

The Board of Trustees of the University of Central Arkansas met via telephone conference at 6:00 p.m. Friday, September 14, 2001.

Mr. Jack Gillean, Vice President for University Relations, stated for the record that members of the press had been notified about the meeting at approximately 4:00 p.m today. Mr. Gillean further stated that no media representatives were present for the meeting.

Mr. Gillean informed members of the Board that President Thompson was present via telephone and that the following individuals were also present in the room:

Peggy Smith, Secretary to the Board;  
 John Smith, Vice President;  
 Melissa Rust, University Attorney;  
 Jim Bell, President of the Faculty Senate;  
 Darrell Walsh, Department of Athletics representative;  
 Jim Brosam, Director of Communications;

The following trustees participated in the call:

Chair:	Mr. Randy Sims
Vice Chair:	Mr. Rush Harding III
Secretary:	Mr. Kelley Erstine
	Mrs. Elaine Goode
	Mr. Rickey Hicks
	Mr. Scott Roussel
	Mr. Dalda Womack

constituting a quorum of said Board, at which meeting the following business was transacted, to-wit:

### **ACTION AGENDA**

**Football Game Scheduled for Saturday, September 15, 2001** which had been canceled due to the September 11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C.

Mr. Randy Sims, Chair of the Board, acknowledged that America has suffered a horrible tragedy. Mr. Sims stated that the Board wanted to discuss whether or not the university wanted to support what the other schools in the Gulf South Conference were doing in regard to playing football on Saturday, September 15.

Mr. Rickey Hicks asked what the other schools are doing.

Mr. Rush Harding stated that he spoke today with Mr. Nathan Salant, Commissioner of the Gulf South Conference, who is encouraging Gulf South Conference schools to play. Mr. Harding explained that the main concern of the Gulf South Conference Executive Committee was that games not be played on the national day of mourning which is today, September 14. Mr. Harding stated that Mr. Salant issued an e-mail message Tuesday stating that it was the decision of each institution whether or not to play games scheduled for Saturday. Mr. Harding further stated that all other schools in the Gulf South Conference are planning to play except the University of North Alabama which was scheduled to play a non-league game that was canceled by its Division I opponent, Murray State University. Mr. Harding stated that all high schools within the State are planning to play this evening. Mr. Harding further stated that schools in the Lone Star Conference are playing, as are Missouri Division II schools. Mr. Harding stated that teams in the Southeastern Conference, as well as the National Football League, will not play.

**Mr. Harding moved that the University of Central Arkansas follow the rest of the Gulf South Conference by playing its scheduled game against Ouachita Baptist University on Saturday, September 15. The motion was seconded by Mr. Hicks.**

President Thompson stated that, based on information he had at the time, his decision to cancel the game was the appropriate decision for the institution and that he still believes it is the correct decision. President Thompson further stated that if the Board chooses to override that decision, the State will play on the scheduled date.

Mr. Womack stated that he regretted that the Board has to get involved in a decision regarding a football game because a de