

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library
March 29, 2018
1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 29, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Jodie Ervin presided. Trustee Brenda Timberlake delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Richard C. Adams, Harvey Allen, Jodie Ervin, Elliot Jackson, Sherida McMullan, Vedas Neal, Brandon Phillips, Donald Porter, Brenda Timberlake, and Kirk deViere. Trustees Stuart Augustine, Edward Dickerson, and John McNeil were not in attendance.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Ervin read the State Government Ethics Act to remind all members of the Board of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Act.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Donald Porter and properly second by Trustee Richard Adams that the minutes of the Board meeting held January 11, 2018, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Vedas Neal, Chair
Chairman Neal asked the Board to approve the policy on Political Activities/Candidacy for Elective Office/Holding Elective or Appointive Public Office. Trustee Donald Porter seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Elliot O. Jackson provided an update of Student Government Association (SGA) activities.

Once again, Trustee Jackson stressed the strategic initiatives of the SGA. They are as follows:

- Advocating for campus safety efforts
 - Working with police and public safety regarding campus lighting, especially at night, while also working with Jon Parsons of Facilities Maintenance regarding campus upkeep

- Working with Aramark bi-weekly on concerns/variety of food for students (Aramark has come through.)
- Bridging gaps and maintaining relationships with student groups and administration
 - Written several grants
 - Fund career closet
- Increasing advocacy measures for all students
 - Students weighed in on tuition and fees
- Re-cultivating the climate

To elaborate further, Trustee Jackson stated that those students chosen to attend the CIAA Career Fair had to attend three programs provided by the SGA, attend the Spring Fair, and to have a resume. Two students received job offers while at the Career Fair.

The SGA received a \$3,000 grant and used the funds to purchase men and women clothing for students who made need a professional dress or otherwise. The Career closet will be relaunched in April and will be housed in Career Services. A student may obtain four items per semester/one suit per academic year. The Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity is also a sponsoring body for this cause. It was suggested that the SGA reach out to places like the Men's Warehouse etc., and it appears they already have done so.

Trustee Jackson gave a brief snapshot of what he's done during his two terms as SGA president. He wrote grants totaling \$2,397 during his first term and \$3,800 during his second term. The grand total of his stewardship was \$6,197.

Trustee Jackson and other members of his team, recently attended the Council of Student Body Presidents (UNCASG). Discussions consisted of dialogue about hate crimes and freedom of speech (in light of the latest school shootings and other violence on various campuses.) Also, the Council and FSU's delegation were integral in securing the John L. Sanders Student Advocate Award for Dr. Brent Lewis for his work as the Director of Cultural Programs and Safe Zone Director.

Snapshot into the future? The Home Depot Retool your School annual program is a way for HBCU's to acquire funds to beautify their schools—all by the click of a button. This year, the SGA has been active in making sure FSU makes the cut. At present, FSU is in second place, and the SGA has their "tweet warriors" on the job. To vote, go to #uncfsu_rys18. If FSU is granted funds, Trustee Jackson stated that they plan to utilize area, which includes the plots by McLeod Hall. Voting ends April 15th.

The SGA is developing/tweaking SGA Strategic Plan, working with SGA presidential interns on transition planning, and continuity plans for transition. This is all in preparing student leaders for success.

This will be Trustee Jackson's last meeting. Chancellor Anderson stated that we would honor his tenure on the Board during Commencement.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Ervin stated that he attended the Board of Governor's meeting in Chapel Hill on January 26th. He said it was insightful and encouraged Board members to attend at least one BoG meeting a year.

The CIAA Basketball Tournament was held in Charlotte, which Chairman Ervin attended. While there, he attended the CIAA Chancellor's Executive Committee with Chancellor Anderson. Some of the issues discussed were ticket prices and seat assignments. On Saturday morning of the tournament, the National Alumni Association hosted an awards breakfast at the Fairfield Inn & Suites in downtown Charlotte. Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement and staff prepared a first-class event.

On March 16, Chairman Ervin attended the FSU Foundation Board meeting. Discussions included getting businesses to invest in the university and the building of a senior-citizen facility next door to our Health and Wellness Center in collaboration with the City of Fayetteville.

Chairman Ervin attended Board of Governor's meeting in Wilmington on March 22-23. Trustee Veda Neal was also in attendance. They attended some of the committee meetings, along with Chancellor Anderson. Trustee Neal encouraged Board members to attend the Board of Governors meeting, if possible. Chairman Ervin shared that a three (3) percent tuition and fee increase was approved for FSU.

Board of Trustee priorities continue to be as follows:

- \$25 million campaign (Chairman thanked the Board and Damien Williams for what they've done so far.)
- Increasing marketing efforts of increasing enrollment of traditional/non-traditional students
- Strategic Plan
- Retention Plan
- Efficiencies and effectiveness
- Sustainability
- Build an Education Complex on campus

Chairman Ervin remarked that FSU had an outstanding Open House. There were over 1,000 attendees.

Upcoming dates? On April 3, the 125th Time Capsule opening will be held at the monument on campus at 2 p.m. On April 5th at 2 p.m., we be our Founders Day

Convocation. Guest speaker will be the renowned Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Graduation will be held on May 12th with guest speaker, G. K. Butterfield.

Chairman Ervin thanked the Board, administration, staff, and faculty for all their hard work, dedication, and financial support to the university.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

As the university approaches another accreditation (accreditation is 10 years), Chancellor James Anderson provided information to the Board as to their role in the accreditation process. He highlighted twelve (12) things that Boards should absolutely know about accreditation, referencing Barbara Gellman-Danley's article in the November/December 2017 issue of the *AGB Trusteeship* magazine. Danley is the president of the Higher Learning Commission and chair of the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions. To name a few, 1) integrate the quality assurance standards and guidelines of regional and specialized accreditation into the regular operations of the institution; 2) Budget accordingly to support the criteria and other standards of accreditors (i.e., faculty qualifications, assessment of student learning, and measurement of learning outcomes); 3) Be transparent internally and with your accreditors; and create accreditation folder.

World-renowned professor, journalist, literary scholar, filmmaker Dr. Henry Louis Gates, Jr. will be the keynote speaker at the 150th Sesquicentennial Founders Day Convocation.

On April 9th, UNC-System President Margaret Spellings will be in town. Chancellor Anderson will meet with her at the university earlier in the day, followed by a session with the Fayetteville Observer. She's on a "Touring North Carolina" tour and will present her State of the University message at the Airborne and Special Ops Museum at 11:30 am.

Chancellor Anderson announced that the Nursing Pinning Ceremony will be held May 11. The Deputy Surgeon General will be in attendance. Also on May 11, a separate graduation exercise for masters and doctoral students will be held in the Seabrook Auditorium. Mr. Cory Davis, ACE Fellow, will be the speaker. The separate graduate, apart from the undergrad ceremony, is at the request of the students.

Dr. Daryush Ila is part of a vivarium research initiative taking place at WOMAC Hospital on Ft. Bragg. Vivarium is a terrarium used especially for small animals.

The CDHS Office under the direction of Mr. John Bellamy recently applied for a grant with Golden Leaf for the Angora Program. Unfortunately, we didn't receive the grant.

Chancellor Anderson stated to the Board that he may be seeking retirement in the next few years. In looking for a new Chancellor, Dr. Anderson shared attributes that the Board should be cognizant of when they are in search mode for a replacement. An applicant should have at least sat on an advisory board(s).

As the Sesquicentennial celebration comes to an end, the closeout for our Capital Campaign will be September 28th. A "Cotton Club" themed gala will round out the festivities.

Trustee Donald Porter acknowledged the great job by Suzetta Perkins and Wanda Jenkins in producing well-written minutes and release of the closed session minutes upon request by an outside agency, that was chronicled in several news articles that appeared in the *Fayetteville Observer* and *Raleigh News & Observer*.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Donald Porter made a motion to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded and *carried*.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session. The Chairman made a motion to approve promotion for the following:

Dr. Sheila Cannon (to Associate Professor)
Dr. Dennis Corbin (to Associate Professor)
Dr. Nicole McFarlane (to Associate Professor)
Dr. Quenton Nichols (to Associate Professor)
Dr. Abul Pitre (to Professor)

Trustee Vedas Neal seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Timberlake, Secretary
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder