

Following appropriate notice to members of the press, the Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas met via a telephone conference call at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 2, 1996. The following trustees participated in the call:

Chair:	Mr. Madison P. Aydelott III
Secretary:	Dr. Harold Chakales
	Mrs. Elaine Goode
	Mr. Rickey Hicks
	Mr. Joe White
	Mr. Dalda Womack

The following trustees were unable to participate:

Vice Chair:	Mr. Rush Harding III
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There being a quorum of the Board, the following business was transacted:

**Requests to Address the Board of Trustees** - Various members of the university community have indicated an interest in providing greater opportunity for public presentations at meetings of the Board of Trustees. In an effort to respond to this desire for additional communication, the Administration has prepared a revised Board Policy that would allow any person to petition to address the Board.

Each person would be limited to five minutes and the total public presentations would be limited to 30 minutes. Personnel actions, student disciplinary actions, and certain academic issues continue to be matters that will not be heard by the Board.

The presidents of the Staff Senate, Faculty Senate, and Student Government Association would continue to be placed on the board agenda twice a year. In addition, they could exercise the same process as the university community or general public to appear before the Board at other Board meetings.

These appearances would generally be scheduled following the action agenda or executive session of the Board.

Mr. White stated that while generally the current policy serves the Board well, he realizes that there are legitimate differences concerning access to the Board. He further stated that he will support the resolution presented; however, in the event the proposed amended policy does not serve

the Board in the way it is hoped, the Board should revert back to the current policy. Mr. White stated that the administration, starting with the President, operates with an open-door policy; however, he understands that there are various constituencies on campus who feel that access to the Board is somewhat limited which the proposed policy addresses.

Mr. White moved that the attached revision to Board Policy No. 212, "Requests to Address the Board of Trustees," be adopted as presented with the understanding that the Board reserves the right to return to the present policy if the revised one does not serve the purposes of the Board. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicks with the understanding that the Board must vote to return to the present policy in the event the revised policy is not serving the purposes of the Board.

Mr. Hicks commended President Thompson for crafting the amended policy. He stated that it should reduce the criticism concerning limited access to the Board. He further stated that initially there may be several individuals who wish to address the Board but, as time passes, it will be less exciting. Mr. Hicks said that the Board can govern and set policy more efficiently and effectively if it has the input of individuals who wish to address the Board.

Mr. Womack stated that he has reservations about the proposed policy; however, with the apparent consensus and Mr. White's amendment to the resolution, he will support the motion. He asked that the Board use particular care in implementing the policy and requested that the chair be aware of the time limit during presentations so that they do not get out of hand.

President Thompson stated that if the Board adopts the proposed policy, it would be his intention to proceed first with action items at each Board meeting, followed by the executive session, information items, and then statements to the Board. Mr. Aydelott agreed.

Dr. Chakales recommended that individuals wishing to address the Board submit their presentations to President Thompson who in turn should review the presentations with the Chairman prior to the meeting. He also recommended that presentations be reviewed with all members of the board if time permits.

Mrs. Goode stated that she agrees with the sentiments expressed. She further stated that the board is setting a new precedent and that she appreciates Mr. White's amendment to the motion.

Mr. Aydelott called for the vote which was taken by role as follows:

Mr. Aydelott - aye  
Dr. Chakales - aye  
Mrs. Goode - aye  
Mr. White - aye  
Mr. Hicks - aye  
Mr. Womack - aye

President Thompson stated that Mr. Harding, who was unable to participate in the call, indicated that if he were present he would vote aye.

Board Policy No. 212, "Requests to Address the Board of Trustees," as adopted by the Board, is attached.

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS  
BOARD POLICY

Policy Number: 212

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Subject: Requests to Address the Board of Trustees

Date Adopted: 9/94, 10/94 Revised: \_\_\_\_\_-----  
A. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide a fair and administratively feasible policy for determining when persons may address the University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees.

~~B. Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, Student Government Association~~

1. As chief executive officer of the university, the president is the principal representative of the university to the Board of Trustees. The Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and Student Government Association and others are expected to work with the president or other administrators to represent their constituencies. All persons who address the Board are expected to first pursue relief through appropriate administrative procedures or avenues.
2. Presidents of the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and the Student Government Association will be placed on the agenda for the first board meeting of each fall and each spring term, in order. ~~Each president will be permitted to make a general statement on matters of interest and concern to their constituencies not exceeding five minutes in length. In addition, any person, including the Senate Presidents, may request to address the Board at any meeting.~~

~~3. Individual faculty, staff members, and students are expected to work through their elected representatives and the administration and will not be permitted to address the Board.~~

~~C. Individuals and Groups Other Than Faculty, Staff, and Students~~

~~1.3. A request for permission to appear before the Board of Trustees must be submitted in writing to the president no later than 15 days prior to the date of the meeting. It must contain the name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the group or individuals who wish to appear. If the request to appear is from a group, it must contain the names of all individuals who wish to speak on the issue.~~

~~2.4. The request must clearly describe the matter to be discussed before the board. It ~~should~~ must include documentation that relief has been sought through appropriate administrative avenues or procedures on campus.~~

~~3.5. The president may accept, defer, or decline the request in writing ~~to the petitioner~~. Reasons for deferral or denial of the request include failure to demonstrate compliance with this policy or other good cause.~~

~~4.6. The written request and the President's response will be included in the agenda book which is generally mailed to Board members 14 days prior to the date of the next meeting.~~

~~5.7. The Board may either accept the President's response or vote to take a different action concerning the request.~~

~~D. All Appearances~~

—1.8. The board will not entertain statements under this policy which relate to:

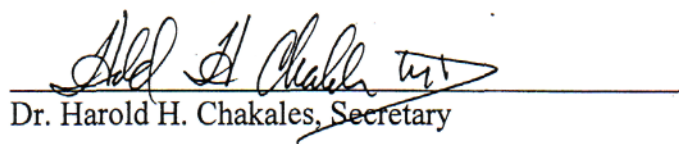
- a. personnel actions and decisions;
- b. student disciplinary proceedings and actions;
- c. matters relating to grades, course requirements, or other academic matters appropriately to be decided by academic councils and not rising to the level of policy matters of board concern;

except upon request of the president to consider such matters in extraordinary occasions and upon the unanimous agreement of members of the board present at the meeting when the matter is to be presented.

~~2.9. A total of no more than 20 minutes per meeting will be devoted to such presentations. Speakers will be limited to five minutes each. Presenters will be notified that they will be limited to five minutes per person, that the Board will accept such presentations for up to 30 minutes per meeting, and that speakers will be heard in the order that their petition is received. Any person who has not been heard by the end of the 30-minute period will be deferred until the next general meeting of the Board.~~

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Mr. Hicks with a second by Mrs. Goode.

  
Mr. Madison P. Aydelott III, Chairman

  
Dr. Harold H. Chakales, Secretary