

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, December 10, 2015

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, December 10, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Donald L. Porter presided. Chairman Porter delivered the invocation.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Porter 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: Claude Bogues, Candacy Bush, Bridget Chisholm, Kirk deViere, Edward Dickerson, Jodie Ervin, Inder Nijhawan, Donald Porter, Rajan Shamdasani, and Brenda Timberlake. Trustees Richard Adams, Wayne Branch, and Vedas Neal were not in attendance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Claude Bogues to accept the minutes of the regular Board meeting held September 24, 2015, with revision to include acknowledgement that Trustee Rajan Shamdasani expressed full disclosure about family business in Spring Lake. It was properly seconded by Trustee Inder Nijhawan. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Edward Dickerson that the Special Called Meeting of the Executive Committee held November 24, 2015, be accepted as printed and distributed. Trustee Bogues seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Donald Porter, Interim Chair  
Report to be given after closed session.

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Bridget Chisholm, Interim Chair  
Interim Chair, Bridget Chisholm, made a motion for the Board to approve the University's request to revise the lease agreement with the FSU Housing Foundation so as to align the lease with the terms of the bond debt repayment period. Trustee Shamdasani seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

## STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Candacy Bush provided an update on Student Government Association (SGA) activities. Trustee Bush stated that the SGA is moving from a planning mode to a legislative one. Their objective will be to focus on student concerns, student advocacy, and professional development.

An ongoing student concern has been Aramark Dining Services. The quality of the food continues to be sub-par. Dining options have also changed in that food to-go boxes are no longer allowed. A student petition has garnered more than 500 signatures to get the attention of Aramark to work toward resolving the issues. The SGA Food Service Committee, chaired by Vice President Elliot Jackson, has begun meeting with Aramark and the Office of Business and Finance to resolve some of the issues. Trustee Ervin inquired if the students have seen any changes, to which the reply was that the SGA is in conversation with the Business Office, and while the quality remains an issue, some of the immediate complaints such as moldy bread have been resolved.

Events that the SGA has been involved in include a trip to Washington, D. C. to participate in the Million Man March, visit to FSU by the ASG President Zachary King, and a candlelight vigil to celebrate the life of a fallen student who was recently killed in a car accident.

Some of the upcoming events include a town hall meeting on January 15, in an effort to reach out to students who don't normally attend senate meetings and an Association of Student Government meeting January 22-23 in Greensboro. Trustee Bridget Chisholm, who lives in Greensboro, offered extended a dinner invitation to the students, as they will be staying over to attend the basketball game.

Trustee Nijhawan asked if the SGA would participate in any government outreach in conjunction with the 2016 Presidential race. Trustee Bush stated that she would be attending an upcoming meeting of the Board of Elections and will locally be involved in Democracy NC.

## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

In light the changes going on at the UNC-System and the legislature, Chairman Donald Porter thanked Chancellor Anderson, in his absence, for transparency in keeping the Board well informed. He also thanked the staff and the Board for the work that they do.

Chairman Porter congratulated Trustee Kirk deViere on his appointment to the Fayetteville City Council.

Sunday, December 13, 2015, is Men's Day at Lewis Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Chancellor Anderson and his cabinet will be in attendance. Chairman Porter invited everyone to attend.

Alumni giving is up and Chairman Porter stated that he couldn't thank the alumni enough for all they've done to give back to the university. He also thanked Mr. Getchel Caldwell, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and the National Alumni Association Chairman for leading the charge. Chairman Porter also stated that we must keep alumni encouraged.

Chairman Porter stated that Mr. Ernest Curry, Vice President of the FSU Foundation Board, would like to be placed on the agenda. He'd like to see the Board of Trustees and the Foundation Board come together in a social setting.

The session with the Fayetteville Chamber went well. We need to have more town hall meetings with the community.

The university is honoring Dr. Valeria Fleming today at 4 p.m. for her 50 years of dedicated service. Chairman Porter asked as many that would to attend.

The bond issue is being put forward by the legislature. Some of the dollars will come to FSU and Fayetteville Technical Community College. The resolution for the bond has been approved.

#### CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff, Thomas Conway, stood in for Chancellor James Anderson in his absence. Vice Chancellor Conway complimented and thanked the Board for their due diligence. He stated that this is one of the best Boards to have been installed since his tenure at the university. "This Board is listening to the needs of the university and have come to do the work...are doing the work."

On March 2 – 4, 2016, the UNC Board of Governors will meet on the campus of FSU. On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, President-elect, Margaret Spellings will be on campus and would like to meet with members of the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor's administrative team, faculty, staff and students. Vice Chancellor Conway asked members of the Board to please be available on March 2.

#### CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Jodie Ervin 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.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jodie Ervin, Secretary  
Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder