

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
Multi-Purpose Room 242, Rudolph Jones Student Center
September 26, 2019
1:00 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 26, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room 242 in the Rudolph Jones Student Center. Vice Chairman Richard Adams presided. Trustee Glenn Adams delivered the invocation.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed Trustee members Valencia Applewhite, Jonathan Charleston, and Warren McDonald by District Court Judge, Toni King. The oath of office was also administered to newly appointed Trustee member Glenn Adams by Superior Court Judge Gail Adams.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Glenn Adams, Richard C. Adams, Valencia Applewhite, Stuart Augustine, Kiantè` Bennett, Jonathan Charleston, Warren McDonald, John McFadyen, Sherida McMullan, Brandon Phillips, and Will Warner. Trustees Harvey Allen, Stuart Augustine and Brenda Timberlake were not in attendance.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Vice Chairman Adams 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 Brandon Phillips and properly seconded by Trustee Kiantè` Bennett that the minutes of the Board meeting held June 13, 2019, were accepted as printed. *The motion carried.* It was moved by Trustee Kiantè` Bennett and properly second by Trustee Brandon Phillips that the minutes of the Special Called Meeting of the Board held June 28, 2019, were accepted as printed. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit Committee – Trustee Richard C. Adams, Chair
Chairman Adams asked for a motion to approve the Internal Audit Office Charter. Trustee Warren McDonald made a motion to approve the Internal Audit Office Charter. Trustee Kiantè` Bennett second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Sherida McMullan, Chair
Chairman McMullan asked for a motion to approve the establishment of an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) and Advanced Analytics Center (ERPACC). Trustee Glenn Adams made a motion to approve the establishment of an ERP and ERPACC. Trustee John McFadyen second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Chairman McMullan also asked for a motion to approve the noted changes to the FSU Tenure and Promotion Policies, Regulations, and Procedures. Trustee Glenn Adams inquired as to when would pay begin to be withheld, if a faculty member was suspended without pay. Would it start immediately or later, assuming the faculty member filed a complaint and asked for a hearing. General Counsel Wanda Jenkins responded that it would begin immediately. Trustee McDonald made a motion to approve the noted changes to the FSU Tenure and Promotion Policies, Regulations, and Procedures. Trustee Will Warner second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Brandon Phillips, Chair
Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to approve the selected firm, McKim & Creed to provide engineering services for FSU's project, Health & Physical Education Building, chiller replacement. Trustee Charleston inquired if minority contractors, as well as all local contractors had been given an opportunity to bid. Vice Chancellor Carlton Spellman assured that local and minority contractors had an equal chance to bid. Trustee McDonald stated that having a local firm would have a positive effect on the local community. This was a specialized project and required special skills. Trustee Glenn Adams made a motion to approve the firm of McKim & Creed to provide engineering services for FSU's project, Health & Physical Education Building chiller replacement. Trustee Valencia Applewhite second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to approve the demolition of Bryant Hall. Trustee McDonald made a motion to approve the demolition of Bryant Hall. Trustee Applewhite second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Chairman Phillips asked for a motion to approve the demolition of Vance Hall. Trustee Sherida McMullan made a motion to approve the demolition of Vance Hall. Trustee Kiante` Bennett second the motion. *The motion carried.*

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Vice Chairman Richard Adams asked for the report of the Nominating Committee. In the absence of the chair of the Nominating Committee, Trustee McMullan provided the report. The Committee selection was as follows:

Chairman	Stuart Augustine
Vice Chairman	Richard Adams
Secretary	Brenda Timberlake

Vice Chairman Adams asked if anyone wished to nominate anyone else from the floor. Trustee Jonathan Charleston made a motion to suspend the vote to approve the current list of nominees for office for another time, or more specifically, the next Board of Trustees meeting. He indicated that he wasn't familiar with many of the new Board members and needed more time to consult. General Counsel Wanda Jenkins stated that the Bylaws state that *at each Annual Meeting, the Board shall elect from its membership a Chair, a Vice Chair, and a Secretary for one-year terms.* Trustee Charleston asked if the Bylaws could be suspended.

Trustee Warren McDonald stated that a motion was already on the floor and that it should be voted on before any other amendments. Vice Chair Adams asked for a vote on moving to suspend the vote to approve the current list of nominees for a later time. There was one (1) vote in favor of and eight (8) against. The motion failed. Trustee Warren McDonald made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. There were seven (7) votes in favor of, one (1) against, and one (1) abstention. *The motion carried.*

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Kiante Bennett introduced herself, stating that she is a Fayetteville native. Her mission, her goal as Student Government Association president is to serve as a voice of the students.

The SGA's schedule of events this semester is very full. Some of their August initiatives include the following:

1. FAST Semester Bus Pass - \$5,000 was allocated to 'FAST' (transit system) that decreased student semester passes from \$55 to \$45.
2. The 3rd (Student Lead Initiative) – The initiative gives students a chance to connect with one another to increase school pride.
3. Community Service – On August 21st, the SGA welcomed the students at Ferguson Elementary School back to school.
4. Fall Student Leadership Campaign – The election process for the 2019-20 academic year began.

FSU Night was held on August 30th. Forty-three free tickets were given to the student body to attend FSU Night at the Fayetteville Woodpecker's home game. The Coronation was held on September 22nd at the Capel Arena.

Some of the initiatives the SGA promoted in September include:

1. A Day with Aramark – On September 18th, members of the SGA and some student volunteers performed community service with Aramark.
2. Real Broncos Vote – This was an opportunity to get students registered to vote.

A few days ago, a large donation to the Food Pantry was received from Simon Temple. The SGA and students are very appreciative of the donation.

Trustee Bennett expressed the necessity for students to download the LiveSafe app on their phones. Campus safety is a high priority at FSU, and the SGA is continuing to encourage people to download the app.

Last, Trustee Bennett stated that the Board was welcome to attend any of the SGA's Senate meetings. Dates and times are available.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Due to the absence of Chairman Augustine, Vice Chairman Richard Adams deferred to Chancellor Valentine for her remarks.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Interim Chancellor Peggy Valentine shared that she was in her seventh week as head of the university and has enjoyed the experience so far.

She began by sharing her three goals for the year, which come from the Strategic Plan. They are retention and graduation rates; collaborations and partnerships; efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability. Retention and graduation rates are part of the university's priorities. Interim Chancellor Valentine stated that she will work to improve graduation rates, especially those of 1st time freshmen, discussing core courses and strategies to promote student success. Some of the collaborations and partnerships Dr. Valentine proposes are 1) marketing FSU's story in greater detail, to include placing signs on I-95, 2) meeting with student organizations, faculty and staff senates, board of trustees and others, 3) conduct monthly webinars with alumni and students, 4) seek funding in support of upgrading the campus and increase relationship with the military.

Interim Chancellor Valentine provided some updates for her first month at the university. She welcomed Ms. America to campus during the move-in of our new students. Chancellor Valentine also participated in the Historically Minority Serving Institution (HMSI) taping at UNC-TV with System President Roper, Board of Governors Chair, and other Chancellors from HMSI schools. The taping will be aired on October 22nd. She supported students to stay in school through support appeal to alumni. In six (6) days, over \$21,000 was raised. Interim Chancellor Valentine stated that she was proud of the staff and alums who gave and thanked them for their contributions.

FSU signed a bilateral agreement with Rowan Carrabus Community College this month. On September 9th, the opening Convocation was held. Convocation speaker was Mr. Caylin Moore, who wrote *A Dream Too Big* – a story about his journey from Compton to Oxford to becoming a Rhodes Scholar. Looking to the future, Chancellor Valentine will be seeking opportunities to save and maximize resources by being more strategic in doing things, will conduct a

thorough review of the FSU donor base, and review current graduation format. In reviewing the current graduation format, an option would be to move commencement exercises from the Crown to Nick Gerald's Stadium to conserve costs of renting an external facility, as well as procuring a speaker. Contracting with a local speaker will lower costs.

We received \$5 million in Title III dollars. Uses will be more strategic and help campus to grow. Colleagues from Malawi Delegation were in town for the weekend. They were excited to see our campus and took back some of our best practices.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Kiante Bennett 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. *The motion carried.*

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Trustee Bennett announced that the Homecoming Coronation Ball will be held on Sunday, September 29th and asked everyone to come out and join in the festivities.

ADJORNMENT

Trustee Will Warner made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Timberlake, Secretary
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder