

Budget & Finance Committee and Executive Committee

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Temple University – Of The Commonwealth System of Higher Education

Monday, November 22, 2004, at 3:00 p.m.

Room 200, Sullivan Hall

Liacouras Walk and Berks Mall

MINUTES

Note: The Committees first met in Executive Session to discuss the negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement with Temple Association of University Professionals.

PUBLIC SESSION

PARTICIPANTS

Trustees: David Adamany (in person), Joan H. Ballots, Leonard Barrack, Jon A. Boscia, James F. Cawley, IV, Nelson A. Diaz, Loretta C. Duckworth, Howard Gittis, Lewis F. Gould, Jr., Lacy H. Hunt, Edward Kassab, Patrick V. Larkin (in person), Susanna E. Lachs, Joseph W. Marshall, III, Theodore A. McKee, Christopher W. McNichol, Stephen A. Miskin, Mitchell Morgan, Patrick J. O'Connor (in person), Daniel H. Polett (in person), Milton L. Rock (in person), Anthony J. Scirica (in person), Daniel J. Whelan (in person), James S. White (in person), Michael P. Williams (All Trustees by phone except as noted)

University Counsel: George E. Moore

Administration and Staff: Frank P. Annunziato, Clarence D. Armbrister, James C. Bausman, Jr., William T. Bergman, Robert P. Buchholz, Martin S. Dorph, Richard M. Englert, Jessica Giordano, Thomas M. Healey, Timothy C. O'Rourke, Gregory S. Rost, Ira M. Schwartz, Sherri Stahler, William J. Wilkinson

Non-Voting Advisory Members: Nicholas D'Allesandro, Leroy W. Dubeck, Ryan M. Phelan, Nairobi Thomas, Naeem Thompson

[Secretary's Note: Trustees Davis and Tuttleman were unable to attend the meeting, but phoned to indicate their support of all items on the agenda.]

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meetings of June 15, 2004, and September 23, 2004, were approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION:

1. The Teaching, Education, Collaboration and Help (TECH) Center

Provost Schwartz explained the background on this item. This project has been reviewed and approved by the Academic Affairs Committee and the Facilities Committee. The Office of the Provost and the Council of Deans are very excited about this project. The Teaching, Education, Collaboration and Help (TECH) Center will serve all schools/ colleges.

Ms. Nairobi Thomas, student representative, stated that the TECH Center is considered to be a very positive move on the behalf of the student body, particularly for upper classmen who have had to move to off-campus housing and have no suitable space to use for work collaboration and socialization with other students.

Following discussion, the Budget & Finance Committee and the Executive Committee, the latter acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, approved the recommendations of the Academic Affairs Committee (10/1/04) and the Facilities Committee (11/10/04), that the officers be authorized to proceed with the development and construction of a new large-scale general use student computer laboratory (The TECH Center) and Welcome Center in the Bell Building, at a cost not-to-exceed \$15,684,269 (\$390,365 previously approved, for a total of \$16,074,634). The funding and financing source being Student Technology Fees, Enrollment Management Carryover Funds, and Enrollment Management Operating Funds.

2. Authorization to Obtain Loan - Temple Educational Support Services, Ltd.

Mr. Dorph explained that there has been a shortfall in the cash flow at TUJ recently, and, in order to meet the November payroll, TUJ management requested approval of a short-term temporary loan. In summary, most of the accounting errors were made by newly-hired financial staff in Japan.

Mr. Gittis expressed his extreme displeasure about the situation. Mr. Gittis informed Mr. Dorph that a full-blown audit of TUJ should be conducted immediately, and that this matter should be brought to the attention of the Audit Committee of the University.

Trustee Hunt commented that the overall business climate in Japan is not favorable, and the economy continues to do poorly. Trustee Boscia suggested that a U.S. trained financial manager be placed on-site at TUJ.

Following discussion, the Budget & Finance Committee and the Executive Committee, the latter acting on behalf of the Board of Trustees, authorized the officers to take all necessary actions to grant a short-term loan of \$475,000 (50 million yen) to Temple Educational Support Services, Ltd., on terms that the officers deem appropriate, substantially as set forth in Agenda Reference 2.

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