

The University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees convened at 10:00 a.m., August 14, 2020, with the following officers and members present:

Rev. Cornell Maltbia – Chair
Ms. Kay Hinkle – Vice Chair
Dr. Terry Fiddler – Secretary
Mr. Bunny Adcock
Mr. Curtis Barnett
Ms. Elizabeth Farris
Mr. Joe Whisenhunt

MINUTES

The board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 23, 2020, board meeting as submitted upon motion by Joe Whisenhunt and a second by Bunny Adcock.

REPORTS

President Davis recognized Grace Zimmerman and provided a fall semester update. A copy of his report is attached to the original minutes. Amy Whitehead provided an Economic Impact Study report, and Diane Newton provided a Financial report.

COMMENTS REGARDING THE YEAR AND THE ACTION AGENDA BY THE PRESIDENTS OF THE FACULTY SENATE, STAFF SENATE, AND STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Statements from the incoming president of the Faculty Senate, Staff Senate, and the Student Government Association are attached to the original minutes.

ACTION AGENDA

Property Acquisition – 353 Watkins Street, Conway, Arkansas

Phillip Lewis and Cara Jo Duren own the house located at 353 Watkins Street. The house was built in the 1930s and is approximately 1,410 square feet. The total area of the property is approximately 11,400 square foot. The property is located one block from Donaghey Avenue at the intersection of Martin Street and Watkins Street. The University also owns the adjacent property at 359 Watkins Street. The University plans to utilize the existing structure.

The University has signed an offer and acceptance with the owners for \$160,000. The agreement requires that the closing occur by August 31, 2020. The closing of the proposed acquisition is conditioned upon the approval of the Board of Trustees.

The board unanimously adopted the following resolution upon motion by Joe Whisenhunt and second by Kay Hinkle:

“BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees approves the transaction described above with Phillip Lewis and Cara Jo Duren for the sale and purchase of a house with a street address of 353 Watkins Street, Conway, Arkansas, for the sum of \$160,000, and the president and such other officials of the University of Central Arkansas, as the president may from time-to-time designate, are hereby authorized and directed to enter into and execute such other documents, agreements and instruments as are necessary and required to consummate the foregoing purchase.”

Board Policy No. 321 - Change in Credit-Hour Requirements: Bachelor of Music Education (BME)

The Department of Music in the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences has proposed that the number of required credit hours in its BME program be increased from a maximum of 125 credit hours (a range of 123–125) to a maximum of 130 (a range of 126–130). The ranges reflect differences among the concentrations within the program.

The proposal grows out of a recent audit that revealed that unlike majors in other music programs, those in the BME program were not, in the published curriculum, required to complete sufficient applied music lessons to prepare them for the program’s capstone requirement (senior recital/senior project) and, thus, for a profession in music education. The department’s proposal presents clear and accurate information to students and the public and meets accreditation standards of the National Association of Schools of Music for music education programs.

Approval of this change in program credit-hour requirements will necessitate approval for a change in Board Policy 321. This change is reflected in the resolution below.

All appropriate university councils and administrators have recommended approval of the change in credit-hour requirements for the BME proposed by the Department of Music.

The board unanimously adopted the following resolution upon motion by Terry Fiddler and second by Elizabeth Farris:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Board of Trustees hereby approves the increase in credit-hour requirements for the Bachelor of Music Education to a maximum of 130 and approves inclusion of the change in credit hour requirements in Board Policy 321.

**UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS
BOARD POLICY**

Policy Number: 321

Subject: Maximum Number of Credit Hours – Baccalaureate and Associate Degrees

Date Adopted: 10/95 Revised: 05/97, 12/12, 02/14, 05/14, 05/17, 08/18, 05/19,
08/20

The maximum number of credit hours required by the University of Central Arkansas for the baccalaureate degree shall be 120. Any course of study requiring more than 120 credit hours for the completion of the baccalaureate degree must be specifically approved by the Board of Trustees.

The maximum number of credit hours required by the University of Central Arkansas for the associate degree shall be 60. Any course of study requiring more than 60 credit hours for the completion of the associate degree must be specifically approved by the Board of Trustees.

Associate degrees requiring more than 60 semester credit hours:

- AAS, Law Enforcement Administration, 63 hours (CJI higher education partnership)
- AAS, Crime Scene Investigation, 62 hours (CJI higher education partnership)

Baccalaureate degrees requiring more than 120 semester credit hours (the date included with each entry indicates the date of approval for inclusion in this list):

- BME, Music Education, ~~123–125~~ **126–130** (~~08/17/2018~~ **08/14/2020**)
- BS, Computer Engineering, 126 hours (05/12/2017)
- BS, Engineering Physics, 126 hours (05/10/2019)
- BS, Radiologic Technology, 121 hours (02/21/2014)
- BSE, Elementary Education K–6, 123 hours (02/21/2014)
- BSE, Middle Level Education, 121–122 hours (02/21/2014)
- BSE, Special Education K–12, 122 hours (05/30/2014)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board unanimously declared an executive session to consider employment, appointments, promotions, demotions, disciplining and resignations of employees, upon motion by Kay Hinkle with a second by Joe Whisenhunt.

OPEN SESSION

The board unanimously approved the following motion made by Curtis Barnett with a second by Bunny Adcock:

“I move that all appointments, adjustments to salary and title, and other matters set forth on the personnel action list discussed in executive session be approved.”

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned upon motion by Terry Fiddler and second by Joe Whisenhunt.

The University of Central Arkansas Board of Trustees

Cornell Maltbia
Chair

Terry Fiddler
Secretary