

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
Multi-Purpose Room 242, Rudolph Jones Student Center
December 12, 2019
1:00 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 1:13 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room 242 in the Rudolph Jones Student Center. Chairman Stuart Augustine presided. Trustee Brenda Timberlake delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

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

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Augustine 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 Warren McDonald and properly seconded by Trustee John McFadyen that the minutes of the Board meeting held September 26, 2019, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Will Warner, Acting Chair
Acting Chairman Warner asked for a motion of approval to allow Fayetteville State University to increase tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Trustee Warren McDonald made a motion to allow the approval of Fayetteville State University to increase tuition and fees for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Trustee Brenda Timberlake second the motion. *The motion carried.*

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Kiante Bennett presented an update for the previous quarter on behalf of the Student Government Association (SGA). The SGA continues to uphold their Mission Statement, which is to serve as a voice of the students, promote academic excellence, and encourage positive involvement for the enhancement of student life.

SGA initiatives in the month of October included the following:

1. The SGA President Round Table, that was created to allow for more effective lines of communication and mentorship among the past, current, and future SGA presidents, was held October 4th.
2. On October 10th, the SGA partnered with CarMax and the City of Fayetteville to beautify and reconstruct the Seabrook Recreation Center playground.
3. The 3rd (student led initiative) – On October 16th, the SGA hosted an event entitled “The 3rd.” The initiative gives students a chance to connect with one another to increase school pride.
4. Community Service – On October 22nd, the SGA participated in an initiative entitled “Dress for Success” that assists fellow broncos in being prepared for the Career Fair and other things that require professional dress.

Some of the SGA initiatives that were highlighted in the month of November included the following:

1. On November 1, the SGA spearheaded an “Early Voting” campaign. The SGA sponsored a party bus to transport students to the polls, to ensure their engagement throughout the election.
2. Trustee Bennett, Miss FSU, and other student leaders attended True Vine Ministries World Outreach Fellowship church for their Fayetteville State University College Day program.
3. On November 12th, Trustee Bennett attended the Board of Elections meeting to support and speak about the importance of leaving the Seabrook Park voting site intact for the students.
4. A group of student leaders represented FSU at the annual MLK Banquet on November 16.
5. The SGA was invited to the Chancellor’s residence in recognition of and in support of the hard work they’ve done.

SGA Week was held November 4 – 9. SGA Week is an annual event set aside in November to offer students more insight into what SGA is all about. The SGA also participated in an effort with Habitat for Humanity. At the end of SGA Week, a bonfire that featured local and student artists was held.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Augustine shared with the Board that the System Office has asked them to participate in a mandatory harassment training for Board of Trustee members that must be completed by January 31, 2020. The System collaborated with the Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges (AGB) to develop this online training program on federal sexual harassment laws and their connection to the governance and non-discrimination policies of the University.

On the heels of President Roper's charge to the university to begin the search for the next Chancellor, Chairman Augustine stated that the Board would be receiving an email shortly regarding their desire to be on the Search Committee. As there will be anywhere from three to four representatives on the Committee, the Chairman asked that he wanted commitments from those who had a real desire to serve. The chairman also asked the Board to communicate with him regarding Board committees that they preferred to sit on.

CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Interim Chancellor Peggy Valentine recognized Mr. Robert Stogner, FSU Internal Auditor, for his time and service to the university. Mr. Stogner is retiring and will be missed. He was presented with a beautiful plaque.

We received the State Audit Report and there were no findings. The audience was elated.

Dr. Valentine introduced Ret. General Rodney Anderson, who is our Economic Leadership consultant and Special Assistant to the Provost for Military Standards. Ret. General Anderson spoke about the impact of our future in an environment that is rapidly changing and what's fueling it. He shared trends that are changing our world, all industries (workforce environments), jobs (human vs. machines), customer expectations, skill acquisition, population and workforce. Education is a key factor in helping to shape our best future, although most leaders believe that education hasn't kept up with skills.

Taking a snapshot at her first 100 days, Interim Chancellor Valentine shared the three goals she has set for the year: student success, communications, and regional accreditation reaffirmation. Student success will be determined by a shift in student enrollment trends. Through communications, we will tell FSU's stories. Dr. Valentine has held cabinet retreats and webinars to get the stories out. In early 2020, television commercials will begin airing and the *FSU Innovation* publication should be out in the spring, both highlighting our story.

Dr. Valentine has attended Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) meetings. Recently, she and an FSU delegation traveled to Houston, Texas to acquire information about new SACS guidelines and policies as we ready for our accreditation visit. There has been a lot of talk about not having regional accreditation. Our on-site visit will be in 2022 and our self-study due in 2021.

Some changes have been made to some departments to enhance efficiency and effectiveness. Communications is no longer under the umbrella of Institutional Advancement. Audit and Campus Safety have been moved to Legal Affairs. Campus Police was moved to Business and Finance. Finally, Human Resources has been moved to the Office of the Chief of Staff.

Dr. Valentine spoke about ways to increase revenue at the university. She stated that summer is a great time to bring in more revenue. Suggestions that Dr. Valentine provided to bring in more revenue were 1) explore the model of enrolling senior high school students in college for course credit, 2) conduct regular meetings and briefings with potential donors to support student scholarships, and 3) explore the concept of eSports to generate revenue.

Last, Dr. Valentine discussed future opportunities for the university. She stated that health science programs bring in more money. The idea would be to expand health science offerings. Also, a “welcome center” would be amenable. It could be used to raise funds to address the needs of commuter students, veterans, faculty, alums and others.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Richard Adams 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

A holiday reception will be held December 14, 2020 at the residence of Interim Chancellor Peggy Valentine. The drop-in reception is from 2 – 5 p.m.

Trustee Val Applewhite asked if there was anything in place for students to get help with financial literacy as well if it can be a required part of the students’ curriculum. Trustee Will Warner, Vice President North Carolina State Credit Union, stated that he would be happy to come to FSU and talk with students regarding finances and financial literacy.

ADJORNMENT

Trustee Val Applewhite made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Jonathan Charleston second the motion. *The motion carried.* The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Brenda Timberlake, Secretary
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder