

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

January 11, 2018

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, January 11, 2018 at 1:32 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Jodie Ervin presided. Chairman Ervin asked for a motion to suspend the ByLaws for the present meeting due to postponement of regular meeting scheduled for December 14, 2017. Trustee and Vice Chairman, Vedas Neal made a motion to suspend the ByLaws. Trustee Donald Porter seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Brenda Timberlake delivered the invocation.

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.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Donald Porter and properly second by Trustee Vedas Neal that the minutes of the Board meeting held September 28, 2017, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Vedas Neal that the minutes of the Special Called meeting of the Executive Committee held on October 13, 2017, be accepted as printed. Trustee Porter seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Brenda Timberlake that the minutes of the Special Called meeting held December 1, 2017, be accepted as printed. Trustee Edward Dickerson seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Academic Affairs – Trustee Vedas Neal, Chair

Chairman Neal asked the Board to approve the 2017-18 Tuition and Fee Increases. Trustee Brenda Timberlake made a motion to approve the fee increases. Trustee Sherida McMullan seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

### Business and Finance – Trustee Kirk deViere, Chair

Chairman deViere asked the Board to approve the firm of Hill Folley Rossi and Associates to provide the architectural/designer design and engineering services for the Rudolph ones Student Center – Chick-fil-A project. Further, that the Board authorize university staff to negotiate a contract and fee with Hill Foley Rossi and Associates. Trustee deViere made a motion to approve the fee increases. Trustee Stuart Augustine seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

## STUDENT REPORT

In the absence of Trustee Elliot O. Jackson, Mr. Jovan Thomas and Ms. Victoria Fryer, student representatives, provided an update of Student Government Association (SGA) activities.

During the summer, Trustee Jackson attended the Student Leadership Institute. The retreat focused on topics such as how to facilitate SGA functions, how to best function as a president, vice president, etc. Trustee Jackson said it was an awesome experience and a survey that was conducted among the many participants from all over was overwhelmingly positive and would recommend it to others.

For the convenience of the new trustees, Trustee Jackson shared the structure of Student Government. It is comprised of executive, legislative, and judicial components. SGA committees are structured much like that of the Board of Trustees—Academic Affairs, Business and Finance, Legal Affairs, and Student Affairs Committees.

The strategic initiatives of the SGA were reiterated and are as follows:

1. Advocating for campus safety efforts
2. Bridging gaps and maintaining relationships with student groups and administration
3. Increasing advocacy measures for all students
4. Re-cultivating the climate

Professional headshots with SAAC were done just in time for the Fall Career Fair. On October 8<sup>th</sup>, the SGA held the March on Murchison to push for voter registration, as well as the necessity for voting.

Trustee Edward Dickerson praised on his student report(s) and the leaps and bounds he's made as a student leader.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Ervin thanked everyone for their support. Some of the activities he attended the past quarter were as follows:

On October 9, 2017, Chair Ervin attended a Chairs meeting at the home of Margaret Spellings. The topic of conversation was best practices, common goals and practices.

On October 13, 2017, Dr. Harvey Allen, Jr. was sworn as a trustee. Chair Ervin wanted to officially welcome him to the Board.

Chairman Ervin said that the 2017 Homecoming was the best he'd attended. On October 13<sup>th</sup>, the Fayetteville State University Broncos football team came out victorious. The parade marshals included alumnus, Dr. Clarence Lloyd, and Ms. Gina Hawkins, the first black female Chief of Police in Fayetteville, NC.

Dr. Dickerson was given the opportunity to thank everyone at FSU for their support of the breast cancer walk, held on FSU's campus. Mrs./Dr. Dickerson partnered with the Links and held the cancer walk before the football game. This is an annual event. ROTC students, Student Affairs, and Athletics assisted.

On November 1<sup>st</sup>, all Board of Trustees were invited to Chapel Hill to participate in a Trustee Workshop. The Trustees received excellent feedback and the chairman would like for them to share some of what they learned.

November 8-9, Chancellor Anderson and FSU hosted the Chinese delegation as part of the Sesquicentennial celebration. A president's forum was held on the 8<sup>th</sup> with the presidents of several Chinese universities. Later in the evening, the university was entertained by a Mongolian Dance Group. On November 9<sup>th</sup>, a re-enactment of the signing of the deed by the seven (7) founders some 150 years ago was held.

The Fayetteville State Broncos played in the CIAA Championship on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Ervin stated that there was a great turnout by our student body. Unfortunately, the opposing team won the championship with a score of 42-19. Good news: There were 43 freshmen on the roster. Hopefully, next year.

On November 11<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Ervin attended the funeral of alumnus Alton Cogdell. Alton was a star player, along with his brother, on the 1973 CIAA Championship team at FSU.

Chairman Ervin attended the FSU Foundation Board Meeting on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion included repairs at University Place Apartments and land acquisition.

There was a called meeting of the Board to approve Dr. Jon Young as the new Chief of Staff. Chairman Ervin thanked Dr. Young for his service as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, Chairman Ervin the funeral service for Trustee Emeritus James Page. On January 3, he attended the funeral service for former member, Trustee John Griffin. Both were icons in their communities and loved Fayetteville State University. The James Paige Alumni House was named in Mr. Paige's honor, in conjunction with all that he did to bring alumni participation and giving up. Dr. Griffin had a middle school named after him, and he was the first black Superintendent of Cumberland County Schools.

Board of Trustee priorities continue to be as follows:

1. \$25 million campaign
2. Increasing marketing efforts and increasing enrollment of traditional/non-traditional students
3. Strategic Plan
4. Retention Plan
5. Efficiencies and effectiveness
6. Sustainability

Last, Chairman Ervin stated that he was glad to see that Carlton Spellman, VC for Business and Finance has a good team together as they move forward in the future in planning etc. for the \$5.5 million for the Health and Welfare Building.

#### CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

A hometown hero, Mr. Dennis Smith, Jr., who now is in his first NBA season with the Dallas Mavericks. Recently, the Mavericks were in North Carolina playing the Charlotte Hornets, and Dennis Smith was recognized. Several FSU students were there and gave Mr. Smith a plaque from the university in salute of him being a hometown hero.

On January 20, both men and women's basketball games will be aired. During halftime, Coca Cola will give out a scholarship to a deserving student. Also, recruiters from all sports will be in attendance.

A picture of the reenactment signing appeared in the *Fayetteville Observer*. Trustee Brenda Timberlake appeared in the picture. Also appearing in the *Fayetteville Observer* was a picture of a Chinese singer, who is an associate professor from Inner Mongolia Normal University, who traveled with the Chinese delegation to FSU in celebration of our 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

A listing of Sesquicentennial events was given to the Board. Upcoming events include burying the Time Capsule and Founders Day on April 5, 2018. The new *Ovation* magazine was also given to the Board, which features the 2017-2018 Fine Arts Series.

Chancellor Anderson will be giving two major speeches during the MLK weekend—one in Wilmington and the other at the Clinton/Sampson County Agricultural Center.

The Board of Governors is moving toward being a performance indicator state. There will be five performance areas that they will use to measure.

The Central Collegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) will take place the last weekend in February. Ticket allocations have been made throughout the CIAA schools. Ticket prices were changed from several different prices to one general admission price--\$200.00. Due to lack in sales, prices will be slashed in half.

There is a new organization called the HBL—Historical Basketball League—the first national basketball league for college students that will compensate college athletes on their ability. The NCAA Convention will convene soon, and discussions about the HBL will be one of the main topics of conversation. A public statement will be made about HBL once Dr. Massey attends the NCAA meeting. Chancellor Anderson stated that coaches will have to sign a disclosure/memorandum of understanding that they will not send recruits to HBL for money.

There is talk of opening a food pantry on campus.

Chancellor Anderson gave a personal thanks to Dr. Jon Young for his service as Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs. The Chancellor stated that gains in Academic Affairs are due to Dr. Young's leadership. He will now focus on major projects for Dr. Anderson and mentor Dr. Pam Jackson, Interim Provost and VC for Academic Affairs. A search for a new Provost will happen this spring or fall.

Chancellor Anderson suggested a Trustee subcommittee be organized for the Master Plan and residence halls. He will get with Chairman Jodie Ervin to discuss further.

#### 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). Trustee deViere seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

#### OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session. Trustee Vedas Neal made a motion to approve the promotion of Dr. Jesse Lee Brown to Associate Professor. Trustee Stuart Augustine seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* Trustee Vedas Neal made a motion to approve the promotion of Dr. Jennifer Bushelle-

Edghill to Associate Professor. Trustee Stuart Augustine seconded the motion.  
*The motion carried.*

#### ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Timberlake, Secretary  
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder