

Board of Trustees Meeting
June 9, 2021
Reynolds Center Grand Hall/Zoom
2:00 p.m.

The Southern Arkansas University System Board of Trustees met on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. in Reynolds Center Grand Hall and via Zoom. The following were in attendance: Trey Berry (SAU President), Monty Harrington, Therral Story, Erica Woods, Laura Winning, Nate Evers, David Lanoue, Donna Allen, Josh Kee, Shawana Reed, Roger Giles, Jennifer Rowsam, Sarah Jennings, Sheryl Edwards, Jason Morrison (SAU Tech Chancellor), Edward Rice, Gaye Manning, and Valerie Wilson. Guests included Shannin Schroeder, Dan Marsh (SAU Communications), Mike McNeill (Magnolia Reporter) and Jodi Eppinette.

[00:00:12.19] Monty Harrington: Good afternoon! I would like to welcome everybody to the June 9 Board of Trustees meeting for SAU. It is good to see everybody in person. Dr. Berry has said numerous times "That's a good thing." We like in person meetings and those on Zoom. I think we can mark Zoom out of our vocabulary. I think I will be good with that. Again, I would like to welcome everyone here and I would like to do a quick roll call of the Board of Trustees members to make sure we have a quorum. Mr. Nate Evers, Laura Winnings, Erica Woods, Therral Story, and Monty Harrington all present. Welcome on the Zoom call. I think we have some media, Mike McNeill from the Magnolia Reporter and Dan Marsh from SAU Communications. I'd like to welcome Dr. Shannin Schroeder, Faculty Senate President. Thank all of you for joining on Zoom and in person. It is a beautiful day just a little muggy. It's not raining so that is a good sign. We do have a lengthy Board meeting because of the budget. We will start with the approval of the Board of Trustees minutes from the April 14 and January 28 meetings. Do I have a motion for approval?

[00:01:46.03] Erica Woods: Motion

[00:01:49.00] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mrs. Woods.

[00:01:51.04] Therral Story: Second.

[00:01:51.04] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mr. Story. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:01:51.04] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:01:51.04] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:01:51.04] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:01:51.04] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:01:55.20] Monty Harrington: Motion carries.

I do need to introduce Mr. Nate Evers. This is his first time to be here in person. Welcome for another round of SAU Board of Trustees. We are glad to have you here.

Comments by Dr. Trey Berry.

[00:02:23.21] Trey Berry: Good afternoon everybody. It is great to see real faces. In this room this summer, we have freshman orientation call BAM, Becoming a Mulerider. SAU Tech has SOAR and it is so great to see the students and parents here, in person. It is just a sign that things are taking off. I also want to welcome Mr. Evers to the Board. Actually, back to the Board. He served on the Board many years ago and now he is back. I would like to also recognize someone who is having a very special day. Mrs. Gaye Manning. It is her birthday. I think it is important that we make this light-hearted and I am going to be the choral director. (Rooms sings Happy Birthday to Gaye).

I would like to give you a quick update. I would like to start by saying "Boy, what a year. We have made it through and I want to applaud all of the people here on this campus and all of the people on the SAU Tech campus for making it through this year. I think you are going to see later in the meeting not just making it through, but prospering in the middle of a world-wide pandemic.

I want to start with fall enrollment. That really shouldn't say "fall enrollment"; it should have a big question mark there because, not just all of us on this campus or SAU Tech's campus, but literally across the country. This is going to be a very unpredictable year because of COVID, because, until just recently, been able to interact with the students like we usually do. So, our predictability as to what the fall enrollment is going to be is very, very vague. We are seeing so positive signs of things increasing. I know that our tours on campus are staying solid. Right now, our graduate numbers are trending up. We still think we will have a down turn in our undergraduate enrollment but that is not unique to SAU and we have budgeted for that. Now

we are trying our best to get things back to normal as quickly as possible. We do see some positive signs on our enrollment and it is good to see the energy coming back. As we get closer to August, I will be able to give you a better crystal ball about where we are. Right now there are a lot of what ifs going on but it is great to see the excitement.

In the midst of this crazy year we have had, and spite this crazy year we have had with COVID, our academic programs have still been moving forward. I would say even being very strong and initiative. I want to give you a quick update. I mentioned that our Graduate enrollment is up. This was basically true across the board. Almost every Graduate program was up and in the midst of that, almost every program received some sort of national ranking this year. It was good to see those. Some of those in the top five in the nation and one was number one in the nation. Our MBA program was ranking number one in Arkansas as the most affordable. So even in the midst of things, our Graduate programs are being recognized.

I have been talking for a couple of years now about poultry science. That will take off in the fall. We have hired a poultry science professor and he will be here shortly to start that program. So there are a lot of things happening in that direction. Our healthcare degree in the Rankin College of Business will start this fall. We think this is be very attractive. In our College of Education, we have a LEAD teacher program. I think I mentioned before. That also starts in August. Our first 32 Doctoral students will start this fall and they are representing four different states coming to our doctoral program. Our new Education building was actually handed over to us this week and once we get it all really detailed out, we are going to have a tour in our next meeting. Lots of great things happening on the academic front.

In our College of Science and Engineering, for the past two years. Erica, I know they talk about this past year, but for the past two years, our Nursing program has been 100 percent in their pass rate. That is absolutely amazing. They are in the midst of taking their exams right now and it is looking very good for that cohort of students and we will give you a report on that. Also, in our Science and Engineering, as far as our pre-med students, this may be our first milestone. This year, every SAU student that applied to med school got in. One hundred percent acceptance rate and that is so exciting to see.

On student success front, I just want to go over real quickly some of these wonderful things that are happening with our students. At the top, CAE is a game design company and several of our game design students are now working there as 3D multimedia designers. That program which we were the first in Arkansas to have, now has students employed in that area. In the Arkansas Department of Transportation, right our here on Hwy 82, I found out this week that one of the engineers on this project is a recent SAU engineering graduate. He is being put to work very quickly on our front door step. Also, as you see, Tiauna Young, she was recognized as New

Technology Teacher of the Year. She is a recent graduate from our College of Education. North Hills and Christus St. Michael are just a few of the hospitals where our recent nursing graduates are being employed. They are literally being employed in five different states as we speak right now. At Raytheon, we have our outstanding student in Business, this year, is now serving as a financial analyst for that company. At State Farm, as you see down here at the bottom, that is Wesley Nosakhare. He had a brief encounter with one of our alumni at an event at the Rankin College of Business and they struck up a conversation which lead to his employment with State Farm. He has been with State Farm for two years and he has already received three promotions. This is just some of the things are students are doing.

On the intern front. Our students, literally are working dozens and dozens of internships this summer. We just picked out two to show you. Naija White, a junior, is interning at Windstream in Little Rock and Dawson Smith, senior Agri major is interning at Sam's Club. Just to name a few. Literally dozens upon dozens of them interning.

Some other things. Right now as we speak, we have three rodeo students' athletes that are in Wyoming at the National College Finals Rodeo. Interesting thing about that - another one of our Rodeo students actually was entered in a contest and got news from Wyoming that she won a Dodge RAM pick-up truck. I don't know if she drove to Wyoming to get it, but I think I would have. That is amazing and she said she had never won anything in her life. That was a good start for her.

Some of our student athletes, just to show you just a few of them that received All-Region or All-American honors. Jordan Johnson in track and Austin Baker in baseball. And then, Whitney Brown, this is the second time this has happened at SAU. Whitney Brown, Marine Biology major from Alexander, Arkansas. She is the 2021 Women's Disc Golf National Champion. She went to North Carolina and she won the National Championship. Like I said, this is the second time this has happened to a Mulerider. Just a few of the things that are happening with our students

Advancement - Josh Kee and his team has done some amazing things in the most challenging year I can imagine. In the midst of that challenging year, we had our largest fundraising year in our history and that is absolutely amazing. I want to show you somethings that has occurred. We have raised in our Love and Loyalty campaign to date \$26,126,000.00. Now that is wrong because as of this morning, it was \$27,000,000.00. So, we have surpassed already our goal by about 5 million dollars. That is absolutely wonderful. We are approaching 4,000 donors to the Love and Loyalty Campaign and this has touched every one our campus and it is absolutely amazing!

Another great piece of news or milestone. If you will look at that first dark blue bar there, our endowment has almost reached almost 51 million dollars. If you look over at the far left, look how it has spiked. It shows you what has been happening and how our alumni and friends have come together and shown support for SAU. It shows you how some of these are broken down. 51 million puts us in the top three or four among Arkansas schools with endowment.

Something our Alumni Association is doing. They have created an Alumni Mulerider App for your phone. I have it on my phone and I actually did it. I know if I can do it, so can you because I am the least tech savvy guy on the planet. If you need help, we would love for you to have it on your phone when you leave. There is so much news about what is happening at SAU. Some trivia that you would love to answer and to be part of a bigger community of people. We would love for you to be a part of that and be involved. It is a great, great thing to have on your phone.

In athletics - I have already talked about it a little bit. You know what is happening in rodeo. We have three athletes there in Wyoming. Our softball program won the conference and went on to regionals. Our baseball team was co-winners of the conference and went on to regionals. Our men's basketball team won the eastern division championship of the GAC. Our men's tennis program won their division and went on to regionals. We had two golf athletes that went on to regionals. First time we had two men go on at the same time to regionals in golf.

Then, we have an ongoing construction project as you know with our indoor practice facility. As Mr. Story pointed out earlier as he was coming in; the rain has not been our friend, for anybody. So we hope that someday this will all dry out and we will continue on with our construction.

It has been a good year. Lot of good things on the horizon. I will be very happy to answer any questions.

[00:16:15.01] Monty Harrington: Any questions for Dr. Berry? Dr. Morrison?

[00:16:32.09] Jason Morrison: Once again, I would like to say Happy Birthday to Gaye! I don't think people realize how much of an asset she is SAU Tech. Her physical understanding of the climate of our education has truly put our institution in the position it is in moving forward. We have several things happening in Camden - or what we like to call the EC - East Camden. We recently celebrated graduation in person. We had two ceremonies. We had 244 graduates and 335 total awards. As you can see break down of certificates, certificates of proficiencies, technical certificates and associates degrees. What is truly amazing is when you look at those technical certificates, those students are graduating with a TC with one year of education and

making more than a lot of students that graduate with a four year degree. You should meet the welding students and the nursing students with certificates and what they are able to do with that certificate with one year at SAU Tech. We are truly proud of these graduates and what they have accomplished. May 8, 2021 was graduation.

Around that same time, we celebrated Rocket Night with our special guest Houston Nutt. We sold over 388 general tickets and all 65 VIP tickets. We had a great little meet and greet with Coach Nutt. He is cousins to one of our former, retired employees, Kenny Nutt. Coach Nutt was so gracious to come and do this for us and for our institution. He even brought his mom down to celebrate this event. We raised over \$1,000.00 in a silent auction which will help one scholar student. We also raised about \$4,000.00 for our other scholarships and programs. Fund raising at a two year is sometime a struggle. Our goal is to raise about \$125,000.00 a year to support scholarships be it for athletic programs, scholars programs, choir and things of that nature. We are doing rather well in meeting those goals in our athletic programs. We thought we had someone for our scholars program but they backed out on us. The same for our cheer. Then I had three people stepped up for our cheer program to help support us by giving us \$4,000.00 a year to help with scholarships. It is always a struggle at a two-year but we are going to keep fighting and we have probably raised more money in the last four years than we have done in the ten years prior. This year we are going to start a "Buy a Rocket Campaign" where you can buy a rocket that will be painted on the sidewalk and will lead up to our Grand Hall facilities - our Rocket Arena. We will have summer camps, we will have a cheer camp on July 11. We will have a series of basketball camps throughout the summer and also Kids College will be taking off in July. We will have a painting camp, computer camp, radio camp and a basketball camp inside the Kids College.

Some big news for us. Recently, we were rewarded a million dollars from the Arkansas Historical Society and we are going to be focusing on the 500 man barracks across the street from campus. We will focus on the CMD barracks bringing them up to code so we can start housing more students. We will be housing about 34 students in the bottom portion this year as we do some updates this summer. This will be a complete revamp of the windows on the outside, the drainage, and also in phase II we will concentrate on the inside mechanical and this will open up about 100 to 120 more beds for our institution. With baseball coming in the fall of 2022 for season in 2023, we are going to need those beds.

Like I mentioned before, our scholarship program. We just completed the interviews. I think we selected about 15 new scholars so we will have 23 scholars all together. This is one of our scholars from Camden. As you can see he is a Business Administration student. He wants to be a tax accountant. He likes money. I might to hire him to help me with fundraising. The scholars program is something that has been very trans-inspirational for our institution. It is the only

scholars program of its kind at a two year college in the state of Arkansas. These students are coming to us from the most recent population that interviewed. We have scores in the low 30's on the ACT, upper 20's even and great volunteerism among the students and they are coming from all over the state and all over the country. We have scholars coming in from Texas, Louisiana and other places. What we are trying to do this fall, like I said, we thought we had someone that was going to be a sponsor to the scholars program. We are going to do an "Adopt a Scholar" drive. We will look to see if we can find 20-25 donors to adopt a scholar for \$1,000.00 a year. It's the little things that will make a difference in these student's lives.

Of course, we are super excited for what happened in athletics this year. Keep in mind, that we have only had men's and women's basketball for three years. This is only our second year to be eligible for post-season play. Our men's basketball team finished 7th in the nation. Two years of eligibility, we went up to Danville, IL and finished 7th. We suffered a heart-breaking loss to the number 1 team in the country by seven points. The last four points happened in the last 15 seconds of the game when we were fouling. The sad thing is we went 0-23, three point line and we normally shot 45 percent at the three point line. We had a lot of jitters for the first time being at the National Tournament. So, for a team that shoots 45 percent at the three point line, to go 0-23 at the three point line and only lose to the number one team by seven points, that is phenomenal. We are bring back our kids next year. That is their mind set, they are going back. I think 90 percent of our team will be returning for next year. There will be a lot of eyes on us as we move into the fall season. Our men's basketball team finished second in the regional basketball tournament for the second year in a row. Our softball team, had a kind of sophomore season, but they are ready to revamp and reload as we have a great recruiting class coming in. (Recognized students from the basketball teams and coaches that received accolades.) We are making a tremendous impact in the state of Arkansas when it comes to the Junior College arena. Tanner Rockwell will be joining us July 1, 2021 as the Men's Baseball Coach and he will be hitting the ground running on recruiting.

Right now, I want to spotlight a couple of our students that have graduated. John'Niqua Libbett-Reynolds, she graduated on May 8, 2021 with her Associate of Professional Studies in Law Enforcement. Also, a certificate in Law Enforcement. We are very proud of her. She is currently employed in Monticello as a police officer and we hope she will continue her education.

The next student I want to spotlight is Jeanette Johnson. Jeanette came to us after being out of school for 29 years. She graduated with a Certificate of Proficiency in Medical Office Administration, Technical Certificate in Medical Coding and an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Office Administration. She is transferring to ASU-Jonesboro to continue her education and she believe that she is able to do that because of the confidence she gained during her studies at SAU Tech. She believes it was the faculty and small class size that made a difference.

Any questions?

[00:26:12.23] Monty Harrington: Any questions? Thank you Dr. Morrison. Again, I thank SAU Tech and SAU. You both have done many things and you are making SAU and SAU Tech proud all over.

Dr. Lanoue, academic program changes for SAU.

[00:26:32.24] David Lanoue: Good afternoon everybody. We have six proposed program changes for your consideration. The first is the new minor is Supply Chain Management out of the Rankin College of Business. It is a 15 hour minor and it will serve both students who have business degrees who don't necessarily want to major in supply chain management but who want to add some form of expertise in their career. It will also help students outside of the College of Business such as engineering students, industrial technology students and so forth who would benefit from having that additional knowledge in supply chain management as they manage their own careers and also as they look to getting into the management side in their fields.

The next two programs are very much related. One is the Associated of Arts in Teaching - Elementary Education and the other is the Associates of Arts in Teaching Middle School Education. These come from an initiative from the Arkansas Division of Education which is trying to move more people into the K-12 profession to fill some of the shortages there. They have set-up an educator pathway fund that provides funds for students who seek the first two years that pathway toward elementary and middle school education. This program would allow students that are here in our program to benefit from that funding. The other thing we have been trying to do over that last several years; we try to keep every student we can. Our retention rates are improving significantly. We noticed that so students and of leaving before the four years are over. One of the things we would like to do as much as possible is to create situations that they don't go home empty handed. Where if they finish the first two years, they have got the qualifications for the associate's degree and if they leave us, at least they can leave us with the associate's degree and have a college degree that they can take where ever they go. That is those two programs - in elementary and middle school education.

The next two programs are related as well. One is a Bachelor of Science in Education in Elementary Education STEM. The idea of this program is a non-licensure program. We have situations that come up where students in Education who for whatever reason cannot do their student teaching at the time as they move toward graduation. They might have family situations that may come up, they might be required to be in a certain place, they might have other jobs that they are doing and they can't complete their student teaching so this way they can get their

education degree without having to complete their student teaching. So that means that they are not licensed so they can't go immediately in the classroom. But, the second part of that is we have a plan for those students as well. Which is a Masters Certificate in Elementary Education. So those students who do not do their student teaching, get the education degree that doesn't have the licensure, they then enroll in a 12 hour graduate program over two semesters that would allow them to get their graduate Certificate in Elementary Education all the while by gaining their preliminary licensure when starting the program and that would allow them to get in the classroom once they start that program.

The final program we are proposing is the Associates of Science in Health Sciences. We have lots of students that come to school with some specific and some very vague ideas with what they want to do but they are interested in Biology, Chemistry, Nursing or Pre-Nursing and sometimes they change their mind of that course. Sometimes, they don't go into the field they expected to go into. The idea of the AS degree is that it gives all of those students a more formal background in the Health Sciences that allow them to transition to Nursing or Biology Pre-Health or Chemistry Pre-Health and again, as I said a moment ago, we are trying to create situations where if for whatever reason, students are not able to complete the four years, and it happens for all sorts of reasons. Family reasons to personal reasons, they can get a degree after completing those two years and a degree more specially in Health Sciences that will help them to be employable in certain jobs in the Health Science area. We certainly always wish them to come back to complete their four year degree when their situation allows as well. This will be an AS in Health Sciences for those students. Any questions?

[00:31:46.22] Monty Harrington: Any questions of the proposed changes? If not, we need a motion to approve the changes as presented.

[00:31:58.21] Nate Evers: So moved.

[00:31:58.21] Monty Harrington: So moved by Nate Evers. Second?

[00:32:02.03] Therral Story: Second

[00:32:03.26] Monty Harrington: Second by Mr. Story. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:32:03.26] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:32:03.26] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:32:03.26] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:32:03.26] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:32:05.21] Monty Harrington: Motion carried. Thank you Dr. Lanoue.

Dr. Wilson. SAU Tech program changes.

[00:32:16.26] [00:32:18.11] Valerie Wilson: Good afternoon everyone and Happy Birthday again to my special friend, Gaye. She is a little bit ahead of me, but we won't talk about that. (lauther)

I have five items for consideration by the Board this afternoon. The first item in the document I submitted, it review of our approved programs list with the Arkansas Division of Higher Education, we found that there were some discrepancies in the total credit hours that were listed and what we had on our records. That is the list in the document in your packet that we submitted to have a credit hours revised particularly due to productivity funding.

Our second items is a math requirement change for the Associate of Applied Science in Engineering Technology to add Pre-Calculus Math.

The third item includes revisions to the AS in Medical Office Administration, Technical Certificate in Medical Office Administration and Associate of Applied in Office Management. The specify Economics, as a social science requirement.

The fourth item is a revision to the Technical Certificate in Office Software Specialist to remove Intro to Keyboarding as a requirement.

And the final item is a revision to the Technical Certificate in Paraprofessional Educator to add a field experience course.

Those are all of the items that we have for your consideration.

[00:33:52.22] Monty Harrington: You heard the proposed changes. Any questions?

If not, need a motion to accept these changes.

[00:34:01.04] Laura Winning: Motion to approve

[00:34:03.11] Erica Woods: Second

[00:34:03.24] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mrs. Winning, second by Mrs. Woods. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:34:05.19] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:34:05.19] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:34:05.19] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:34:05.19] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:34:05.19] Monty Harrington: Motion carried. Thank you.

Alright, SAU handbook resolution. Roger Giles.

[00:34:22.25] Roger Giles: This amendment to the Faculty Handbook basically updates some language about how raises are recommended through the academic channels for faculty. It reflects the more less the current process. There was some debate about the word documented. Some people thought that it was needed and some thought it was not needed. In reality, maybe it's not, but I recommend that you include it in the resolution because it is going to be what we do. We are not going to do these things without documentation and it clarifies it is what it is. Are there any questions?

[00:35:20.08] Monty Harrington: So as presented the word document is scratched out but it will still be in here is what he is saying, correct?

[00:35:27.07] Roger Giles: I'm not sure if Shannin has any comments.

[00:35:31.24] Shannin Schroder: No specific comment unless you have questions. Actually a dean pointed out that it was redundant in the sentence as it actually appears twice. So we were just trying to streamline the language. That may be something that the Handbook Committee takes up again and decides to come up with a better sentence. That is fine.

[00:35:57.28] Monty Harrington: Alright, any other question on the resolution or the changes?

If not, need a motion to approve the changes.

[00:36:08.13] Therral Story: So moved

[00:36:10.09] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mr. Story.

[00:36:12.17] Erica Woods: Second

[00:36:12.17] Monty Harrington: Second by Mrs. Woods. All in favor say "Aye."

[00:36:14.01] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:36:14.01] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:36:14.01] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:36:14.01] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:36:16.03] Monty Harrington: Motion carried. Thank you.

Roger Giles for Pool positions.

[00:36:29.06] Roger Giles: This is a resolution that is required each year. This is the Appropriation Act that is adopted by the legislature every year. It adopts our spending limits and authorizes positions. A separate statute that says if you have grant money and other temporary types of money you can requisition provisional positions that will be funded by the grant. We have several grants on our campus like the TRIO program, IV-E grant and several others that are allocated under our provisional positions rather than our regular full time positions that are funded through the state money and the tuition. The statute requires that we make the request every year and affirm that we have the funding from the grant sources which we do. Their funding has been approved and so we need your authorization to continue this process.

[00:37:48.24] Monty Harrington: Any questions and this will be for both the Magnolia and the Camden campuses.

[00:37:53.12] Roger Giles: Also, the same for SAU Tech

[00:38:02.11] Nate Evers: I move that we adopt the resolutions.

[00:38:03.21] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mr. Evers. Do I have a second?

[00:38:09.11] Erica Woods: Second

[00:38:09.22] Monty Harrington: Second by Mrs. Woods. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:38:10.21] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:38:10.21] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:38:10.21] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:38:10.21] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:38:11.21] Monty Harrington: Motion carried. Now we will adjourn to executive session.
(3:31 pm)

[00:00:33.06] Monty Harrington: I would like to call us back from executive session. Thank you for your patience as we went through some issues. It was a good session. Out of executive session, we do have a resolution to accept the personal changes that was presented. Is there a motion to accept those changes?

[00:01:07.17] Nate Evers: So moved.

[00:01:08.23] Monty Harrington: Mr. Evers made a motion.

[00:01:10.01] Laura Winning: Second

[00:01:10.01] Monty Harrington: Second by Mrs. Winnings. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:01:12.23] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:01:13.20] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:01:13.20] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:01:13.20] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:01:16.19] Monty Harrington: Another resolution to accept the Faculty that was presented for Promotion and Tenure. Do I have a motion?

[00:01:20.10] Therral Story: I make a motion.

[00:01:21.15] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mr. Story. Second?

[00:01:23.11] Erica Woods: Second.

[00:01:24.23] Monty Harrington: Second by Mrs. Woods. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:01:25.25] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:01:27.00] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:01:27.00] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:01:27.00] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:01:27.24] Monty Harrington: Motion carried.

The last one is "I move to amend the listed personal changes by extending the contract of Dr. Berry by one year and for any cost-of-living increase payment the same as other faculty and staff." So we will renew his three year contract for three more years.

[00:01:50.27] Nate Evers: So moved.

[00:01:51.10] Monty Harrington: Mr. Evers makes a motion. Second?

[00:01:53.04] Erica Woods: Second.

[00:01:54.22] Monty Harrington: Mr. Woods seconds the motion. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:01:55.25] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:01:55.25] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:01:55.25] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:01:55.25] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:01:58.23] Monty Harrington: I think that is all we had from executive session. Next, the budget. We will start with Mrs. Shawana Reed and Gaye Manning.

To view the 2021-2022 budget for SAU and SAU Tech, please visit the links below:

<https://web.saumag.edu/financial-services/accounting>

<https://www.sautech.edu/administration/>

The athletic budget certification for SAU and SAU Tech was presented as a requirement from ADHE by Shawana Reed for SAU and Gaye Manning for SAU Tech.

[00:26:35.03] Monty Harrington: We have a request to approve the budget from SAU and SAU Tech. Are there any questions about either budget? If not, do I hear a motion to approve the budgets as presented?

[00:26:45.08] Therral Story: I make a motion to approve.

[00:26:46.16] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mr. Story.

[00:26:48.01] Nate Evers: Second

[00:26:48.07] Monty Harrington: Second by Mr. Evers. All those in favor say "Aye."

[00:26:50.06] Laura Winning: "Aye."

[00:26:50.06] Therral Story: "Aye."

[00:26:50.06] Nate Evers: "Aye."

[00:26:50.06] Erica Woods: "Aye."

[00:26:52.07] Monty Harrington: The "ayes" have it. Thank you very much. You did a wonderful job on the budget. Again, I know it is tough time expecting how many students will attend and what will happen. Hopefully everybody is ready to get out like we are and get back in the flow of things. That concludes are meeting for today. Again, it was a rather lengthy meeting, but it is expected every June from the budget. Any questions from any of the Board members on anything? If not, our next tentative scheduled Board meeting is Thursday, October 28, 2021. We have that tentatively set on the schedule so anything is subject to change. If nothings else, do I hear a motion to adjourn?

[00:27:37.27] Therral Story: Motion

[00:27:38.17] Monty Harrington: Motion by Mr. Story. Do I hear a second?

[00:27:40.07] Erica Woods: Second

[00:27:40.07] Monty Harrington: Second by Mrs. Woods. We are adjourned. (3:58 p.m.)

Trustee Chair

Secretary

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