

## DRAFT

### FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

#### MINUTES

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, September 18, 2014

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 18, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Lucy Vidal-Barreto presided.

Chairman Vidal-Barreto made a motion to have the By-Laws suspended in order that we could meet today, the third Thursday in September instead of the fourth Thursday in September. Trustee Vedas Neal seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

Trustee Emeritus W. T. Brown delivered the invocation.

#### SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed Trustee member Mr. Jared James, SGA President, by Notary Public, Mr. Terrance Robinson.

#### ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Richard Adams, Claude Bagues, Wayne Branch, Jodie Ervin, John R. Griffin, Jr., Jared James, Vedas Neal, Inder Nijhawan, Donald Porter, Brenda Timberlake, and Lucy Vidal-Barreto. Trustee Emeritus W. T. Brown was also in attendance. Trustees Edward Dickerson and Ruth Dial Woods were not in attendance.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, 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 John Griffin, Jr. that the minutes of the regular Board meeting held June 12, 2014, be accepted as printed and distributed. *The motion carried.*

## STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Jared James provided an update on Student Government Association (SGA) activities. Trustee James introduced himself as the newly elected SGA President. He was born in Jamaica, New York and now resides in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. James stated that the SGA will focus on three strategic goals. They are as follows: campus security, community partnerships, and igniting Bronco pride. Mr. James stated that he has twice been the victim of an on-campus robbery, so campus security is one of his priorities. The SGA has engaged in community partnerships in attempt to have a university presence in the community. The SGA is on course to ignite Bronco Pride. They'd like to get students more involved in on-campus events.

SGA Week was held September 9 – 13. A SGA sponsored bus trip to the Two Rivers Classic at Pembroke rounded out the week.

Several campus surveys were administered to students that included wi-fi in all dorm rooms in the residence halls, Aramark Dining services, and campus security. In response to the wi-fi survey that was given to students who live in the residence halls, the majority (136) of the students stated that they would be okay with a \$100 to \$150 student fee increase; there were others who were willing to pay an increase from \$200 to \$250. It is hopeful that wi-fi in all dorm rooms will be available by January of 2015. Dr. Janice Haynie, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, stated that Student Affairs will pay the \$300,000 start-up fee. Students will then be accessed a fee beginning the following school year.

Upcoming events include the SGA Tailgate activities during the FSU versus Virginia Union football game on September 20. There will be a Walk-a-Mile in Her Heels on October 15 in support of domestic violence awareness. The third annual SGA Bonfire will be held on November 8 after the final home game.

Trustee Inder Nijhawan asked if the SGA has done anything to provide students with information regarding the upcoming November general election. Dr. Haynie stated that the University received a \$750 grant from Campus Compact that will be used to educate the student body regarding the upcoming elections.

Trustee Vedas Neal stated that she's noticed that the hype for the football games has increased. Trustee James attributes it to a different dynamic of students and an increased level of participation, especially among sophomores.

## CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chair Lucy Vidal-Barreto stated that the FSU Board of Trustees Endowment Fund Board continues to work on identifying and acquiring an administrator for the FSU Endowment Fund. Chair Vidal-Barreto thanked Dr. Inder Nijhawan for all of his work in this matter. She is hopeful that the finalist will be selected this afternoon.

Work has begun on the Strategic Plan for 2015-2020. Chair Vidal-Barreto thanked all Board members for their work and dedication as part of the committee.

On last evening, Chair Vidal-Barreto attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Student Center. It was a wonderful affair. Chair Vidal-Barreto brought greetings from the Board.

Chair Vidal-Barreto acknowledged a note of thanks from former Board Chair, Terence Murchison, thanking the Board for their support during the passing of his wife.

Chair Vidal-Barreto stated that this was the last meeting that she will preside as Chair of the Board. Her focus still remains on fundraising, outcomes, and engagement and participation. During her tenure as Chair, she supported the \$25 million Capital Campaign, engaged and participated in University events 100% of the time, and held a comprehensive Board retreat to discuss goals and strategies for moving the University ahead. She's also worked and is still working on having the University's Endowment placed with the right management company. She also pledged her support and assistance to the upcoming Executive Committee.

Vidal-Barreto thanked and expressed deepest appreciation to those who supported her during her tenure: trustees, Chancellor James Anderson for his leadership, Dr. Thomas Conway, the vice chancellors, Atty. Wanda Jenkins, and Suzetta Perkins. She further stated that it was a privilege to serve as chair. It was a true experience and it enriched her as a person and as a professional. She would even accept a title of Honorary Alumnus.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson acknowledged Trustee Brenda Timberlake's birthday. The Board joined the Chancellor in a round of Happy Birthday.

Kudos were given to Dr. Janice Haynie and staff for an outstanding ribbon-cutting ceremony for the newly renovated Rudolph Jones Student Center. Chancellor Anderson stated that it was a great affair.

Some time ago, some of our business students presented to the Board a thermo-electro patch they designed and developed. When this patch is attached to the back of a cell phone, iPad, or other like device, the heat from a one's hand will charge the cell phone. The students have waited three years for the patent to be approved, and if all goes well, it will be approved next week. Once the patent is received, marketing the patch for the University will come next. Also, a provisional patent has been issued to one of our staff members (ex-military) in Sponsored Research, who's designed a covering for wounds.

In the last year and a half, the Center for Defense and Homeland Security (CDHS) has realized a significant amount in grants. The CDHS recently received a grant in the

amount of \$47,000, in partnership with Gear-Up, to host the National Transportation Summer Institute at FSU; they received a \$718,000 grant funded by the office of Naval Research to develop a ninth grade through undergrad cyber-STEM platform; they received a \$399,000 grant, partnering with the Department of Chemistry and Physics—a 3-year HBCU grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to innovate the stem curriculum; and in partnership with the School of Education received a \$750,000 grant that will be used to broaden the participation of students with disabilities in STEM.

Chancellor Anderson stated that he's proud of the fundraising efforts that have been made so far. He passed out campaign books to each Board member and asked that they give the book to a prospect. Board members are to give Mr. Getchel Caldwell, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, the prospect's name.

The legislature approved a \$5 million SPA/EPA increase for the entire UNC System. FSU received \$93,000 of that \$5 million. While SPA employees will each receive a set amount, it will be tougher to administer raises to EPA employees, as \$93,000 isn't enough to give raises to everyone.

Chancellor Anderson says that Southern New Hampshire State University, the nation's largest provider of competency-based teaching, is definitely on to something and deserves a closer look. When he first learned of it, he dismissed its effectiveness. Competency-based teaching is an alternate way for students to accumulate college credit. Students can earn credit hours based on demonstrating their mastery of a topic or competency assessment rather than according to hours of study. This model has appealed mostly to working adults and military veterans, while increasingly being aimed at traditional students.

## CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Veda Neal 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). Trustee Claude Bogues seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

## OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session. Trustee John R. Griffin, Jr, Chair of the Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee, asked that the Board approve the recommendation of Dr. James Raynor for promotion to full Professor. Trustee Inder Nijhawan seconded the motion. *The motion carried.*

## REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Due to multiple nominees for each of the three executive positions that were open, Trustee John Griffin and Trustee Jodie Ervin, Co-Chairs of the Nominating Committee, had a ballot prepared with the list of nominees for each office. Each Trustee present,

with the exception of Dr. W. T. Brown, Trustee Emeritus, was given a ballot. The result of the vote was as follows:

Mr. Donald Porter - Chair  
Mr. Wayne Branch - Vice Chair  
Mr. Jodie Ervin – Secretary

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Donald Porter, Secretary  
Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder