



Delaware State University

Dover, Delaware 19901

Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2015

**DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DOVER, DELAWARE**

**Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Trustees of
Delaware State University, Thursday, January 15, 2015**

The Board of Trustees of Delaware State University held its regular quarterly meeting on Thursday, January 15, 2015, in the Drs. James C. Hardcastle & Cora Norwood Selby Board Room of the Administration Building on the campus. Dr. Claibourne D. Smith, chairman of the Board of Trustees, called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. Chairman Smith welcomed the attendees and noted a quorum present.

BOARD MEMBERS

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Claibourne D. Smith, chairman	Dr. Harry L. Williams, president Delaware State University
Mr. David G. Turner, vice chairman	Dr. Alton Thompson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs
Mr. John J. Allen, Jr.	Dr. Teresa Hardee, vice president for Finance and Treasurer
Mr. Robert E. Buccini	Ms. Irene Chapman-Hawkins, associate vice president for Human Resources
The Honorable Michael N. Castle (via phone)	Ms. Valerie Dinkins, special assistance to the President and Advancement
Mr. José F. Echeverri	Dr. Stacy Downing, vice president for Student Affairs
Ms. Lois M. Hobbs	Dr. Noureddine Melikechi, vice president for Research, dean
Charles S. McDowell, Esq.	Ms. Vita Pickrum, senior associate vice president for Development
Mr. Wesley E. Perkins	Thomas Preston, Esq., general counsel
Mr. Jim Stewart	Mr. David Sheppard, assistant general counsel
Leroy A. Tice, Esq	Dr. Bradley Skelcher, associate provost
Mr. Mark A. Turner	Dr. Jan Blade, president, Faculty Senate
Dr. Devona E. Williams	Mr. Carlos Holmes, director of News Services
Mr. Barry M Granger (absent)	
Mr. Bennie Smith (absent)	

Approval of Minutes - September 18, 2014

Chairman Claibourne Smith stated that after a few administrative items were completed, the Board would go into Executive Session. Chairman Smith presented the September 18, 2014 minutes of the quarterly meeting Board of Trustees for approval, subject to questions and/or corrections. There were none.

Chairman Smith asked for and received a motion that was seconded to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2014 quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith presented the minutes of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees from Nov.13, Dec.1, and Dec. 11, from the year 2014. These meetings occurred during the interval between the regularly scheduled Sept. 18, 2014 and January 15, 2015 Board meetings. These meetings dealt with a number of issues requiring immediate action such as the approval of Sabbatical Leaves of Absence, December potential graduates, and the conferring of an honorary degree. Detailed information is included in the aforementioned minutes. There were no questions or corrections.

Chairman Smith asked for and received a motion that was seconded to approve the minutes of the Nov. 13, 2014, Dec. 1, 2014, and Dec. 11, 2014 regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee of Board of Trustees.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Smith asked to change the order of the agenda to hear first the Committee on Trustees' report. He stated it has been an honor to serve on the Board since 1987 and to serve as Chair since 1992. As part of succession planning, it is deemed necessary that an orderly transition of leadership occur. With that in mind, Chairman Smith officially tendered his resignation as the Board Chair effective on this day, Jan. 15, 2015. However, he will continue his service as a governor's appointed-member of the Board. He called on Mr. Charles McDowell, chair, Committee of Trustees to address the changes in leadership.

COMMITTEE ON TRUSTEES (Mr. Charles McDowell, chair)

Mr. Charles McDowell noted that Mr. Barry M. Granger's term expired in August and the Committee on Trustees is nominating Mr. Granger to be reelected for a term as Trustee expiring August 31, 2020.

Mr. Charles McDowell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. David Turner to reelect Mr. Barry M. Granger for a term as Trustee expiring on August 31, 2020.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McDowell stated that since Chairman Smith had indicated his intent to resign as Chair of the Board, under the Trustee Guidelines, the Vice Chair was selected with the contemplation that that person would succeed as Chair. Mr. David Turner has served as Vice Chair for the past few years and it is the consensus of the Board that he upon the resignation of Dr. Claibourne Smith as Chairman of the Board that Mr. Turner be elected as Chairman completing the unexpired term of Dr. Smith which ends June 30, 2015.

Mr. Charles McDowell made a motion that was seconded to elect Mr. David G. Turner as Chairman of the Board to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Smith expiring on June 30, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously

The newly elected Chairman David Turner assumed the Chairmanship of the meeting. Dr. Smith offered Mr. Turner his congratulations and stated that Mr. Turner will be an excellent Chair who has served as an outstanding Vice Chair. As a dedicated and committed alumnus, Dr. Smith noted that Mr. Turner will take DSU to places it has never been.

Mr. McDowell reported on the steps taken to find a replacement for the Vice Chair. Board members were consulted on a replacement and based on his experience, expertise and his level of participation, Mr. Barry M. Granger was recommended.

Mr. Charles McDowell made a motion that was seconded by Mr. Leroy Tice to elect Mr. Barry M. Granger as Vice Chairman of the Board to complete the unexpired term of Mr. David Turner, expiring on June 30, 2015.

The motion passed unanimously.

Neither Mr. Turner nor Mr. Granger participated in the Committee's deliberations with respect to their nominations.

Mr. McDowell concluded his report. The full report of the Committee of Trustees is appended as Exhibit A.

Chairman Turner indicated that before convening the Executive Session he'd like to conduct one other order of business at the podium. He called upon President Harry Williams to assist him. He began by saying that it is not every day that someone gives of themselves for 27 to 28 years, not just ceremoniously, but being fully committed. He stated that Dr. Claibourne Smith stepped out of his retirement to take on the role of President of the University - a commitment that not many individuals would make. Mr. Turner spoke of Dr. Smith's sharing of leadership, mentorship, high level of energy, commitment to students and for his personal mentorship of him for which he thanked Dr. Smith. He asked Dr. Smith to join him and Dr. Williams at the podium. He thanked Dr. Smith for his many years of service and presented him a plaque with the words inscribed:

Presented to
Dr. Claibourne D. Smith
In Appreciation for Your 21 Years of
Exemplary Leadership
As
Chairman of the Board of Trustees
Delaware State University

January 15, 2015

Following the presentation of the plaque, Chairman Turner read the following resolution for the Board's consideration:

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

**A Resolution to Rename the Administration Building as the Claibourne D. Smith
Administration Building**

WHEREAS, Dr. Claibourne D. Smith has served as a member of the Delaware State University Board of Trustees since taking part in his first regular meeting on February 9, 1989, following his appointment to the then-Delaware State College board by then-Gov. Michael N. Castle.

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith was elected on September 10, 1992 to become the president of the Delaware State College Board of Trustees and would serve in that leadership capacity 21 years, interrupted only by the 16 months he served as acting University President (September 2008 to early January 2010).

WHEREAS, under his board leadership, Delaware State College attained university status in 1993 and was renamed by the State of Delaware as Delaware State University.

WHEREAS, under Dr. Smith's chairmanship, the board's governance established a University environment that lead to a near doubling in enrollment (from 2,935 students in 1992 to 4,644 in 2014); an expansion in the physical infrastructure (including the construction of 10 buildings, a pedestrian mall on campus as well as an off-campus apartment complex); a growth in academic offerings that included an increase in bachelor and master degree programs , and the first-ever establishment of doctoral programs at DSU, and finally, the establishment of the first and only early college high school in the State of Delaware.

WHEREAS, Dr. Smith's leadership style was grounded in mutual respect, courteous interaction and spirited discussions, while always reinforcing the paradigm that all actions must be in the best interests of the University. Dr. Smith led by example in the area of personal financial support to the institution and imbued the Board with the expectation that all members should provide financial support to the University to the full extent of their ability.

THEREFORE, in recognition of Dr. Smith's extraordinary twenty-six years of service to Delaware State University, the immeasurable impact of that service on the growth, development, public esteem and contributions of the University to the State of Delaware and to higher education in the United States, the Board of Trustees

HEREBY DECLARES THAT EFFECTIVE THIS FIFTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, 2015:

1. The Administration Building on the Delaware State University's main campus is hereby renamed the "Claibourne D. Smith Administration Building."

Unanimously approved.

David G. Turner, Chair of the Board

Chairman Turner asked for a motion that was seconded to approve the resolution that the Administration Building on the Delaware State University's main campus is hereby renamed the "Claibourne D. Smith Administration Building."

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Turner displayed a rendering of the signage. President Williams commented that a formal celebration will take place at a future date for the official naming.

"Those that know me know that my engagement with DSU has been a labor of love. This is a great place with great people and great potential. And that has energized me over the years - the notion that it had great potential. None of this could have been done without Board members that support, rally around you and give you the kind of support and counsel that made this happen. We have a great Board and I want to thank each of you for the commitment and support which you gave me. I will never forget it." said Dr. Smith.

Executive Session

Chairman Turner stated that there were items of a legal nature pursuant to FOIA 29 Del C. Section 10004(b) that required the Board to convene in Executive Session.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to convene in Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.

The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Turner convened the Executive Session at 1:53 p.m.

Current legal cases, Title IX, AGB articles critical to Board success (*Rx for a Successful Board: A Healthy Board Culture* and *Consequential Boards: Adding Value Where It Matters Most*), December Board Retreat outcomes (key Board feedback and transformational shift to sustainability), and meetings schedule change proposal were discussed.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to reconvene the general session of the Board of Trustees meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting reconvened at 2:14 p.m.

Committee Reports

Chairman Turner called for committee reports.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Dr. Claibourne Smith, chair)

Dr. Smith indicated that the report had been given earlier when discussing the Executive Committee minutes. There was nothing additional to report.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to accept the report of the Executive Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (Mr. Wesley Perkins, chair)

Mr. Perkins presented highlights of the Student Affairs Committee since the last Board meeting noting that the full report was available in the Board portal.

- Student Affairs inducted 205 new students into the National Society for Leadership and Success for a total membership of 751 students
- Mrs. Kamillah Lewis was asked to serve on the national board of the aforementioned organization based on her work at DSU
- DSU students participated in President Obama's Interfaith and Community Service Campus Challenge in Washington, D.C. During this event time the students were selected to lead a community service project at the Vatican in Washington, D.C.
- Six DSU resident assistants represented the University at the Mid-Atlantic Association of College and University Housing Officers at a regional conference in Pennsylvania
- The programmatic efforts yielded a number of co-curricular activities for DSU students, including but not limited to 84 programs in the residence halls, major programs during Welcome Days, 1 LUV DSU week, Homecoming, town hall meetings and numerous community service initiatives.

- There are currently 91 active student organizations. Through the encouragement of the Student Government Association for student engagement in co-curricular activities and organizations, an increase in participation in organizations and attendance at programs has been seen.
- Dr. Bill Means is the newly appointed Director of Career Service.
- The new Student Organization Complex officially opened November 18. The newly renovated space on the third floor of the MLK Student Center serves as access center and support to the various DSU student organizations.
- The Department of Wellness and Recreation worked collaboratively with Dr. Martin (Physical Education) to offer intramural sports at the Early College High School for five days each week.
- The Student Affairs Division is planning the Spring Break Alternative 2015, a program in which students will travel to the MEAC tournament in Norfolk, Va. and participate in various community service projects with local schools and organizations.

There were no action items for Board approval.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to accept the report from the Student Affairs Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE (Dr. Devona Williams, chair)

Dr. Devona Williams reviewed the EPC Priorities and stated that the priorities are reviewed at each Committee meeting as a way of keeping them on the Committee's radar.

The Educational Policy Committee has identified five goals for 2014-15:

1. Student Success (Retention, Graduation and Job Placement)
2. Program Prioritization Initiative
3. DSU @ Wilmington launch and implementation
4. Early College High School @Delaware State University sustainability
5. International Programs/Partnerships and strengthen financial contribution

Dr. D. Williams stated that in addition to the five goals, the dashboards are also reviewed at EPC Committee meetings.

Dr. D. Williams asked Dr. Alton Thompson, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs, to provide highlights of the EPC Executive Summary and to report some of the changes that have occurred within the colleges.

- On October 20, 2014, the EPC Committee met and approved the Sabbatical Leave Requests 2015-2016. Three of the four applications were approved; one application was not approved because of the lack of sufficient documentation in

the application packet. On November 13, 2014, the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees approved the EPC recommendations as presented.

- The EPC Committee also approved a faculty-initiated proposal to change the current grading system to include a plus/minus component, effective fall 2017. The faculty wanted to be more precise in their grading. The suffix grading system permits the instructors to better distinguish between different levels of performance of the students in a course. The suffixes clearly indicate that student's grade is slightly above or below the average range for the letter grade. It provides a more precise representation of the student's course grade, instead of a plain letter grade that may reflect a score anywhere in a 10-point range, for example, on an "A" to "F" grading scale without suffixes, students with 80 or 89 both receive a B, instead of a B- and a B+ respectively. The plus/minus scale reduces the impact of grading inaccuracy whereas rounding inaccurate grades to the nearest letter grade increases inaccuracy.
- Dr. D. Williams added that approximately 200 graduates received their degrees at the December Commencement.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to accept the report from the Educational Policy Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

THE DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (Mr. James Stewart, chair)

Mr. Jim Stewart provided highlights of the activities of the Development and Investment Committee. He stated that the committee met earlier today (January 15, 2015) with Goldman Sachs (via phone). There were no action items, but several informational items were presented.

INVESTMENT

- The total endowment balance is \$26.1 million as of January 12, 2015. It has grown steadily in the past four years to this current high.
- The endowment is up 5% year to date

DEVELOPMENT

- Since January 1, 2011, the *Greater Than One: Campaign for Students* has generated a combined total of **\$11,685,850**. Since January 6, 2015, a total of **4,363** donors have donated to *Greater Than One: Campaign for Students*.

- Receptions are being hosted throughout the country to engage supporters of the campaign. Receptions have been held in Washington, D.C and Delaware, with the next one occurring in Boston on April 15.

Summary Highlights for Second Quarter

- Fiscal Year 2014 continued to demonstrate growth in and stability of private fundraising for DSU. As of January 6, the total funds raised for FY 2015 is at **\$1,473,813** with **1,076** donors. A total of 26 new accounts have been established since July 1, 2014 as department accounts, endowments, gift accounts, grants and scholarships.
- The 4th Annual President's Scholarship Ball, held at Dover Downs, was the most successful to date. A total of over **\$150,747** was raised, exceeding last year's amount by **45%**. The headline performer was Dionne Warwick. Over 400 guests and students attended.
- On April 30, DSU will host another signature event; for the first time, it will be held in Wilmington at the Chase Center. The event, leveraging the historic DSU motto of "Enter to Learn Go Forth to Serve," will showcase DSU's in-coming student freshmen scholars and honor graduating seniors. The evening's entertainment is recording artist Regina Belle.
- DSU was awarded \$50,000 from the Bernard Osher Foundation. This fiscal year, 21 nontraditional students were awarded scholarships to pursue their first college degree, the students are now known as Osher Scholars. The \$1 million endowment from the same foundation has been included in the University's combined endowment portfolio. The Osher Reentry Scholarship Endowment permanently established the program to provide a *minimum* of \$50,000 of scholarships to non-traditional students each year.

There were no actions for Board approval.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to accept the report of the Development and Investment Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE (Mr. David Turner, chair)

Mr. David Turner stated that the Finance and Facilities Committee met this morning (January 15, 2015) and approved the Finance and Facilities dashboards. The dashboards were related to the University's KPIs 11-15 which included; Guaranteed Energy Savings, Enrollment, Funding, Alumni Giving, and Instructional Expenses/FTE are the categories. Other divisional dashboards related to Goal #6 (to enhance, leverage and diversify resources to fulfill the University's mission) were also presented.

Enrollment:

The Committee was updated on the Fall 2014 enrollment, which reflects 153 fewer students enrolled at DSU than projected. Headcount enrollment increased from 4,505 to 4,644. Although the total headcount increased, going forward the University will continue to work on strategic enrollment growth which includes: solidifying the undergraduate base, increasing new transfer students (via articulation agreements), and increasing the graduate, doctoral and international student population.

FY2015 Budget

Dr. Teresa Hardee, vice president for Finance, presented an update on the FY2015 budget vs. actual operating revenue and expenses. The YTD results of operations through December 2014 are favorable by \$1,809,273 compared to the same time in FY2014. The following observations were noted in the discussion:

- Budgeted revenue for FY2015 is \$107,575,022. Revenue generated YTD 2015 is \$97,570,373 which exceeds YTD FY2014 revenue by \$1,895,635. In the revenue line the University is ahead. Favorable categories of revenue include out-of-state undergraduate tuition and auxiliary revenue related to residential halls and meal plans.
- On the expense side, budgeted expenses for FY2015 are \$107,575,022. Expenses incurred YTD FY2015 total \$55,000,951 and exceed YTD FY2014 expenses by \$86,359.

University Scholarships

The Committee heard an update on scholarships. Scholarships have increased over the years with minimum return on investment. The administration has put forth a new proposed scholarship model that takes into account the reallocation of dollars that yields higher returns. This includes investing in retention that optimally influences graduation.

FY2015 Q2 Financial Statements

The University presented FY2015 Q2 financial statements on a (GASB) for the first time. Typically information is viewed on a cash basis. Overall, FY2015 operating results are positive compared to FY2014; however, results lag behind the same period in FY2013. A reconciliation was presented which showed the difference between operating revenue and expenses from the budget update compared to the GASB-based Q2 financial statements.

2014 Revenue Bond Issuance

Dr. Hardee provided an update on the 2014 Revenue Bond Issuance. Closing occurred on Dec. 18, 2014 in the amount of \$29,225,000. The proceeds will be used to complete the construction on the OSCAR building (\$6m), acquire the Sheraton Hotel, which DSU is currently leasing (\$11.2m), and purchase the Courtyard Apartment Complex from the DSU Housing Foundation (\$15.1m).

DSU received an unqualified opinion on its financial statements for June 30, 2014 which was audited by SB & Company. There were no instances of fraud or material weaknesses in internal controls discovered during the audit. The ending net position of

FY2014 was \$147,643,901 compared to \$151,456,439 and \$149,245,193 for fiscal years 2013 and 2012 respectively. Net position restatements included \$1.5m to write - off bond issuance costs to adopt GASB 65 and \$.97m to write off an unsupported payroll receivable. Accounting changes included increasing depreciation lives by 10 years to 50 years (\$1.8m), excluding benefit costs from payroll accruals (\$1.0m), and reclassification of Pell grant revenue from operating to non-operating revenue. SB & Company's audit was clean and thorough.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to accept the report from the Finance and Facilities Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

AUDIT COMMITTEE (Mr. José Echeverri, chair)

Mr. Echeverri provided the following highlights:

SB & Company LLC

Mr. Echeverri stated that SB & Company has completed the University Finance audit with favorable results. He shared the following observations related to the audit

- Issued unmodified opinions on all financial statements
- Issued the Federal Form 990s
- Discovered no instances of fraud
- Discovered no material weakness in internal controls
- Received full cooperation from management and team

Adjustments were made to the Financial Statement due to a change in accounting principles and /or estimation or restatements due to a change to GASB rules.

Information Technology (IT)

The Audit Committee discussed the corrective actions identified as part of the external review. This corrective action plan will be monitored by the Committee at every committee meeting.

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM)

Enterprise Risk Management presented the final Risk Management report for 2014. The goal of the ERM team is to continue its forward progression on the 2014-15 ERM Key Priorities which also support achieving initiatives directly tied to Finance & Administration strategic goals.

Several accomplishments were highlighted, a summary of those discussed follow:

- Development of a Policy Assessment routine
- The first DSU Minority Vendor Fair was held in October 2014
- The 2nd Annual Risky Business Week
- Establishment of dashboard reporting for metric tracking

- 2015 Top Ten Risks have been identified via Heatmap and recommended to the ERM Council

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to accept the report of the Audit Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Dr. Harry Williams, president)

President Williams asked that it be recorded that he was the University President when the Administration Building was renamed the Claibourne D. Smith Administration Building.

He congratulated and thanked Dr. Smith for his support of him and his family and for affording him the great opportunity to serve at DSU.

The President stated that he wanted to highlight some of the initiatives that have taken place at the University and how those initiatives are contributing to the positive transformation. He noted that this would be a quick update on just a few of the University's involvements.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

The President discussed DSU's blueprint progress detailing the project due dates. He noted that the second draft was due that day, Jan. 15. The DSU team consisting of Drs. Teresa Hardee, Nouredine Melikechi, Clytrice Watson, and Harry Williams, will visit the Gates Foundation in Seattle Washington, Jan. 22-23. He and those involved are excited about the potential of this project and what it could mean to the University.

December Commencement

DSU held its 2014 December Commencement on Dec. 13 in Memorial Hall Gymnasium, during which over 200 graduates receive their degrees. DSU will implement, for the first time, an email tracking process that will allow the University to follow students after graduation and to increase alumni participation. This will be the first class to be tracked utilizing this email tracking process.

Greater Than One Campaign

President Williams pointed out the numerous events taking place that support his belief that the University will meet its goal of \$20M. He indicated that he and his senior team will be engaged in a number of events and activities to ensure the goal is met. The Battle of the Colleges, Scholarship Sunday, receptions in Maryland and Washington, D.C. are a few of the upcoming events planned.

2014 President's Scholarship Ball

Over 400 guests attended the Ball and \$150,747 total funds were raised which exceeded last year's amount by 45%. Ms. Dionne Warwick was the guest performer, the first-ever major artist to perform at this event. A similar event, at the suggestion of Trustee Stewart, is planned in the Wilmington with Regina Belle as the guest performer.

Kent County Delegation

The Kent County state legislators visited the University on Dec. 11 to meet with President Williams and other administrators and to receive an update on the priorities and projects of the University.

OSCAR Building

The Optical Science Center for Applied Research (OSCAR) building at Delaware State University is on schedule to open in the spring 2015.

S.M.A.R.T

A S.M.A.R.T goal is one that is defined as specific, measurable, achievable, results-focused and time-bound. President Williams indicated that this was discussed at the Board Retreat and is something that Dr. Devona Williams would like to implement related to the KPIs. He noted that this measurement will be used when developing goals.

Early College High School (ECHS)

The ECHS is still moving forward. The Provost Alton Thompson is actively engaged in the operation. The application period opened in November and as of Jan. 4, 101 applications have been received; 94 applications have been completed (75% of the total). He discussed the staff changes and the new messaging/alert system that has been installed. He pointed out some of the notable visitors to the school such as Gov. Jack Markell, U.S. Senators Tom Carper and Chris Coons, DE Secretary of Education Mark Murphy, and Secretary of the Department of Labor John McMahon, to name a few.

Student Success

Student Success: Goal#2 –Recruit, develop, retain, graduate, and place outstanding students. President Williams talked about KPIs #2-#5 which all support student success. The KPIs focus on the following areas:

- KPI#2 - %of students obtaining gainful employment
- KPI#3 – Four - year graduation rate
- KPI#4 – Four - year retention rate
- KPI#5 – New freshmen average SAT/GPA

Students are the primary focus of everything that is done at DSU and student success will be a component of every effort undertaken at the University.

1890-Land Grant University

The 1890 Land Grant Universities will be celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Second Morrill Act (signed August 30, 1890) This will be an opportunity to showcase the accomplishments and impacts of 1890 institutions. The culminating event will be an evening convocation with President Obama, the First Lady, and the Secretary of Agriculture in Washington, D. C. The convocation will include celebrating the founding, contributions, and impacts of the 1890 institutions through 2015. It is hoped that new funding streams for the 1890s will be announced. President Williams has been asked to be a keynote speaker at the White House to commemorate this event. Provost Thompson has been working with the committee for this event. Dr. Dyremple Marsh has also been involved in the planning.

Pedestrian Improvements on Route 13

Construction of the Phase 1 of the pedestrian improvements is scheduled to begin in the spring. This will include shrubbery and a stick and chain fence along Route 13 to prevent pedestrians crossing at dangerous locations. The project will also serve a cosmetic purpose on the Rt. 13 corridor in Dover. DSU will be responsible for the maintenance of the landscaping, \$300,000 will be transferred from the Delaware Department of Transportation and DSU will administer the project on behalf of DelDot. This will assist DSU in keeping its students safe.

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King Day celebration is Monday, January 19. President Williams will be accepting a check for \$10,000 on behalf of DSU, Friday, January 16 from Mr. John Ridgeway, an alum and executive at Toyota. This is in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King.

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to accept the President's report.

The motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Turner indicated that no one signed up for public comment.

OTHER BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Board meeting is March 19, 2015. Mr. Turner announced that cake was available to celebrate Dr. Smith's achievement.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Turner asked for and received a motion that was seconded to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David G. Turner, chairman



Eleanor Wilson, board secretary

**DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
DOVER, DELAWARE
ADDENDUM OF MOTIONS AND ACTIONS TAKEN BY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES ON THE MEETING OF JANUARY 15, 2015**

1. Approved the minutes of the September 18, 2014 quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees.
2. Approved the minutes of the November 13, December 1 and December 11, 2014 regular and special meetings of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees.
3. Approved the motion to reelect Mr. Barry M. Granger for a term as Trustee expiring on August 31, 2020.
4. Approved the motion to elect Mr. David G. Turner as Chairman of the Board to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Smith expiring on June 30, 2015.
5. Approved the motion to elect Mr. Barry M. Granger as Vice Chairman of the Board to complete the unexpired term of Mr. David Turner, expiring on June 30, 2015.
6. Approved the resolution that the Administration Building on the Delaware State University's main campus is hereby renamed the Claibourne D. Smith Administration Building.
7. Approved the motion to convene an Executive Session to discuss confidential personnel and legal matters.
8. Approved the motion to reconvene the regular session of the Board of Trustees meeting.
9. Accepted the report from the Executive Committee.
10. Accepted the report from the Student Affairs Committee
11. Accepted the report from the Educational Policy Committee.
12. Accepted the report from the Development and Investment Committee.
13. Accepted the report from the Finance and Facilities Committee.
14. Accepted the report from the Audit Committee.
15. Accepted the report from the President
16. Approved adjournment.

DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Committee on Trustees Report
January 15, 2015

Nomination of Board Member. The Committee nominates Barry M. Granger to be reelected for a term as Trustee expiring August 31, 2020.

Nominations of Officers for the remainder of 2014-2015. Upon the resignation of Claibourne D. Smith as Chairman of the Board, the Committee makes the following nominations for Board officers for the remainder of the current terms, expiring June 30, 2015: David G. Turner to be elected Chairman of the Board to complete the unexpired term of Dr. Smith, expiring June 30, 2015 and Barry M. Granger to be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board to complete the unexpired term of Mr. David Turner, expiring June 30, 2015. Mr. Turner did not participate in the Committee's deliberations with respect to his nomination.

Appropriate Resolutions are attached as Exhibits A and B.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles S. McDowell
Chair, Committee on Trustees

EXHIBIT A

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
DELAWARE STATE UNIVERSITY

RESOLUTION ELECTING TRUSTEE

WHEREAS, the Committee on Trustees has nominated Barry M. Granger to be reelected as a Trustee for a term expiring August 31, 2020;

NOW THEREFORE, Barry M. Granger is hereby reelected as a Trustee for a term expiring August 31, 2020.

EXHIBIT B

Delaware State University
Board of Trustees

Resolution Electing Officers for the Remainder of the 2014-2015 Year

WHEREAS, upon the resignation of Claibourne D. Smith as Chairman of the Board, the Committee on Trustees has made the following nominations for Board officers for the remainder of the 2014-2015 year: David G. Turner to be elected Chairman of the Board and Barry M. Granger to be elected Vice-Chairman of the Board;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the following officers of the Board are elected for terms expiring June 30, 2015 or until their successors are elected:

Chairman	David G. Turner
Vice-Chairman	Barry M. Granger