

Minutes of the Special-Called Meeting of the Board of Visitors

University of Arkansas at Monticello

Fine Arts Center, Spencer Gallery

November 10, 2015

3:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Betty Gragg
George Harris, Vice Chairman
India Holt
Michael Jones
Mellie Jo Owen, Secretary
Gregg Reep, Chairman
Lynn Rodgers
Linda Rowe

Executive Council Members Present:

Debbie Gasaway, Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration
Jay Hughes, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs
Jay Jones, Interim Chancellor
Linda Rushing, Vice Chancellor for College of Technology – Crossett
Bob Ware, Vice Chancellor for College of Technology – McGehee
Jimmie Yeiser, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Linda Yeiser, Vice Chancellor for Advancement and University Relations

University Personnel Present:

Ed Bacon, Emeritus Professor of Biology
Donna Hunnicutt, Associate Professor and Graduate Coordinator
Scott Kuttenkuler, Dean of Students
Chris Ratcliff, Director of Athletics
Anissa Ross, Chief Information Officer
Bob Stark, Professor of Agriculture
Jeff Taylor, Associate Professor of Chemistry
Mary Whiting, Dean of Admissions

Special Guests Present:

Don Bobbitt, President, University of Arkansas System
Cliff Gibson, Board of Trustees
Bennie Ryburn, III, Search Committee Member

Mr. Gregg Reep called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

Mr. Jones stated that Dr. Don Bobbitt, President of the U of A System, has called a special meeting of the Board of Visitors to discuss the appointment of Dr. Karla Hughes as chancellor.

Dr. Bobbitt thanked Mr. Jones for his leadership as interim chancellor, as well as Mary Whiting and the search committee for their hard work. He discussed the search process and difficulties

that were encountered. He stated they worked very diligently through two rounds of interviews, noting that everyone who interviewed had tremendous respect for the campus and people they met, and felt they were treated wonderfully. He said he was very thankful for both the UAM and Monticello community for their turnout to support the search.

Dr. Bobbitt stated that he spent considerable time with Dr. Hughes' references, and UAM has attracted a very good candidate and chancellor-elect. He noted that she acknowledges the history of UAM but is also excited about the future. He briefly discussed her plan for the first 120 days, which includes listening and seeking advice.

Dr. Bobbitt noted that we can help Dr. Hughes by making introductions to people she needs to meet and talk to. He also announced that he has appointed a transition team to assist her. Dr. Bobbitt said he was thankful that he did not receive a lot of pressure to do things quickly, but rather do things correctly.

The meeting adjourned at 3:29 p.m.