

Draft Minutes

Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee Meeting

University of West Florida

The UWF Honorary Awards and Recognition Committee met at 4:00 p.m. on August 29, 2007 in the Crosby Downstairs Conference Room with the following committee members in attendance.

Dr. Subash Bagui

Ms. Diana Register

Dr. Leonid Yanovskiy

Mr. Dean Debolt

Ms. April Jardine

Dr. Dean Van Galen

Dr. John Cavanaugh*

1. Honorary Degree for Reverend H.K. Matthews

Dr. Cavanaugh addressed the committee saying that Reverend Matthews was a major figure during the Civil Rights movement in Pensacola beginning in the 1960's. In addition, Cavanaugh said that Reverend Matthews was the last Civil Rights figure jailed for such activities.

During the past couple of years a healing has begun in the Pensacola community with Reverend Matthews at the forefront. Through the efforts of many Pensacola leaders, a tribute to Reverend Matthews ensued with Governor Charlie Crist participating at one such event held at WSRE in February 2007.

"Victory, After the Fall" is Reverend Matthews' biography which provides the reader with details of his strong qualities, love, and admiration for the African Americans. In addition to being an author, Reverend Matthews is an imminent speaker and holds a prominent leadership role in the community.

A motion was made by Dean DeBolt and seconded by Leonid Yanovskiy for President Cavanaugh to recommend that the UWF Board of Trustees approve the awarding of a Doctorate of Humane Letters during the Fall Commencement in December 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

2. Founders' Medallion

President John Cavanaugh noted that in the prior year that the concept began at UWF to increase ways to honor high profile individuals in conjunction with the UWF 40th Anniversary this year. Cavanaugh noted that the Board of Trustees approved the "concept" and charged a group

of current and former UWF staff and faculty with developing the details for criteria as well as designs for the medallion.

Mrs. Martha Lee Blodgett, Dr. Lynda Dye, Mrs. Gloria Garrison, Dr. Gary Howard, and Mr. Tom Henderson were on the committee and suggested minimal changes as did the Cabinet. Their recommendation is figure number 2 of the medallion.

President Cavanaugh commented that the awarding of a UWF Founders' Medallion is an excellent and very prestigious way to recognize those individuals who have profoundly impacted the university and beginning at the 40th Anniversary events.

Following a thorough discussion Dr. Subash Bagui made a motion, Diana Register seconded, and the committee unanimously approved.

With no further items to discuss, adjournment occurred at 4:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye H. Bowers

Recording Secretary

*Non-voting