

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY  
MINUTES  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
Rudolph Jones Student Center Multipurpose Room and via ZOOM  
September 24, 2020  
1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 1:34 p.m. in the Rudolph Jones Student Center Multipurpose Room 242 and via ZOOM. Chairman Stuart Augustine presided. Trustee Brenda Timberlake delivered the invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Glenn Adams, Richard C. Adams, Valencia Applewhite, Stuart Augustine, Jonathan Charleston, John Douglas English, Sydney Harris, Warren McDonald, John McFadyen, Sherida McMullan, Brenda Timberlake, and Will Warner. Trustee Brandon Phillips was 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 Jonathan Charleston that the minutes of the Board meeting held June 11, 2020, with corrections noted, be accepted as printed. *The motion carried.*

Trustee English noted changes to the June 11, 2020 minutes as follows: Page 1, in paragraph three, line two under "Swearing-in Ceremony" should read *Vice President of McGriff Insurance Services*. On page three, paragraph six, second line should read *the niece of Mr. Marion "Rex" and Aronul E. Harris for whom the College of Business and Economics Building is named.*

#### CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS

Interim Chancellor Peggy Valentine shared her goals for 2020-2021. Her goals were 1) maintain enrollment of students at a minimum of 5,575, 2) launch a new strategic plan, 3) finalize the SACSCOC Self-Study Report by May of 2021, and 4) generate revenue to support the university.

Enrollment numbers are looking good, Dr. Valentine shared. Current enrollment for fall 2020 is 6,726 students. There are 736 first-time freshmen. Looking at our enrollment status based on ethnicity, African Americans are the largest

population on campus, followed by Hispanics, others, then whites. Military students make up 25% of FSU's enrollment. The plan is to grow this population.

In fall 2020, we had the largest number of graduate students at FSU. Of our graduates, 21.8% graduated in four years. Interim Chancellor Valentine stated that we will work on these numbers.

There is a wide gap between the number of male students than female students who are enrolled. In the freshman class, the gap is much wider. Dr. Valentine stated that we must work harder to close the gap, which means working with high schools.

The top five (5) disciplines are 1) pre-health, 2) psychology, 3) pre-business administration, 4) nursing-RN, and 5) pre-education. Pre-education is growing. Interim Chancellor Valentine stated that in 2015, criminal justice was the top major followed by psychology, pre-nursing, nursing-RN-BSN, and biology. Dr. Valentine is enthusiastic about our current outlook.

Interim Chancellor Valentine shared our fall-2012 through fall 2020 research productivity. Fall 2020 has been our most productive year since fall of 2012. This fall has yielded the highest number of awards received, a substantial increase over the previous year.

Dr. Valentine gave a comparison of Title III funding in 2019 and 2020.

**Title III, Part B**

2019-20 - \$4,927,594

2020-21 - \$6,258,899

**Title III, Part F -SAFRA (ending 2019-20)**

2019-20 - \$1,203,076

**Title III, Part F – FUTURE ACT (new 5-year cycle)**

2020-21 - \$1,283,684

Recent funding awards include COVID related funding and technology expansion.

Interim Chancellor Valentine acknowledged the Board of Governors, the Board of Trustees, and Trustee Jonathan Charleston for working with Representative John Szoka in acquiring \$5,000,000 in appropriations for FSU. This funding will be used to increase work in technology.

The Board was presented with the Chancellor's Cabinet's strategic priorities. They will be developing and updating plans to include a strategic enrollment plan,

updating the university's Master Plan, developing a fundraising plan as well as a communication plan, and update the Economic Impact Study.

Dr. Lori Guevara was recently named director of Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for SACSCOC at FSU. The QEP's focus is to infuse adaptive learning technology and strategies to enhance student success. Dr. Guevara is collecting data for the 2021 SACSCOC visit with the support of each academic division's unit-level plans in support of the overall strategic plan.

Interim Chancellor Valentine stated that we are expanding our partnerships. One of those partnerships is with Meharry Medical College. The Meharry partnership is a 3+3+3 curriculum in which students will attend FSU for three years, Meharry Medical School for three years as a medical student and return to Cumberland County in preparation for licensing and three-year residency training. Virtual MOU signing with Meharry Medical School will be held on October 23, 2020. The first students to participate will be recognized in May.

Other entities FSU will be in partnership with are Dell Technologies, CORVID Technologies, among others. These partnerships will bring opportunities for faculty and students.

Dr. Valentine provided an update on COVID-19 and its impact on the university. At present, there are 19 cases. The number of cumulative cases is 93. The university is proactive in assuring that the campus is doing everything necessary to keep this a safe campus. The university is partnering with Cape Fear Valley Hospital to provide weekend coverage for the Student Health Center.

There has been a great amount of testing among our students. Seven thousand kits arrived on campus two days ago. Staff will undergo training to utilize the new kits. Once a COVID test is given, a health worker should receive a response in fifteen minutes. Dr. Valentine shared several pictorial slides of FSU's health service providers administering tests on campus to the community. Many waited in their cars for more than an hour to take the test.

One of Interim Chancellor Valentine's goals is to enhance our communications and telling our story. Dr. Valentine has implemented and consistently held monthly webinars and town hall meetings with stakeholders. The university has maintained a continual presence in television and print media. Dr. Valentine has met with Board of Governor liaison, Leo Daughtry, System President Peter Hans, and Representative John Szoka. In November, the University Magazine will be published and disseminated. Finally, the annual report is being finalized for release in October. She then introduced our State Rep. John Szoka.

State Representative John Szoka is a U.S. Army veteran who graduated from West Point. He is an advocate for jobs for our community and has led the way to help small businesses recover as well as help to reset the state's economy. He was part of the infrastructure in acquiring and investing a billion dollars for state

roads. Representative Szoka shared with the Board the \$5,000,000 in funding he helped to secure from the NCGA for the university's new public/private partnership in cyber security education. The benefit to students is that they will be able to work with the fastest super computers, testing and prototyping in state-of-the-art labs, and be able to cash in on internships that will lead to well-paying jobs. The benefit to faculty is that they will become experts.

Trustee Jonathan Charleston congratulated the university in reversing the trend in major disciplines—from criminal justice to health care studies is commendable. He also stated if anyone had ideas that would be a great partnership for the university that Rep. Szoka is the person to talk with in helping to get those ideas funded, if viable.

Trustee Glenn Adams encouraged Chairman Augustine to send notes of congratulations to all persons who participated in this effort.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Sherida McMullan, Chair  
Chair McMullan asked for a motion to approve the revised Board of Trustees' Appellate Policy and Procedures to reflect changes to The Code. Trustee Warren McDonald made a motion to approve the revised Board of Trustees' Appellate Policy and Procedures. Trustee Brenda Timberlake second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Stuart Augustine, Acting Chair  
Acting Chair Augustine requested the full Board's approval of the easement to install a city bus stop requested by the City of Fayetteville, for as long as the bus stop is operational. Trustee Charleston made a motion to approve the easement with stipulation. Trustee McDonald second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Acting Chair Augustine asked for a motion to approve the easement requested by T-Mobile with the Real Estate section of the State Property Office responsible for negotiating the amount to be paid subject to the approval of the Council of State. Trustee Charleston made a motion to approve the easement requested by T-Mobile. Trustee English second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Acting Chair Augustine asked for a motion to approve the easement requested by Verizon Wireless. Trustee Charleston made a motion to approve the easement requested by Verizon Wireless. Trustee McDonald second the motion. *The motion carried.*

Acting Chair Augustine asked for a motion to approve the Lyons Science Comprehensive Renovation and the project authority be increased from \$12 million to \$14 million, with final approval by the UNC Board of Governors. Trustee Charleston made a motion to approve the Lyons Science Comprehensive Renovation and the project authority be increased from \$12

million to \$14 million, with final approval by the UNC Board of Governors. Trustee Glenn Adams second the motion. *The motion carried.*

University Advancement Committee – Trustee Richard Adams, Chair  
Trustee Richard Adams asked for a motion to approve the Naming of Facilities and Academic Programs revised policy. Trustee Charleston asked if this request effects the buildings that are already named on campus. Interim Vice Chancellor for University Advancement, Dr. Harriet Davis, stated that the policy will affect any future naming opportunities and will not affect the naming of any buildings named in the past. Trustee Jonathan Charleston made a motion to approve the revised policy. Trustee Warren McDonald second the motion. *The motion carried.*

## REPORT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trustee Brenda Timberlake, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented her report.

Trustee Stuart Augustine, Chairman  
Trustee Valencia Applewhite, Vice Chairman  
Trustee John McFadyen, Secretary

Trustee Timberlake asked for a motion to approve the nominations. Trustee Warren McDonald made a motion to approve the nominations as presented. Trustee Sherida McMullan second the motion. Trustee Timberlake asked if there were any questions.

Trustee Jonathan Charleston stated that the nomination for officers should have been circulated prior to the Board meeting.

Trustee Brenda Timberlake asked for a vote and the motion carried.

## STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Sydney Harris shared the Mission Statement for 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.

SGA's August initiatives included Welcome Week, which included assisting with the laptop distribution (freshmen were awarded laptops via a gift to the university), parent drive-up (received information, t-shirts), alumni connection party and a SGA informational session which was held during one of the student council events. Student elections were held August 10<sup>th</sup>. On August 12<sup>th</sup>, the Chancellor Search Student Forum was held virtually. The SGA held their first ever in history virtual Senate meeting which was a success with a few minor hiccups. The Senior Class Council sponsored a post-grad attack in which conversation was had about life after graduation. SGA also kicked off their voter

education, registration, and motivation initiative. The SGA received a grant to give five student ambassadors a stipend to implement voter registration programs.

SGA's September initiatives sparked voter registration training on September 3<sup>rd</sup> for all student organizations. On September 4<sup>th</sup>, newly elected officials were revealed. The sophomore class hosted a student panel for incoming freshmen in which they shared their experiences as new freshmen. A voter education social media series, of which a portion was featured on *Chat with the Chancellor*, was conducted to share the voting process as it relates to the NOW generation. The March on Murchison social media campaign was held. Displayed along the walkway outside from the student center to New Residence Hall are placards that depict names of civil rights activists on the left and on the right, placards of those who lost their lives due to police brutality. "Set if Off" Senior Class Initiative in which participants saw a movie and held conversations about social justice. On next week, Trustee Harris stated that National Voter Registration Action Week. During next week, different student groups will compete to see who will register the most students. As well, the competition will extend to the dorms. The dorm personnel who registers the most students will receive an award.

#### CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Augustine provided an update on the Chancellor Search for the next Chancellor of Fayetteville State University. He stated that online forums were held that included staff, faculty, students, alumni, and the community. A leadership statement has been put together, which is being actively marketed. There will be a meeting in early October to review candidate resumes and in November, campus interviews will be conducted.

Chairman Augustine stated that he participated in Bronco Mute Monday. This event was hosted by our students which Chairman Augustine stated was awesome.

A Board of Trustee's retreat has been planned for December 1, 2020 at the Embassy Suites. Chairman Augustine stated that Roberts Rules of Order will be one of the topics in order that Board meetings can operate more efficiently. Long-term goals will also be discussed.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Sydney Harris announced that on Monday, the SGA will host North Carolina Chief Justice Cheri Beasley as part of her virtual "Road to Justice" tour.

Trustee Val Applewhite thanked the university for what they're doing and congratulated Dr. Peggy Valentine for her live webinars and the number of viewers who are viewing. Dr. Valentine stated that the views in one sitting went from 800 viewers to 8,000 views later that week.

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brenda Timberlake, Secretary  
Suzetta Perkins, Recorder