

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

March 23, 2017

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 23, 2017 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, Claude Bogues, Edward Dickerson, Jodie Ervin, Elliot Jackson, Vedas Neal, Inder Nijhawan, Donald Porter, Rajan Shamdasani, Brenda Timberlake, and Kirk deViere.

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 Claude Bogues that the minutes of the Board meeting held December 8, 2016, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Inder Nijhawan and properly second by Trustee Donald Porter that the minutes of the Special Called meeting of the Executive Committee held January 30, 2017, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Donald Porter and properly second by Trustee Claude Bogues that the minutes of the Special Called meeting of the Board held February 9, 2017, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Vedas Neal, Chair

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson pointed out that a new Center for Defense and Homeland Security (CDHS) folder was produced (handout). Included with the handout was FSU's 2016 Points of Distinction, in which the CDHS is at the top of the list, as it has become one of our signature programs with national identity.

Recently, Chancellor Anderson and other HBCU presidents/chancellors had an opportunity to have dialogue with President Donald Trump and Vice President Pence at the White House to discuss issues of importance to our institutions. While there was minimal conversation, the Chancellor confirmed that the event was primarily a photo op. He's not sure what the next set of things will be. He further stated the Oval Office was much smaller than expected.

The HB2 bill, regarding legislation that states that individuals may only use restrooms and changing facilities that correspond to the sex listed on their birth certificate, is up for repeal by the NC Senate. If the bill isn't repealed, it may very well mean that the CIAA will have to move out of North Carolina. Chancellor Anderson is chair of the Advisory Board. Chancellor Anderson also stated that Richmond was the only school bidding for the CIAA.

The Chancellor stated that as of this date, he hadn't heard anything about trustee reappointments. The Board of Governors do select the candidates, while the Governor will no longer make the selections. Chancellor Anderson has submitted two names to the senate/house. We just learned that Trustee Timberlake's son-in-law has been appointed to the Board of Governors.

Discussions with city commissioners regarding the building of certain structures that relate to health, i.e. (health complex, track fields, senior center) are ongoing. Chancellor Anderson is particularly interested in and hopeful that a senior center is built and located near FSU.

The results of the SGA elections were posted this past Tuesday. Trustee Elliot Jackson was reappointed to another term as President of the SGA.

On Friday, Chancellor Anderson will receive the 2017 Harold Delaney Exemplary Leaders Award from the American Association of Blacks in Higher Education. Dr. Harold Delaney was the first student to receive his doctorate from Howard University. Trustee Edward Dickerson applauded Chancellor Anderson for his lifetime achievement award.

NOTE: The Journal of Negro Education was started by Afro-Americans. Florida A&M didn't want to take it on any more. Chancellor Anderson said that FSU has taken it on under the auspices of Dr. LaDelle Olion. Will send copies to the trustees.

Chancellor Anderson recently spoke at the HBCU Executive Leadership Forum sponsored by Pearson Education and Diverse Issues in Higher Education. In his closing remarks, he highlighted the progress of HBCU's and more specifically, FSU's significant progress.

Chancellor Anderson relinquished his stand to Dr. Bertha Miller, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor for Strategic Initiatives, to speak about the Sesquicentennial. Dr. Miller gave an overview of the events planned for the

sesquicentennial and the progress thus far. She stated that 120 people are on the committee and are on target to make this the best celebration possible. Cook quad is considered to be the “historical quad” and a monument will be placed on it that will signal the beginning of the sesquicentennial. The contract has been completed for the monument and it should be ready in a few months. At the front entrance, there will be a waterfall. All events will be posted online. The official opening of the celebration is September 14, 2017, and actor Hill Harper will be our speaker. There will also be a deed signing for the two lots on Gillespie Street. A Chinese delegation and presidents are invited.

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Elliot O. Jackson provided an update of Student Government Association (SGA) activities. Trustee Jackson shared that he was re-elected for another year as SGA president.

The UNCASG, the body that oversees all SGAs on the 17 constituent campuses, met at Fayetteville State University during the month of January. During the meeting, the group worked on grant writing. FSU received a grant in the amount of \$2,000, which was used to take 40 students to the CIAA Career Expo and later that evening, to the championship game. Also during the month of January, the SGA conducted a campus lighting walk to identify whether or not the campus was properly lighted and that there weren't any areas that needed repairs.

In the month of February, the annual Lover's Poison event that occurs around Valentine's Day, was assigned a purpose. The event became the Fill in the Gap Scholarship Gala in which \$3,300 was raised. Fourteen students applied for scholarships and nine students received them. Fill in the Gap is a vehicle whereby athletes and other student groups work together to bridge the gap.

Home Depot, Retool Your School is an annual campus improvement grant program that is hosted by Home Depot. By voting for your school, you can help FSU win a grant to help beautify the university. You can vote online up to April 19.

The mission of the SGA remains the same: restore campus involvement and student buy-in. Trustee Jackson introduced two members of his team.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Ervin thanked the Board for their attendance at the CIAA Basketball Tournament. He stated that it was a successful tournament although we came up short at the end. He commended the Athletic Department and coaching staff on a job well done. Chairman Ervin also thanked Chancellor and Mrs. Anderson for a wonderful CIAA Brunch in which \$20,370 was raised.

Dr. Thomas Conway, former FSU Chief of Staff, was sworn in as the 6th Chancellor at Elizabeth City State University. His inauguration was held on March 10. Trustee Ervin thanked all who were able to attend.

On the recent passing of Trustee Timberlake's father, Chairman Ervin acknowledged a card of thanks from Ms. Timberlake and thanked everyone who was able to go to the home going service.

Our Chairman gave special congratulations to Chancellor Anderson for receiving the 2017 American Association of Blacks in Higher Education (AABHE) Harold Delaney Exemplary Leadership Award that he'll receive tomorrow. This is a distinguished award that is given to individuals whose lives and careers have advanced issues of access and opportunity for Black Americans in higher education.

Everyone was asked to pitch in and help the Chancellor out and be more visible. Chairman Ervin also reminded the Board to complete their SEI forms that are due in April, as well as Ethics training.

Chairman Ervin was pleased to announce that FSU didn't have any audit findings and received a clean bill of health from the State Auditor's office.

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
- And build a Health and Wellness Center on campus

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. Trustee Neal, Chair of the Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee, presented the following for approval of promotion:

Four (4) candidates were recommended to the Board for promotion as follows:

Dr. Perry Gillespie (to Associate Professor)
Dr. Sarah Brightman (to Associate Professor)
Dr. Paul Boaheng (to Associate Professor)
Dr. Catherine Barrett (to Associate Professor)

Trustee Vedas Neal made a motion to approve the four candidates for promotion. Trustee Inder Nijhawan seconded 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 2:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Claude Bagues, Secretary
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder