

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA
Atlanta, Georgia
March 18-19, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, March 18, and Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in the Board Room, 270 Washington Street, SW, in Atlanta, Georgia. The Chair of the Board, Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order at approximately 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, and 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19. Present, in addition to Chair Wilheit, were Vice Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Regents C. Dean Alford; Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr.; Lori Durden; Larry R. Ellis; Rutledge A. Griffin, Jr.; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; T. Rogers Wade; Larry Walker; and Don L. Waters. Regent E. Scott Smith departed early on Tuesday, March 18. Regent Donald M. Leebern, Jr., was excused on Wednesday, March 19.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The invocation was given Tuesday, March 18, by Regent Donald Leebern, Jr., and Wednesday, March 19, by Chair Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.

SAFETY BRIEFING

The safety briefing was given both days by Chief Bruce Holmes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of Regents meeting held on January 8, 2014, were unanimously approved.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Chair Wilheit asked those present for a moment of silence in recognition of two former Regents, the lately deceased Howard H. "Bo" Callaway, who served from 1953-1964; and Erwin A. Friedman, who served from 1976-1983.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: PERSONNEL & BENEFITS

The Committee on Personnel & Benefits, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 1:22 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Committee Chair Don Waters introduced Vice Chancellor for Human Resources Marion Fedrick, who presented for the Regents' approval the Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus Policy, appended here as Appendix I. Ms. Fedrick explained that the University System of Georgia is committed to providing a healthy, comfortable, and productive learning and working environment for its students, faculty, staff, and visitors; and is dedicated to being an active partner in the safety, health and welfare of all who study, teach, or work at, and visit, USG campuses. This policy will go into effect October 1, 2014. An audio recording of Ms. Fedrick's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Committee on Finance & Business Operations, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 1:31 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Committee Chair T. Rogers Wade introduced Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs, John Brown, who presented information on funding formula revisions. An audio recording of Mr. Brown's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: SPECIAL CONSOLIDATION

The Special Consolidation Committee, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 2:20 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014. Board Chair Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., introduced Associate Vice Chancellor for Strategic Planning Shelley Nickel and South Georgia State College President Virginia Carson. Ms. Nickel recounted the consolidation of eight USG institutions into four between January 2012 and January 2013, and explained that the Board would, over the next several months, hear from the four presidents of those consolidated institutions on their experiences since.

President Carson spoke to the Board of consolidation's impact on South Georgia State College students, campus community, and the community at large. President Carson also shared perspective on lessons learned during the implementation process. Audio recordings of Ms. Nickel's and President Carson's remarks are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 9:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Committee Chair Larry R. Ellis introduced Executive Vice Chancellor and Chief Academic Officer Dr. Houston Davis, who provided the Board of Regents an update to the University System of Georgia's Complete College Georgia initiative. An audio recording of Dr. Davis' remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Economic Development, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Vice Chancellor for Economic Development Mark Lytle introduced Mr. Alex Harvey, CEO and Co-Founder of Viamune, who presented to the Board of Regents information on his company and its development of immunology for a type of breast cancer. An audio recording of Mr. Harvey's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: FINANCE & BUSINESS OPERATIONS/INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK & COMPLIANCE

The Finance and Business Operations and Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance committees, meeting as a joint Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 10:05 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Regent T. Rogers Wade introduced Georgia Department of Audits and Accounts Director Claire Arnold, who presented to the Board of Regents information on the Fiscal Year 2013 Financial Statement Audit Results for the University System of Georgia.

Vice Chancellor for Fiscal Affairs John Brown presented to the Board information on the Fiscal Year 2013 Annual Financial Report for the University System of Georgia. Associate Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit, Risk & Compliance John Fuchko joined Mr. Brown in presenting to the Board lessons learned and corrective actions to address Fiscal Year 2013 State audit findings. Audio recordings of Ms. Arnold's, Mr. Brown's, and Mr. Fuchko's comments are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK & COMPLIANCE

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Associate Vice Chancellor for Internal Audit John Fuchko spoke to the Board of Regents regarding ethics training, providing an overview of the Bylaws provisions and USG Ethics Policy requirements that pertain to members of the Board, the Chancellor, and Executive Vice Chancellors. This orientation included signing the USG Ethics Policy certification and constituted the ethics training required by Board Policy 8.2.20. An audio recording of Mr. Fuchko's comments

are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs, meeting as a Committee of the Whole, met at approximately 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Director of Military Affairs David Snow provided the Board of Regents with an update on the University System of Georgia's efforts regarding military personnel and student affairs. An audio recording of Dr. Snow's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

At approximately 11:10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Senior Vice Chancellor for Legislative Affairs Tom Daniel provided the Board of Regents with a recap of the 2014 Legislative session. An audio recording of Mr. Daniel's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby made his report to the Board of Regents at approximately 11:21 a.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014. Chancellor Huckaby began his remarks by recognizing and welcoming the Hon. Justice Robert Benham, who was in attendance. The Chancellor also praised outgoing Vice Chancellor for Educational Access and Success Lynne Weisenbach. He expounded on the USG's renewed concentration on international education, both in bringing to institutions international scholars and send USG students abroad. Toward these efforts, the System office has hired a new Director of International Education, Dr. Doug Podoll. Chancellor Huckaby concluded his report by touting research and academic milestones at several USG institutions. An audio recording of Chancellor Huckaby's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA FOUNDATION: STRATEGIC PLAN

At approximately 11:40 a.m., Regents Neil Pruitt, Jr., and Rutledge Griffin, University System of Georgia Foundation Chair and Strategic Planning Committee Chair, respectively, introduced the Foundation's recently-developed Strategic Plan. Associate Vice Chancellor for Planning and Implementation Shelley Nickel explained how the plan focuses on needs-based aid as a mechanism to fulfill the USGF's vision, which is that every Georgia student who qualifies for college entrance be afforded the opportunity to attend college. She also enumerated the steps necessary to realize that goal. With motion made and variously seconded, the Regents present voted unanimously to adopt the strategic plan. An audio recording of Regents Pruitt's and Griffin's remarks, and Ms. Nickel's, is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION: HON. ROBERT BENHAM

At approximately 11:56 a.m., Chair Wilheit recognized the Hon. Justice Robert Benham, and asked him to make some remarks to the Board. Justice Benham exhorted those gathered to take a long view of education, should they wonder about eventual returns on their initiatives and investments. He used his own experiences as a needs-based scholar as an example, explaining how he chose to apply his talents in Georgia following graduation. An audio recording of Justice Benham's remarks is on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the standing committees are attached hereto.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Wilheit announced the establishment of an Athletics Committee as a standing committee of the Board of Regents, with Regent William H. NeSmith, Jr., serving as chair; Vice Chair Regent Larry R. Ellis as vice chair; and Regents Lori Durden, Donald M. Leebern, Jr., and Don L. Waters as members.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

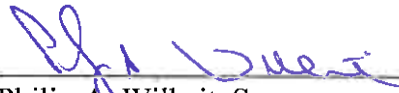
Chair Wilheit reminded those present that the Board of Regents' April 15-16, 2014, meeting would be hosted on the campus of the University of North Georgia.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

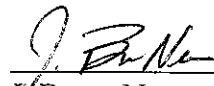
At approximately 12:22 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, Chair Wilheit called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents voted unanimously to go into executive session. University System of Georgia staff members who were also present for portions of the executive session included Chancellor Huckaby and members of his staff. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file with the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday, March 19, 2014.



Philip A. Wilheit, Sr.
Chair, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia



J. Burns Newsome
Secretary, Board of Regents
University System of Georgia

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

The Executive and Compensation Committee of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in Room 7019 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St., S.W. The chair of the committee, Regent Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., called the meeting to order at approximately 8:33 a.m. Present, in addition to Chair Wilheit, were Vice Chair Neil L. Pruitt, Jr.; and Regents Larry R. Ellis; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; and Larry Walker.

1. The Board heard a briefing on matters concerning presidential searches.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 8:36 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, Chair Wilheit called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Chair Wilheit reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 9:03 a.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:12 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

The Committee on Academic Affairs met at approximately 2:55 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in Room 5158 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Larry R. Ellis called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Ellis, were Regents Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr.; Lori S. Durden; James M. Hull; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. The Chair of the Board, Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., also was present.

1. The committee heard information items on a Doctor of Nursing Practice degree, the Kennesaw State University Bagwell College of Education MOOC, and updates on academic program productivity.
2. The Board ratified Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby's February 2014 approval to establish a Master in the Study of Law at the University of Georgia.
3. The Board approved a request for a substantive change to the Master of Physician Assistant program through an online MPA bridge program at Georgia Regents University.
4. The Board approved a request for a substantive change to the existing Bachelor of Science in Rural Studies at Abraham Baldwin State College, to change the concentration in Business and Economic Development to a stand-alone Bachelor of Science in Business and Economic Development.
5. The Board approved a request for a substantive change to the existing Bachelor of Arts in Economics at Armstrong Atlantic State University, to change the concentration in Business Economics to a stand-alone Bachelor of Science in Business Economics.
6. The Board approved a request for a substantive change to the Bachelor of Arts with a major in Latin at the University of Georgia, to a Bachelor of Arts with a major in Classical Languages.
7. The Board approved a request for a substantive change in the Master of Science in Nursing and the Doctor of Nursing Practice at Georgia Southern University, to create a pathway from the existing Bachelor of Science in Nursing to the existing Doctor of Nursing Practice.
8. The Board approved a request for a substantive change in the Master of Science in Real Estate at Georgia State University, to reduce the program's required credit hours from 36 to 30.
9. The Board approved a request for a substantive change to Clayton State University's existing Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in English and Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Mathematics, to a single Master of Arts in Teaching with a major in Teaching Fields in Secondary Education.
10. The Board approved termination of eight degree programs at Georgia State University; four at Georgia Regents University; three at Kennesaw State University; three Education Specialist degree programs at Valdosta State University; and two Bachelor's degree programs at Fort Valley State University.
11. The Board endorsed an Associate of Science Degree in Consumer Economics offered by Athens Technical College to articulate with the University of Georgia.

12. The Board endorsed an Associate of Science Degree in Criminal Justice offered by Savannah Technical College to articulate with Armstrong Atlantic State University.
13. The Board approved a revision to the Georgia Institute of Technology's institutional mission statement.
14. The Board approved certain named faculty appointments and endowed positions, copies of which are on file with, and available for inspection in, the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:02 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ORGANIZATION AND LAW

The Committee on Organization and Law met on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at approximately 4:04 p.m. in Room 5158 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. Committee Chair Kenneth R. Bernard, Jr., called the meeting to order. Committee members in attendance, in addition to Chair Bernard, were Regents Lori S. Durden; Larry R. Ellis; William H. NeSmith, Jr.; Benjamin J. Tarbutton, III; Richard L. Tucker; and Don L. Waters. The Chair of the Board, Philip A. Wilheit, Sr., also was present.

1. The committee heard an information item on Armstrong Atlantic State University President Linda M. Bleicken's request to change the institution's name to "Armstrong State University." This will be presented to the Board for approval during its April 2014 meeting.
2. The Board approved Georgia College & State University, Georgia Regents University, and Middle Georgia State College entering into mutually beneficial arrangements to engage in emergency management services with the City of Milledgeville, the City of Augusta, and Bibb County, respectively.
3. The Board approved requests by Georgia Regents University President Ricardo Azziz, University of Georgia President Jere Morehead, and University of West Georgia President Kyle Marrero to award honorary degrees to Dr. Emile Fisher, the Hon. Horace Ward, and Mr. Steve Penley, respectively.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At approximately 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, Chair Bernard called for an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters and student records. With motion properly made and seconded, the Regents who were present voted unanimously to go into executive session. An affidavit regarding this executive session is on file in the Office of the Secretary to the Board.

Chair Bernard reconvened the committee in its regular session at approximately 4:56 p.m. and announced that no actions were taken during executive session. With motion properly made and unanimously seconded, the Regents who were present voted to deny applications for review by Rebecca Rumker of South Georgia State College; Pamela Flores of the University of Georgia; and three student applications for review, numbered 2278, 2280 and 2282; and remanded one student application for review, numbered 2273, to its institution.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:58 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Committee on Economic Development met on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, at approximately 2:55 p.m. in room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington Street SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent C. Dean Alford, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Alford, were Regents Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; E. Scott Smith; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Larry Walker. The Vice Chair of the Board, Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present.

1. The committee heard a presentation from Mr. Mir A. Imran, Chairman and CEO of Incube Labs.
2. The committee heard an update regarding ongoing initiatives, including development and population of the Economic Development Asset Matrix web page.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:26 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON REAL ESTATE AND FACILITIES

The Committee on Real Estate and Facilities of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 3:28 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent Larry Walker, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Walker, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and T. Rogers Wade. The Vice Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present. Regent E. Scott Smith was excused.

1. The committee heard an annual report on facilities design and construction-related contracting, and qualifications-based selections.
2. The committee heard an information item regarding the disposition of the University of Georgia's Northwest Georgia Research and Education Center, having relocated to a Gordon County facility and transferred its former space to Georgia Northwestern Technical College.
3. The committee received an update on update the Board on military outreach initiatives in Warner Robins and Hinesville.
4. The committee reviewed Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby's February 18, 2014, administrative approval of the appointment of a construction management firm for project no. J-235, Price Gilbert Crosland Tower Renewal, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

The Chancellor administratively approved the appointment of the first-named construction management firm listed below for the identified project, and authorized the execution of a contract with that firm. Should it not be possible to execute a contract with the top-ranked firm, staff will then attempt to execute a contract with the other listed firms in rank order.

Total Project Cost: \$84,600,000

Construction Cost (Stated Cost Limitation): \$63,880,000

Number of program management firms that applied for this commission: 10

Recommended firms in rank order:

1. Brasfield & Gorrie, LLC, Atlanta
 2. Turner Construction Company, Atlanta
 3. The Beck Group, Atlanta
5. The Board approved a gift of real property from the City of Warner Robins to Middle Georgia State College in connection with project no. J-211, Military and Academic Training Center.
 6. The Board authorized amendment of a ground lease dated May 17, 2004, between Georgia Tech Facilities, Inc. and the Board of Regents, for the Molecular Material Sciences and Engineering building on the campus of the Georgia Institute of Technology, to extend the term to end no later than June 30, 2041.
 7. The Board approved a rental agreement Kennesaw State University Foundation, Inc. and the Board of

Regents for approximately administrative support and warehouse space located at 3305 Busbee Drive, Kennesaw, for the period May 1, 2014, through June 30, 2014.

8. The Board authorized project no. BR-10-1405, a renovation of and addition to Foley Field Baseball Stadium at the University of Georgia.
9. The Board authorized project no. BR-30-1405, a renovation of Russ Chandler Baseball Stadium at the Georgia Institute of Technology.
10. The Board approved demolition of 106 Georgia Avenue on the campus of Valdosta State University.
11. The Board approved naming of the stadium at the Kennesaw State University Sports and Recreation Park as "Fifth Third Bank Stadium."
12. The Board approved naming of the University of Georgia faculty residence at the Ecolodge San Luis and Research Station, Costa Rica, as the "Paul A. Gross Faculty Residence," in honor of Paul A. Gross.
13. The Board approved naming the Albany State University academic/administration building as the "Dr. Billy C. Black Building," in recognition of President Emeritus Dr. Billy C. Black.
14. The Board requested the transfer of approximately 20.30 acres of real property located on Oak Road, Warm Springs, part of the Roosevelt Warm Springs Institute for Rehabilitation, from the State of Georgia for the use and benefit of Georgia Regents University.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:50 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND BUSINESS OPERATIONS

The Committee on Finance and Business Operations of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 3:50 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The chair of the committee, Regent T. Rogers Wade, called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Wade, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; Kessel D. Stelling, Jr.; and Larry Walker. The Vice Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present. Regent E. Scott Smith was excused.

1. The committee heard information on second quarter revenues and expenditures for the University System of Georgia.
2. The Board ratified Chancellor Henry M. Huckaby's February 2014 approval of the request of University of Georgia President Jere W. Morehead for professional program tuition rates for the Master in the Study of Law degree program, effective Fall 2014.
3. The committee directed staff to develop and publish procurement procedures governing the qualification and selection of a concessionaire to design, build, finance, operate and maintain on-campus student housing on participating campuses.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON INTERNAL AUDIT, RISK & COMPLIANCE

The Committee on Internal Audit, Risk and Compliance of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia met at approximately 4:05 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014, in Room 7007 of the Board's offices, 270 Washington St. SW, Atlanta, Georgia. The vice chair of the committee, Regent Kessel D. Stelling, Jr., called the meeting to order. Present, in addition to Regent Stelling, were Regents C. Dean Alford; Rutledge A. Griffin; C. Thomas Hopkins, Jr.; James M. Hull; Donald M. Leebern, Jr.; Doreen Stiles Poitevint; T. Rogers Wade; and Larry Walker. The Vice Chair of the Board, Regent Neil L. Pruitt, Jr., also was present. Regent E. Scott Smith was excused.

1. The committee heard an information item on the ethics and compliance hotline, including an overview of the cases received via the hotline, and protocol when such cases involve potential malfeasance.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:12 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2014.

APPENDIX I

9.1.7 Tobacco and Smoke-Free Campus Policy

In accordance with the Georgia Smoke Free Air Act of 2005, Title 31 Chapter 12A, this policy reinforces the USG commitment to provide a safe and amicable workplace for all employees. The goal of the policy is to preserve and improve the health, comfort and environment of students, employees and any persons occupying our campuses.

The use of all forms of tobacco products on property owned, leased, rented, in the possession of, or in any way used by the USG or its affiliates is expressly prohibited. “Tobacco Products” is defined as cigarettes, cigars, pipes, all forms of smokeless tobacco, clove cigarettes and any other smoking devices that use tobacco such as hookahs or simulate the use of tobacco such as electronic cigarettes.

Further, this policy prohibits any advertising, sale, or free sampling of tobacco products on USG properties unless specifically stated for research purposes. This prohibition includes but is not limited to all areas indoors and outdoors, buildings and parking lots owned, leased, rented or otherwise used by the USG or its affiliates. The use of tobacco products is prohibited in all vehicles – private or public vehicles - located on USG properties.

This policy applies to all persons who enter the areas described above, including but not limited to students, faculty, staff, contractors and subcontractors, spectators, and visitors. All events hosted by a USG entity shall be tobacco-free. All events hosted by outside groups on behalf of the USG shall also be tobacco-free.

Exceptions for Tobacco Use

The President of each institution will define any exceptions to this policy. Exceptions to the policy will be very limited and on an as needed basis. The intent is the campus is tobacco and smoke free unless otherwise needed for educational purposes and/or the advancement of research on campus.

Enforcement

The overall enforcement and authority of this policy lies with the President of the institution, but it is also a shared community responsibility, which means all students, faculty, and staff share in the responsibility to help keep the campus tobacco-free. Signage to help inform our campus community and visitors will be placed throughout campus.

Violation of Policy

Violation of this policy may result in corrective action under the Student Code of Conduct or campus human resource policies. Visitors refusing to comply may be asked to leave campus.

Resources Available for Tobacco Cessation

From time to time, the Board of Regents will make available resources to assist employees with tobacco cessation as well as educational materials and other wellness information. Such effort does not limit the amount of resources that the institution can provide for tobacco cessation and any other resources for the positive enforcement of this policy that the campus deems appropriate to provide. Resources for Tobacco Cessation can be found on the USG Workplace Wellness website at <http://www.usg.edu/wellness/>.