dr. Land reminded the Board that Dr. Ken Bell’s retirement dinner is scheduled for June 9th at the King Student Center Auditorium at $30 per person.

Dr. Barros updated the Board on the new relationship between the Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees. He will proceed with plans to work out an agenda and dates for meeting with the Faculty Senate. Chairman Smith applauded Dr. Barros’ efforts to do whatever is necessary to work out his plans even if it means looking at alternate approaches to accomplishing the goal.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claibourne D. Smith, Chairman
1. Accepted the proposal for tuition and fees for academic year 2007-2008 as presented.

2. Approved the list of candidates for graduation for the May 20, 2007 (Commencement Ceremony) subject to completion of all academic course requirements, additions and deletions as presented.

3. Adopted the Distance Education piece as presented in the attached document.

4. Approved adjournment.