

RESOLUTION CONCERNING BOARD TRANSPARENCY:

Whereas, the recent reports of inadequately disclosed sources of extra compensation and deferred compensation on the University of Central Arkansas campus may have damaged taxpayer trust in the fiscal management of the state's Colleges and Universities,

Whereas, details of extra compensation and deferred compensation from Arkansas State University's own foundation were not made publicly available until after a legislative call for additional information,

Whereas, Arkansas State University aspires to prevent potential or perceived conflicts of interest as stated in its various official policies,

Whereas, open communication and information sharing among all constituencies of the university are stated institutional priorities,

Whereas, university constituents and the press need advance notice to arrange attendance at system Board meetings away from Jonesboro which include priority issues for a given group,

Whereas, it is impossible to determine whether a conflict of interest may have occurred without transparency of funding sources,

Whereas, it is especially important at the beginning of our Centennial Capital Campaign that faculty have confidence that administrative funding raising efforts are not being geared toward personal gain,

Therefore be it resolved that,

The ASU Faculty Senate hereby requests that the ASU Board of Trustees voluntarily commit to go beyond the minimum requirements of Freedom of Information laws by 1) publishing its agenda 48 hours in advance of meetings, and 2) fully disclosing the source of any public or foundation funds used for extra or deferred compensation of its officials and employees.

Note: This resolution passed October 3, 2008 with unanimous support.