

The Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas convened in a called teleconference meeting at 4:00 p.m., Monday, February 6, 2012 with the following officers and members present:

Chair:	Mr. Bobby Reynolds
Vice Chair:	Mr. Victor Green
Secretary:	Mrs. Kay Hinkle
	Mrs. Elizabeth Farris
	Mr. Rush Harding, III
	Mr. Scott Roussel

Mr. Brad Lacy was not present for roll call but joined the call shortly after.

ACTION AGENDA

A. Student Government Association Project - The Amphitheater

Last year, the Board of Trustees approved moving forward with a project developed by the Student Government Association (“SGA”) known as the SGA’s Big Project. It involves the construction of an amphitheater between the Student Center and Ida Waldran Auditorium.

The initial funds for the project totaled \$300,000. The Board committed \$112,500 from the Board of Trustees Fund, Mr. Harding donated \$112,500, and the other funds came from the SGA and the Department of Housing. Not including design fees and other costs, the initial construction costs are estimated to be approximately \$268,000.00.

The Board approved a resolution at its meeting on December 16, 2011, authorizing the construction of the amphitheater in the area between the Student Center and Ida Waldran Auditorium, as opposed to another design placing it close to Ferguson Chapel.

The architect has now completed the design for the amphitheater, and the plans have been provided to the Board within the last week. If the plans are approved by the Board, bids will be solicited to establish actual construction costs. The bids will be evaluated by a committee and a contractor will be selected. If the construction costs are in excess of \$250,000, it will be brought to the Board for review and consideration at a future date.

The goal is to have the amphitheater constructed and in operation by the opening of the fall semester of this year.

The purpose of this agenda item is to request the Board’s approval of the architect’s plans. The architect has estimated that the construction costs for the plans as drawn exceed the projected construction budget (\$268,000). Therefore, the architect has identified the following eliminations/deductive alternatives for consideration by prospective bidders:

1. Arbor above the stage (metal tube piping) will be eliminated;

2. Deductive alternates for the back columns to reduce their height to match the columns on the side of the amphitheater;
3. If the height of the columns is reduced, then the panels would also be removed; and
4. Deductive alternate for the brick (if the brick is removed, the finish will be basic concrete).

The Physical Plant and architect agreed that with these modifications, the project will be constructed so that the brick and arbor can easily be added in the future if additional funds become available.

Mr. Mark Robertson, architect, was present to answer questions.

Kay Hinkle noted that an early version of the plans included dressing rooms, but the current plan does not. She asked if they could be added later. She also asked whether landscaping was included in the estimated construction costs.

Mark Robertson said that the addition of the dressing rooms would affect the “legacy oaks”. He also noted that basic landscaping is included in base package.

Rush Harding asked how much it would cost to have everything that the SGA wanted included. Mark Robertson estimated that an arbor would cost an additional \$75,000-100,000.

Scott Roussel asked what type of material will be used for the benches and the seating capacity for the amphitheater. Mr. Robertson said there would be approximately 200 seats, and the benches would be made from cast concrete. Mr. Roussel also asked the architect if the current plan will be close to budget and Robertson replied, yes.

Brad Lacy asked about the color specification, and Mr. Robertson noted that it is a “UCA blend”.

Elizabeth Farris asked if the Board was being asked to only approve seeking bids. Chairman Reynolds replied, yes.

Austin Hall, President of the SGA, thanked President Courtway and the Board for calling this meeting. He also said that the SGA does not want to use any of the deductive alternates. They are happy with the plan as presented.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted upon motion by Rush Harding with a second by Victor Green:

“BE IT RESOLVED, that the plans for the SGA Amphitheater are hereby approved with the modifications set forth in the write-up, and the Administration is authorized to proceed with requesting construction bids for the project.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Kay Hinkle with a second by Scott Roussel.

**The University of Central
Arkansas Board of Trustees**

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Chair

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