

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

June 8, 2017

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, June 8, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Jodie Ervin presided.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Richard C. Adams, Edward Dickerson, Jodie Ervin, Vedas Neal, Donald Porter, Brenda Timberlake, and Kirk deViere. The following trustees were absent: Mr. Claude Bogues, Mr. Elliot O. Jackson, Dr. Inder Nijhawan, and Mr. Rajan Shamdasani.

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 March 23, 2017, be accepted as printed. Chairman Ervin asked that a minor spelling correction be made. *The motion carried.*

Prior to going into committee reports, Chancellor James Anderson introduced Dr. Brandon Phillips, 2004 FSU graduate and valedictorian under T. J. Bryan, who will officially begin his term as a FSU Board of Trustee member on July 1, 2017.

Next, Chancellor Anderson introduced members of the FSU Staff Senate: President Claudette Fuller; Mr. and Ms. Staff, Mr. Jesse Baker and Ms. Michelle Saunders. Dr. Claudette Fuller gave an overview of the FSU Staff Senate and its accomplishments to date, highlighting the recent Employee Appreciation Luncheon where Mr. and Ms. Staff was named, along with the awarding of the Employee of the Year. Of real interest, Dr. Fuller spoke about the used and outdated computers program that the senate is in the process of getting off the ground that will allow staff who make less than \$40,000 to be able to borrow a computer for their home use. Mr. and Ms. Staff also shared their road to becoming Mr. and Ms. Staff and their roles.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Veda Neal, Chair

Report of the Academic Affairs Committee deferred to Close Session.

Audit Committee – Trustee Richard Adams, Interim Chair

The 2017-2018 Internal Audit Plan was presented to the Board. Trustee Porter made a motion to approve the Internal Audit Plan. Trustee Neal second it. *The motion carried.*

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Edward Dickerson, Interim Chair

Faculty and staff parking/permit fee increases were presented to the Board. These increases would be effective fall 2017. Trustee Porter made a motion that the Board approve the increase in parking permits and fines. Trustee deViere second it. *The motion carried.*

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Ervin recently attended the retirement ceremony for Mr. Ken Craig, former Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance. He said it was an outstanding event and well attended. Chairman Ervin gave brief comments, citing Mr. Craig's outstanding job. During Mr. Craig's tenure, we've received clean audits.

In April, Chairman Ervin attended a reception at Chancellor and Mrs. Anderson's residence for principals and assistant principals, who work in the Cumberland County School System. Dr. Olion challenged the principals to give back to their alma mater. Trustee Donald Porter, who was also in attendance and is chairman of the Capital Campaign, also shared the importance of giving back and reaching our \$25 million goal.

The Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society had an induction ceremony in which Chairman Ervin attended. The Honor Society recognized freshmen who earned a 3.5 GPA or better during their first semester of college. Dr. Jon Brooks received an honorary certificate for his work with this group.

Spring graduation was held May 13th at the Crown Coliseum. Seven hundred and thirty-three students received their degrees. Chancellor James Anderson was the keynote speaker. He spoke about FSU's rich history and our recent accomplishments.

Again, the Chairman asked Board members to support the Chancellor in his efforts and endeavors.

In closing, Chairman Ervin highlighted the ongoing priorities of the Board. They are as follows:

- Reach our \$25 million capital campaign with 100% participation from the Board
- Commit as a Board to attend all meetings as possible
- Concentrate on increasing our marketing and recruiting efforts
- Focus on our Strategic Plan Priorities that include retention and graduation rates; collaborations and partnerships; and finally efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability
- Build a Health and Wellness Center on campus
- And schedule new Board members orientation in fall
 - Will ask Dr. Marion Olion to facilitate

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

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson presented the Sesquicentennial picture that was prepared by one of our alums. He asked Board members to make sure they take a look at it. Chancellor Anderson also passed out a pen that was prepared for the sesquicentennial celebration.

A brochure was given to the Board, entitled Boots to Suits Conference that showcased an effort led by the FSU Department of Social Work that has become an annual affair. The program is a career development and employment readiness event for veterans, transitioning service members, spouses, and their families. The date for the upcoming conference is August 14-15, 2017. Chancellor Anderson said this conference is well attended.

Chancellor Anderson also provided a handout that highlights a Board's role in Institutional Transformation (evidenced based). This study highlights what can happen when presidents/chancellors and trustees recognize and embrace the need for change and work together to achieve goals. He also handed out a meeting agenda of the Board of Governors to give the Board an essence of what transpires during their Friday sessions.

The Board of Governors named two new trustee members who'll be joining the Board in July—Dr. Brandon Phillips and Mr. Stuart Augustine. The Legislature hasn't acted on the Governor's nominations—legislature took the power away from the Governor. Chancellor Anderson announced that Trustee Rajan Shamdasani tendered his resignation. He was a Governor's appointee.

There is still an impending Board of Governors visit to our campus. October 23 and 24, November 15 and 16 were dates given for consideration. Chancellor

Anderson stated that the BoG may visit multiple campuses during a one-day visit, unlike the usual half day they normally spend at a campus.

HB746—eases concealed handgun laws, passed 65 – 54. Prior to the passing of this bill, you could have a gun license and be able to carry a gun on campus in a concealed compartment in your car. You had to be 21 and have had firearm training. With the new law, the age has been reduced to 18 without having had firearm training and can carry them on you. Chancellor Anderson stated that the university will continue to uphold the law that concealed guns on campus must stay in your automobile.

Chancellor Anderson was notified today that the interim president at Morehouse College passed away. It prompted the Chancellor to question whether or not we had a succession plan in place. He asked Chairman Ervin to take charge and initiate the discussion with the Board.

Chancellor Anderson will become the new chair of the CIAA Board this coming year. The area he will concentrate on, and one of most concern, is revenue loss. The Board is working with a new vendor, Van Story, to reduce the loss we've realized in the past few years.

The HB2 discrimination legislation hasn't been repealed in its entirety, which may very well mean that the CIAA will have to move out of North Carolina. When the bill was initially passed, several events decided to go outside of North Carolina.

Chancellor Anderson stated that a new Economic Impact Study needs to be completed. The current one was done by the School of Business and Economics for free, however, Dean Pam Jackson says that an update will require a fee.

Continued conversation and legislation has been had regarding a Health and Wellness Center at FSU. The House has approved the \$5 million project that includes \$500,000 for equipment, however, it has yet to be approved by the Senate. Chancellor Anderson stated that he'd like to have an outdoor track for female students. The Chancellor thanked Mr. Wesley Fountain, Director of Constituent and Community Relations, for doing most of the legwork in making this happen.

Chancellor will be speaking with Mayor Pro-tem, Mitch Colvin about a bond to house a Senior Center on FSU's campus or somewhere close by that would promote community engagement. The dream would be to put it where Vance Hall is now, however, it will take approximately a \$1 million to take it down. Chancellor Anderson also stated that Dr. Haynie would like for something to be done with Bryant Hall. It's all up for discussion.

An update of the Sesquicentennial calendar will be sent shortly to Board members. Mr. Lea Callaway stated that he was happy to hear that we're closing in on our fundraising goal.

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 by Trustee Neal and *the motion carried*.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session. Chairman Ervin presented the following for approval of promotion:

Four (7) candidates were recommended to the Board for promotion as follows:

Dr. Yufang Bao (to Full Professor)
Dr. Sambit Bhattacharya (to Full Professor)
Dr. Emily Lenning (to Full Professor)
Dr. Chuck Tryon (to Full Professor)
Dr. Mei-Chuan Wang (to Full Professor)
Dr. Bing Wu (to Full Professor)
Dr. Lieceng Zhu (to Full Professor)

Trustee Donald Porter made a motion to approve the seven candidates for promotion. Trustee Vedas Neal seconded the motion. *The motion carried*.

Chairman Ervin asked for a motion to approve the contract for the Head Track and Field/Cross Country Coach as presented. Trustee deViere made a motion for approval of the Head Track and Field/Cross Country Coach's contract. Trustee Timberlake second the motion. *The motion carried*.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Donald Porter made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Ervin seconded the motion. *The motion carried*.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Claude Bagues, Secretary
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder