

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, March 26, 2009

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 26, 2009, at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Chesnutt Library. Chair Gloria Carter presided. Trustee Roosevelt Wright delivered the invocation.

## ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Linda Lee Allan; John B. Brown, Jr.; Gloria Carter; Jerry Dean; John Griffin, Jr.; James Jefferson; Terence Murchison, Juanita Pilgrim; Sylvia Ray; Lucy Vidal-Barreto; and Roosevelt Wright. Trustees Shirish Devasthali and Ruth Dial Woods were absent. Trustee emeritus W. T. Brown was also in attendance.

Chair Carter asked everyone to keep the John Griffin, Jr. family in their prayers. Trustee Griffin's son was in a terrible car accident and is recovering.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chair Carter 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 Brown and properly seconded by Trustee Ray that the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 11, 2008, be accepted as printed and distributed. *The motion carried.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee John R. Griffin, Jr., Chair  
Dr. Jon Young, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided faculty updates in the Division of Academic Affairs. Dr. Marion Gillis-Olson is the new SACs liaison and Dr. Teronda McNeil has been appointed as Director of Continuing Education.

Celebrating excellence in students, Dr. Young introduced an array of students who represented various factions across campus. They included representatives of the Bronco Men, Bronco Women, Honors Program, CHEER Program (Creating Higher Expectations for Educational Readiness), RISE (Research Initiative in Scientific Enhancements), Entrepreneur Leadership Institute, and the Study Abroad Program. Dr. Griffin stated he was impressed with the students as they provided the audience with their names and a brief synopsis of the program they represented.

Faculty development remains an academic priority. Approximately \$465,000 was allocated by the Chancellor for faculty development, and we heard from several faculty members who have benefited from this funding.

Dr. Young shared several strategies that were implemented for continuous improvement. These strategies include accreditation in Business, Education, Social Work, and the ten-year accreditation of the Department of Criminal Justice by the Academy of Criminal Justice. Other strategies include the Foundation of Excellence in the First Year, Voluntary System of Accountability, and the Collegiate Learning Assessment.

In order to improve long-term educational outcomes, the administration is requiring a minimum GPA of 2.0 be obtained by any student at the end of their freshman year. Dr. Griffin maintains that the good news is that FSU has a strong and successful CHEER program in that CHEER students versus non-CHEER students did significantly better on test scores and overall GPA, as well as realized 100% retention. Dr. Young also shared that the Academic Affairs Division will enhance and strengthen their programs by utilizing a business concept/model. (See Agenda Item 3-A)

Mr. Nick Ganesan, Vice Chancellor for ITTS, spoke about the impact of reversions on ITTS as it relates to Academic Affairs. He stated that his department has had to reduce the lab hours in three of four labs, suspend the annual computer refresh program, and suspend the implementation of technology in some of the classrooms. The goal is to make all of our classrooms technology efficient, however, due to budget constraints, ITTS will have to curtail implementation until a later time. (See Agenda Item 3-B)

#### Audit Committee – Trustee Juanita Pilgrim, Chair

Mr. Bob Stogner, FSU Internal Auditor contractor, presented the results of the State Auditor's Report for the Department of Financial Aid for year ended June 30, 2008. The findings were compliance type findings with no questionable causes involved. We've made remarkable improvement in reducing our findings: 2006 – 8 findings; 2007 – 8 findings; and 2008 – 2 findings. On February 11, 2009, there was an audit exit conference. Final audit report will be released by the end of March. (See Agenda Item 8-A)

Mr. Stogner also presented the Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2008 – 09. (See Agenda Item 8-B)

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Jerry Dean, Chair

Mr. Robert Botley, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, presented a budget update for FSU's current authorized budget for FY 2008-2009, as of February 2009. Current state appropriations are \$60,692,370 and total authorized receipts \$19,270,224. The total authorized budget is \$79,962,594.

The University is required to revert \$3,766,650 back to the state. This amount is equivalent to 7% of our certified budget. This amount has increased by 3% since it was last reported at the December Board meeting. For planning purposes, the University has earmarked an additional 1%. Additional adjustments include \$400,000 for a fire tower and \$4,800 for UNC scholarships. Total adjusted budget is \$75,261,151. The University has taken steps to ensure all expenditures are covered.

Mr. Botley also provided an update on tuition and fees. At the December Board Meeting the following fees were approved:

Resident undergraduate/graduate	\$100
Non-resident undergraduate/graduate	\$240
Athletic fee	\$ 70
Education and Technology fee	\$ 20

After presenting our proposed fee increases to General Administration and to the Board of Governors, the proposed fees were changed as follows:

Resident undergraduate	\$ 79
Resident graduate	\$137
Non-resident undergraduate	\$240
Non-resident graduate	\$234
Athletic fee	\$ 37
Education and Technology fee	\$ 16
(See Agenda Item 4-A)	

Mr. Rudy Cardenas, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities, provided a status of all capital projects. (See Agenda Item 4-B&C.) He also provided background information on repairs needed for the Chesnutt Library roof. The University advertised for proposals for a designer to complete the project, of which the Board was asked to approve the selection of the firm Stafford Consulting Engineers to provide design and engineering services for the Chesnutt Library roof replacement. The Board approved the selection. The Board was also asked to authorize University staff to negotiate a contract and fee with Stafford Consulting Engineers, which was also approved. (See Agenda Item 4-D).

A recommendation was also submitted to the Board to approve the selection of the firm Hanson Professional Service, Inc. to provide commissioning services for the new Science and Technology Building, further recommending that the Board authorize University staff to negotiate a contract and fee with Hanson Professional Service, Inc. Both were approved and seconded. (See Agenda Item 4-E)

#### Student Affairs – Trustee Roosevelt Wright – Chair

Dr. Janice Haynie, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, shared a video presentation that featured the students' trip to Washington, D. C. to participate in the inaugural debate that was held January 19, 2009, at the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C.; highlights of the women's volleyball team that traveled to Nassau Bahamas for the Bahamas Shootout that took place December 16-21, 2008; and the students' trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the inauguration of President Barak Obama. (See Agenda Item 6-A)

Dr. Edward McLean provided an overview of the Athletic Department. Highlights were as follows: The women's basketball team won the Western Division Championship, the men's basketball team made it to quarter finals at the CIAA, the bowling team won the Western Division Championship, and the golf team won their Western Division championship. The women's softball team recently started their season. Twenty-six student athletes have been recruited for the football team. (See Agenda Item 6-B)

#### Development and University Relations – Trustee Sylvia Ray, Acting Chair

Mrs. Wendy Jones, Associate Vice Chancellor of Development and University Relations, presented an update and status on the Division. The Division is presently engaged in the 2008 – 2009 Annual Fund campaign. The Annual Fund goal is \$3 million, to conclude on June 30, 2009. Current total giving for 2008 – 09 is \$1,374,669, which includes cash, in-king and unpaid pledges. Some of the fundraising and solicitation efforts the Division is engaged in include the Global Scholars Community Initiative, faculty/staff campaign, WFSS spring fund drive, Faith Community Campaign, grants/proposals, and direct mailing appeals. (See Agenda Item 5-A)

Mrs. Mary Bailey, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Development, provided an overview of the Global Scholars Community Initiative. This fundraising initiative is in support of the 2009 – 2010 Global Scholars Community Program for high-ability and high-achieving students. This program will house Honors students, Chancellor's Scholars, International Students, and Fulbright scholars. A goal of \$200,000 has been set to implement this program, and two Board of Trustees' sponsored events (April 7<sup>th</sup> breakfast, April 8<sup>th</sup> dinner) have already been scheduled to support this initiative. (See Agenda Item 5-C)

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair, Gloria Carter thanked the Chancellor and his team for all of their hard work and support. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Chancellor's Installation and activities surrounding it that take place April 1 – 5, culminating in the Founders' Day program.

Chair Carter made an appeal on behalf of the Class of 1977 who have undertaken and are committed to raising money for our students. She asked everyone to give generously. Chair Carter reiterated the appeal by Trustee Ray regarding the breakfast

and dinner fundraisers, sponsored by the Board of Trustees, asking everyone to come out and support the effort and/or send their monetary support.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson shared several items of interest that have transpired in the first quarter of the new year to include the announcement that the University is the recipient of a \$100,000 grant from an anonymous donor. This grant will be used for scholarships and will be issued in two installments. Chancellor Anderson also spoke about his recent meeting with four members of the Class of 1965 and how they could better serve and support the institution. One of their concerns was that there isn't enough recruitment of younger alums.

In other fundraising efforts, a luncheon was held with Faith Based leaders of which many have made verbal commitments to give financially. The Chancellor has visited many of the churches in the area that are involved in this effort. Our deans are also very involved in fundraising. Chancellor Anderson spoke passionately about giving and shared examples of ways to enhance our appeal process.

Chancellor Anderson stopped to remember the legacy of Dr. John Hope Franklin who recently passed away. Dr. Franklin was very influential in the North Carolina area, and the Chancellor spoke with fondness of the opportunity he had to meet him last year. A memorial service will be held in June.

At the faculty meeting this week, Dr. Young stressed that Academic Affairs will have to operate by a business model. Due to budget constraints, everyone will have to justify the rationale for the budgets they are requesting. In other news under the Academic Affairs umbrella, an external consultant on Nursing, Cynthia Capers from the University of Akron, will be on campus. There will also be an April 13 visit by the Board of Nursing.

The University continues to be involved with the Base Realignment committee work (BRAC) as well as the Greater Fayetteville Futures.

Searches are being conducted for the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs as well as the Vice Chancellor for Development. Chancellor Anderson and Dr. Thomas Conway, Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff, have met with the representative of the search firm, Witt Keiffer, and were briefed on the selection process used to narrow down the list of applicants.

Chancellor Anderson thanked everyone who participated in facilitating the different aspects of the CIAA. He gave highlights of the activities that went on throughout the week and spoke of the valuable contacts made while attending this event.

## STUDENT REPORT

Trustee James Jefferson announced that this was his final Board meeting. He will graduate from the university in May.

Trustee Jefferson presented an update of recent events held by the Student Government Association (SGA). Highlights included the Get on the Bus 2008 voter registration drive, March on Murchison 2008, the Presidential Inauguration bus trip to Washington, D. C. on January 20, 2008, Dress for Success Campaign, Campus Safety Walk, Hip Hop Summit and the Pauline Jones Elementary Mentoring Program. Most memorable was the bus trip to Washington, D. C. to see the swearing in of the 44<sup>th</sup> and first black President of the United States.

On March 23, the SGA patrolled areas of the campus with Resident Life as part of the Campus Safety Walk program instituted at the UNC System level. Trustee Jefferson noted items that either needed repair or in need of some type of attention. On completion of compiling the information, the results will be given to UNC President Bowles.

Trustee Jefferson spoke about some of the unfinished agenda items he leaves behind as he nears the end of this term as SGA President. These items concerned lack of student artwork displayed on campus, the need for a better relationship between E. E. Smith High School and FSU with hopes of promoting an outreach mentorship program, lack of commuter student population engagement as they comprise sixty-five percent of the total student population, and accountability of Aramark dining services.

In Trustee Jefferson's final reflections, he spoke about the need for Board members to interact more with students – not just those who are doing well, but also those students who may be underachievers. It is an investment in the development of our students.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Carter encouraged everyone to attend the installation services for Chancellor James Anderson as well as many of the activities that are to take place in conjunction with the installation from April 1-5, 2009.

Trustee Ray announced that on April 18, 2009, the Women's Center of Fayetteville will host Fayetteville Dancing with the Stars. Our very own Dr. Thomas Conway and his wife and Mr. Floyd Shorter from the Fayetteville Business Center will participate in this event. Mrs. Wendy Jones, Associate Vice Chancellor for Development, will be the mistress of ceremony. The proceeds will go towards the Women's Center Lease to Home Program.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,

Sylvia Ray, Secretary

Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder