

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, June 9, 2016

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, June 6, 2016, at 1:34 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Donald Porter presided. Trustee Vedas Neal delivered the invocation.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chair Donald 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.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed Trustee member Elliot Jackson by Mr. Terrance Robinson, Notary Public.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes were approved as follows:

Special Called Board Meeting March 2, 2016 – Moved by Trustee Nijhawan and seconded by Trustee Neal. *The motion carried.*

Regular Board Meeting March 24, 2016 – Moved by Trustee Ervin and seconded by Trustee deViere. *The motion carried.*

Special Called Board Meeting April 21, 2016 – Moved by Trustee Nijhawan and seconded by Trustee deViere. *The motion carried.*

Special Called Board Meeting May 26, 2016 – Moved by Trustee Jackson and seconded by Trustee Ervin. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Vedas Neal, Chair
Report to be given after closed session.

Audit Committee – Trustee Donald Porter, Acting Chair
Trustee Jodie Ervin made a motion to approve the 2016-2017 Internal Audit Plan.
Trustee Kirk deViere seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Student Affairs – Trustee Jodie Ervin, Chair
Discussion to be held in closed session.

STUDENT REPORT

Newly appointed Trustee Elliot Jackson introduced himself to the Board. He is a junior, majoring in Forensic Science with a concentration in Biology; he has a GPA of 3.56. Trustee Jackson hails from Charlotte, NC by way of Bronx, NY.

Trustee Jackson has been up and running as the Student Government Association's new president. He presented the SGA's goals whose acronym is YARD, which stands for:

Y – Year of Student Advocacy – town hall meetings; campus security walks
A – Advancing Community Involvement – campus service days; military appreciation
R – Rejuvenating Bronco Pride – \$1,000 incentive for class councils
D – Developing Prospective Student Initiatives – increase in student presence at events

The intent is to not only get the word out but to increase student involvement in all aspects of campus life.

Trustee Jackson shared a well mapped out plan to invigorate students to participate in the voting process. His goal is to register 35% of the student residential population on campus. The SGA has planned a weeklong series of activities to stimulate voting awareness.

Other activities on the horizon are Operation Smooth Move in the fall, Get on the Bus, and the March on Murchison.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Donald Porter thanked the Board and the Chancellor's staff for all of their hard work. Recently, Chairman Porter attended the National AGB Conference in Maryland, and he stated that there is a vast difference between public and private. Higher Ed is very complex.

After attending this conference, some of the Chairman's thoughts were as follows: a) As a Board, we still need to assess ourselves—how are we doing?; B) Shared

governance between the Chancellor, Board, faculty and students is a must.; and C) we still need to have a retreat and a town hall meeting. FSU is doing great things.

Chairman Porter commended the staff on the great job that was carried out with President Margaret Spellings' visit as well as the celebration for Jeannette Council, former Chairman of the FSU Foundation.

Two vacancies exist on the Board as Trustee Branch accepted a high level job with Department of Transportation (DOT) and Trustee Chisholm accepted a position with the NC Banking Commission which would be in direct conflict with her serving on our Board. Both Branch and Chisholm have said that they will still support the institution. We will need to fill the two vacancies; Chancellor Anderson has received one (1) recommendation so far.

Chairman Porter announced the names of the Nominating Committee. They are Trustee Brenda Timberlake (Chair), Trustee Inder Nijhawan, and Trustee Kirk deViere. At the annual meeting in September, they will announce the new Executive Board.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor James Anderson thanked General Counsel Wanda Jenkins for facilitating the visit of Attorney General Loretta Lynch. Chancellor Anderson received a request from the Fayetteville Police Department to host and assist in a Roundtable discussion on our campus for Attorney General Lynch. This wasn't an FSU event. General Counsel Jenkins stated that Dr. Jon Young, Chief Charles Kimble, and Dr. Janice Haynie were all integral partners in facilitating this event. She also stated that the Lynch team said that it was an honor and a pleasure to be at FSU. Chancellor Anderson stated that hopefully we can use this event to entice Attorney General Lynch to come back to FSU.

Briefly, Chancellor Anderson spoke about budget projections as it pertained to the celebration of FSU's upcoming Sesquicentennial to include cost of Sesquicentennial items that will be included as part of the timeline. Dr. Anderson extended kudos to Dr. Bertha Miller for overseeing this event.

Recently, FSU was awarded a planning grant in the amount of \$150,000 from UNCF. FSU was one of 30 schools to receive the grant. The Lilly Endowment Inc. committed \$50 million in October 2015 to launch the UNCF Career Pathways Initiative to improve job placement outcomes for graduates from HBCUs and PBI institutions. Earlier in the week, Chancellor Anderson, Dr. Haynie, and Dr. Young traveled to Atlanta to attend the UNCF Career Pathways Initiative in an effort to compete for additional grant funding. FSU was asked, *what would it mean for FSU students if we were successful at reimagining how we prepare our students for the 21st Century?* Several responses from the review team appear below:

- 1) Students will have more flexibility in terms of achieving their competencies.
- 2) Students would be more intentional about their own learning. They would take more responsibility for their own learning and career development.
- 3) Students would be more in demand among a greater variety of employers.

In mid-May, Chancellor Anderson, Dr. Yunkai Chen, Dr. Pamela Jackson, Dr. John Brooks, and Ms. Sharmila Udyavar traveled to China to meet with schools we've partnered and developed MOU's with, as well as establishing new partnerships. They traveled to each of the schools and defined what FSU would/could do at each school. The schools the team visited were Baotou Teachers Community College, Inner Mongolia University, Inner Mongolia Agricultural University, East China University of Science & Technology, and Beijing International University. Each Chinese University will send a delegation to FSU's Sesquicentennial and Inner Mongolia University will bring a dance troupe. Chancellor Anderson stated that it was a fruitful trip.

Chancellor Anderson inquired whether anyone was aware of a separate bill that was pending regarding the creation of a lab school. It would be a UNC Teacher/Principal Preparation School—K-8. It would operate on the order of a charter school. The primary focus would be on low-performing students with location to be determined. It will be somewhere in Cumberland County. Should this happen, the Board would adopt a resolution that would include the name of the school, and the Board would appoint an advisory Board, who would then set the Bylaws, evaluate principals, oversee finance operations, establish standards, course of study accessibility and a number of other things. General Counsel Wanda Jenkins will send existing policy. The Bill is still in the House. Chancellor Anderson stated that this would be a burden for every institution.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Vedas Neal 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:

Eight (8) candidates were recommended to the Board for promotion as follows:

- Dr. Albert Chan (to Full Professor)
- Dr. Xin Tang (to Full Professor)
- Dr. Khalid Lodhi (to Full Professor)
- Dr. Earnest Lamb (to Full Professor)
- Dr. Bradley Kadel (to Associate Professor)
- Dr. Mingxian Jin (to Full Professor)

Dr. Abdoul Wane (to Full Professor)
Dr. Sidney Pash (to Full Professor)

Trustee Vedas Neal made a motion to approve the eight candidates for promotion.
Trustee Jodie Ervin seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

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