

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, March 24, 2016

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 24, 2016, at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Acting Chairman Wayne Branch presided. Trustee Brenda Timberlake delivered the invocation.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Acting Chair Wayne Branch 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: Richard Adams, Claude Bogues, Wayne Branch, Candacy Bush, Bridget Chisholm, Kirk deViere, Edward Dickerson, Jodie Ervin, Inder Nijhawan, Vedas Neal, Donald Porter (called in), Rajan Shamdasani, and Brenda Timberlake.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Inder Nijhawan and properly second by Trustee Claude Bogues that the minutes of the Board meeting held December 10, 2015, and the Special Called meeting held December 28, 2015, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

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

## STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Candacy Bush provided an update on Student Government Association (SGA) activities. Trustee Bush stated that she attended several events during the 2016 CIAA. This was her first CIAA, and she had a great time. Miss Fayetteville State University,

Ms. Jasmine Bogan was named second runner-up during the annual Miss CIAA Contest 2016. As the Food Lion Miss CIAA competition winner, Ms. Bogan won a \$500 scholarship. In addition, Food Lion Feeds awarded \$1,000 to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Southeast North Carolina on behalf of Ms. Bogan.

The SGA hosted a luncheon during the Board of Governors and President Margaret Spellings' visit to FSU. It was a great experience for Trustee Bush and her SGA team. Trustee Bush shared that Chancellor Anderson nominated her for the Gates Foundation Women of Power.

With this being the election season, the SGA participated in several voter registration drives. Trustee Bush and a number of students went together and voted on the day of the election.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Vice Chairman Wayne Branch stood in for Chairman Donald Porter, who called in but was called away. Vice Chair Branch thanked the members of the Board for their willingness to serve. He stated that what they do is very important and commended them for their efforts.

A thank you was also extended to the staff for all they do, especially, during President Margaret Spellings' visit to the FSU campus. "President Spellings got a real life view of what happens at an HBCU," Vice Chair Branch said. He also thanked Chancellor Anderson for the Op Ed piece he wrote that was published recently in the local newspaper.

The 2016 CIAA was an outstanding event. Vice Chair Branch thanked Mr. Getchel Caldwell on a great Chancellor's brunch. The alumni were impressed at what FSU is doing.

A Board of Trustees retreat will be held sometime before the new school year begins in August. A date will be forthcoming. Also, a new-members orientation will need to be planned. Vice Chair Branch advised that we still need to have a town hall meeting that includes alumni and various people from the community and would like to see that put in place soon.

At the June Board meeting, a Nominations Committee will be named to oversee the election of a new Executive Board.

In final, Vice Chair Branch asked all Board members to complete their Ethics Statement that's due by April 15.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor James Anderson invited Trustee Edward Dickerson and Dr. Pamela Jackson, Dean of the School of Business and Economics, to come forward. Trustee Dickerson presented a check to Dr. Jackson in the amount of \$5,000 in support of the 7<sup>th</sup> Youth Entrepreneurial Conference on behalf of all the work Dr. Greg McElveen has rendered with the development of his new skin care line. Dr. McElveen has provided the statistical analysis for the skin care line, for which his study will soon be published. Additionally, Dr. Dickerson provided internships for our FSU students.

Earlier in the week, Chancellor Anderson, Vice Chancellors Caldwell and Young, and Trustee Bogues attended a retreat of the AGB Governing Board, in which one of the discussions concerned committee make-up. A critical committee is the Governance Committee, which has fundamental oversight of Board policy and engagement.

A pressing issue for Chancellor Anderson is the local bond that would be used to fund entities such as aquatic, tennis, Senior games, and health and wellness venues to name a few. He would like to see one of the entities to be near FSU. Chancellor Anderson's preference would be a Health and Wellness Center.

Two UNC Chancellors will be installed in the coming days—UNC- Wilmington's Chancellor will be installed on March 31 and UNC-Pembroke's Chancellor will be installed on April 9. Chancellor Anderson encouraged Board members who wanted to attend the installation service in Pembroke to do so.

Mid-May through the first or second week in June, Chancellor Anderson will be traveling to China. He will be signing a relationship (MOU) with one of the new schools in Mongolia. While there, he will extend an invitation to the Presidents of the schools we partner with to attend FSU's Sesquicentennial.

Chancellor Anderson stated that he'd like to make another trip to Cuba. His preference would be to go to the Guantanamo Bay area—Southern Cuba, where the majority of Afro-Cuban students live.

Dr. Brian Kent, Executive Director for the Center for Defense and Homeland Security, received this appointment earlier in the year. "He knows everyone," Chancellor Anderson stated. Chancellor Anderson will be asking Dr. Kent to speak about Homeland Security at our next quarterly Board of Trustees meeting.

In Academic Affairs, the university is looking at new and additional revenue streams...those that are on the cutting edge, moving FSU toward a "credential of value" (degrees and certificates) landscape in more areas. The university is looking toward a competency-based teaching curriculum where competency will align with degree program.

Chancellor Anderson praised Mr. Anthony Bennett, the newly appointed Athletic Director, on the good job he's doing and for some of the hard decisions he's had to make during his short time on the job. "He's been great in tackling Title IX and Education." Chancellor Anderson would like for Patricia Bradley, Title IX Coordinator, to present to the Board at the next quarterly Board meeting.

Hands down, this was the best brunch ever at the CIAA according to Chancellor Anderson. It was held at the Ritz, downtown Charlotte, and during the luncheon the university honored people who needed to be honored.

The new anti-LGBT law was passed in the legislature this week and signed by Governor McCrory. The issue, Chancellor Anderson stated, is an anti-discrimination policy (identified as transgender) that effects the use of bathroom facilities regardless of gender. A committee has been formed and meeting at FSU to determine if there are any restrooms on campus we can term unisex.

Recently, Chancellor Anderson was contacted by the Governor's Office to discuss the placement of African-American monuments in the Raleigh area. A meeting will be held on March 29, 2016, in the Shaw Auditorium, to discuss the placement of monuments and what they should say.

The Sesquicentennial Celebration for the university is fast approaching. The Executive Committee will meet next Tuesday to discuss planned activities during the festivities. The last meeting will be held sometime in April to receive committee feedback, discuss costs and continue with planning. Chancellor Anderson encouraged all who are on the committee to attend the meetings.

A going away reception was held this past Friday for former Vice Chancellor and Chief-of-Staff Thomas Conway, who recently accepted the position of Chancellor at Elizabeth City State University. Chancellor Anderson stated the affair was nice and thanked all who attended.

The early games at CIAA 2017 will move to a smaller venue—the old Hornets' stadium and will resume at the Time Warner Cable Arena for the Thursday through Saturday games. This is due to the low attendance at the early games; the move will be cost effective.

FSU was the recipient of the 2016 ACE/Fidelity Investments Award for Institutional Transformation from the American Council on Education (ACE). The award was created to recognize institutions that have responded to higher education challenges in innovative and creative ways and achieved dramatic changes in a relatively brief period, and includes a \$10,000 prize. The award was presented at ACE 2016, ACE's 98<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting, and was accepted by Chancellor Anderson. The money was given to Academic Affairs, as it was their project.

## 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 By Trustee Wayne Branch. *The motion 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:

Ten (10) candidates were recommended to the Board for promotion as follows:

Dr. Joe Brown (to Associate Professor)  
Dr. Laura Coyle (to Associate Professor)  
Dr. Kimberly Tran (to Associate Professor)  
Dr. Stacye Blount (to Associate Professor)  
Mr. Jeremy Fiebig (to Associate Professor)  
Dr. Linda Tomlinson (to Associate Professor)  
Dr. Rakesh Malhotra (to Associate Professor)  
Dr. Gregory DeLone (to Associate Professor)  
Dr. Zhiping Luo (to Full Professor)  
Dr. Cynthia Shamberger (to Associate Professor)

Trustee Inder Nijhawan made a motion to approve the ten candidates for promotion. Trustee Rajan Shamdasani seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

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