

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library
September 27, 2018
1:00 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 27, 2018 at 1:03 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: Edward Dickerson, Jodie Ervin, Karee Brown-Jones, Sherida McMullan, Vedas Neal, Donald Porter, Brandon Phillips, and Brenda Timberlake, and Kirk deViere. Trustees Richard Adams, Stuart Augustine, and Harvey Allen were not in attendance.

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 seconded by Trustee Vedas Neal that the minutes of the Board meeting held June 14, 2018, were amended to correct Brandon Porter to Brandon Phillips and can be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Trustee Edward Dickerson, Interim Chairman
Interim Chairman Dickerson asked for a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Internal Audit Office Charter. Trustee Vedas Neal made a motion to approve the plan. Trustee Edward Dickerson seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Karee Brown-reiterated the Mission of the Student Government Association (SGA), which is to serve as the voice of the students, promote academic excellence, and encourage positive involvement for the enhancement of student life. As well, Trustee Brown shared the four strategic goals for this academic year: 1) promoting diversity/inclusion; 2) ability to voice student concerns; 3) develop a better line of communications between faculty, staff,

students and administration, faculty and staff; 4) and, increase student morale through school spirit.

Since taking office, Trustee Brown and the SGA have reviewed the Constitution and ByLaws and have made revisions in an effort to be a more efficient SGA body.

With elections looming near, the SGA has undergone voter registration training through the NC Common Cause network. On September 6, Alyssa Canty, College Outreach Coordinator, trained SGA members in how to properly register students to vote.

This past Tuesday, the SGA participated in a campus clean-up in the aftermath of Hurricane Florence. The clean-up was in partnership with the FSU Green Team, the Pan Hellenic Council, and the Theta Tau Chapter of Kappa Kappa Psi National Band Fraternity, Inc.

A student spirit section (The Stampede) will be established to support student athletics and show Bronco Pride. They will be visible at the October 13th game against Johnson C. Smith that has been designated Ball-in-Pink Day.

Student elections will be held fall 2018. After the elections, The SGA will ratify constitution, and will push registered students to vote.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Ervin shared highlights for the past three months. He noted that on June 26, our very own, Trustee Donald Porter bid farewell to Hoke County with a retirement party send-off. Trustee and former Chair Porter received the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, a prestigious award conferred by the Governor of North Carolina that's awarded to persons for exemplary service to the State of North Carolina and their communities above and beyond the call of duty and his love for Fayetteville State University. Chairman Ervin also suggested having a house warming at Fayetteville State University. It would be great to have a town hall meeting, another avenue for the university to connect with the community.

We received feedback from the Chancellor's bi-annual review, which Chancellor Anderson also received a copy. Chairman Ervin thanked the members of the Board for their participation.

Chairman Ervin attended the Board of Governor's meeting in Chapel Hill, along with Chancellor Anderson. Some compensation increases were approved.

Mr. Callaway, Interim VC for Institutional Advancement provided the Board with great news. He stated that we've exceeded our Capital Campaign goal of \$25 million, realizing a total of \$26,969,000 in gifts and pledges. The Board of Trustees had 100% participation.

Board of Trustee priorities continue to be as follows:

1. Marketing and recruiting efforts
2. Strategic Plan
3. Retention Plan
4. Collaborative efforts
5. Efficiencies and effectiveness
6. Sustainability

The third annual Cotton Club will be held this weekend, Saturday, September 29, from 7 – 11 p.m.

Chairman Ervin congratulated Chancellor Anderson, who'll receive the Champion of Justice Award from the North Carolina Justice Center on October 7th in Raleigh. It's a great honor.

Chairman Ervin thanked the Board for the support they've given him. This is his last official meeting as chair. He stated that it has been an honor...a major highlight in his career. He also thanked the staff and administration for all their support.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Chancellor Anderson thanked everyone who was instrumental in facilitating different aspects of the university during Hurricane Florence—Facilities Maintenance, Business and Finance, groundskeepers, housing, Student Affairs, Aramark, Emergency Management Team, Police, and others. Chancellor Anderson stated that he received calls from Chancellors at NC State and others, who reached out to lend support if needed.

Former Judge William Webb and now a member of the UNC Board of Governors (BoG) was introduced to the Board by Chancellor James Anderson. Judge Webb serves on a number of committees on the BoG to include the Military and Veteran Affairs Committee that Chancellor Anderson also serves on. With Judge Webb's presence on the BoG and through the work of his committees, it will help push through some of the agendas and finances that will be invaluable to HBCUs.

Western Governors University out of Kent, Washington (WGU) has developed an online program that allows students to complete their degrees at a lower cost in approximately half the time. The university offers competency-based courses, which allows students to test out of subjects they've previously mastered. This is becoming a trend of the future.

Chancellor Anderson recently signed a \$10,000 Degree Pathway with Gilbert Tech. The program promises students they will pay no more than \$10,000 out of pocket for their four-year degree. Participating students will attend a two-year

college in the state to get their Associates degree, then transfer to an online program at Fayetteville State University to finish their bachelor's. Phase one consists of signing up six selected community colleges for the program and in the other phases ask other two-to-four-year colleges in North Carolina to join in and then take it nationally. One of the challenges is finding a way for rural/low-income students to get online access.

Fayetteville State University's SACS review is coming up in 2022. On October 16, 2018, there will be a campus-wide Town Hall meeting to launch our SACSSOC reaffirmation of accreditation. This will take place at the Rudolph Jones Student Center from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m. In July 2021, our self-study report is due and in April 2022, we will our onsite visit by the SACS team.

Chancellor Anderson would like to work with Board leadership to discuss possibly obtaining an AGB consulting team, who will provide board assessment services. This service will help the Board select a way to conduct assessments, give a candid review of their performance, and offer steps to strengthen the Board's work.

Frontier Set will be on campus next week to look at our IT infrastructure.

On the horizon? Chancellor Anderson stated that Bill and Melinda Gates. Misty Copeland have been contacted to be speakers for a future Distinguished Speaker series date. On November 13, Benjamin Crump, Civil Rights attorney for Trayvon Martin is earmarked to participate in our Distinguished Speaker Series. The Omegas are bringing him to campus. In Spring of 2019, the Chancellor hopes to bring the Surgeon General to campus as a Distinguished speaker. Date to be determined.

Chancellor Anderson will be receiving an award from the North Carolina Justice Center. It will be at the home of former FSU Board member, Wayne Riggins.

FSU faculty and staff recently participated in the UNC System Employee Engagement Survey. The survey was administered by a company called Modern Think. On October 10th, Modern Think will be on campus to provide an overview of our results. They will share what staff employees thank about the university, followed-up with an action plan. Of all the 17 campuses, FSU was third highest in participation.

Chancellor Anderson provided an update on the vivarium research initiative partnership with Ft. Bragg (WOMAC Hospital). Chancellor Anderson stated that the acreage at the Washington Drive site would be where they would house the center. The focus is pig skin research.

Judge Webb was given an opportunity to speak. He stated that the Military and Veterans Committee that he serves on the BoG will be looking to increase enrollment, especially due to the number of military vets in our area. Judge

Webb stated that he is an advocate for FSU. He is fully committed to work with James Anderson in all his endeavors.

Judge Webb gave an endowed scholarship of \$25,000 in the name of The Ronald B. Lewis Endowed Scholarship for Veterans. Chancellor James Anderson is matching the amount, making the grand total for the endowed scholarship \$50,000. In addition, Judge Webb gave another \$1,000 for students use now. Trustee Edward Dickerson informed the Board he will donate \$1,000 to the endowed scholarship.

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. Chairman entertained a motion to approve the promotion for two faculty members.

Trustee Donald Porter made a motion to approve promotion for Dr. Miriam Chitiga to Full Professor. Trustee Brandon Phillips seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Trustee Donald Porter made a motion to approve promotion for Dr. Theodore Kaniuka to Full Professor. Trustee Kirk deViere seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trustee Edward Dickerson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the Board with a slate of new officers as follows:

Mrs. Vedas Neal – Chair

Dr. Richard Clayton Adams – Vice Chair

Ms. Brenda Timberlake – Secretary

Chairman Ervin asked for a motion to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. Trustee Edward Dickerson made a motion to accept the nomination as given by the Nominating Committee. Trustee Donald Porter seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Timberlake, Secretary
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder