

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, March 22, 2007

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 1:40 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Chesnutt Library. Chairman John (Ben) Brown presided. Trustee Emeritus W. T. Brown delivered the invocation.

#### ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: John Brown, Jr.; Gloria Carter; Jerry Dean; Shirish Devasthali; Nathan Garrett; John Griffin, Jr.; Juanita Pilgrim; Stephen Raper; Sylvia Ray; Keisha Robinson; Michael Todd; and Roosevelt Wright. Trustee Catherine LeBlanc was absent. Trustees emeritus W. T. Brown was also in attendance.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Raper and properly seconded by Trustee Griffin that the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 22, 2007, special called meetings held April 27, May 10, and May 11, 2007, be accepted as printed and distributed. The motion carried.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Brown 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.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee John R. Griffin, Jr., Chair  
Dr. Juliette Bell, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs provided an update for the Division of Academic Affairs. She announced two recent appointments—David Camps, Director of Sponsored Research and Programs, and Denise Bosselman, Bibliographical Instruction and Distance Education Librarian. Searches are in progress for the Dean of the School of Education and two department chair vacancies in the departments of Government and History and Criminal Justice. There are also searches being conducted for three (3) endowed chairs and 30 faculty positions.

The School of Business was awarded a five-year accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), which is effective spring 2007. The School of Business at FSU is the only AACSB accredited business school in this region.

The School of Education will have a joint site visit scheduled for April 21-25, 2007, from the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the North Carolina Department of Instruction (NCDPI). Dr. Bell also shared the 2007-2012 timeline for the College of Basic and Applied Sciences (CBAS) programs and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) programs for which they are seeking specialized accreditation. (See Agenda Item 3-A)

Trustee Griffin shared that Ms. Rasheema Johnson provided an excellent report on the Community College Initiative. She spoke about the transferability of an associate's degree in various areas to four-year institutions either in the form of a 2+2 plan or dual enrollment. Trustee Griffin stated that the dual-enrollment plan would enhance our enrollment figures. (See Agenda Item 3-B)

Ms. Wanda Jenkins, Chief of Staff and University General Counsel, provided an update on FSU's plan for management flexibility for personnel appointments. She reviewed the nine specific areas of policy and/or procedure that the Board of Governors requires in the institutional plan. (See Agenda Item 3-C)

Audit Committee – Trustee Stephen Raper, Chair

Trustee Raper stated that a quorum was not present during the committee meeting for approval of the December 14, 2006, minutes. Since members of the committee were now present, Trustee Raper asked for a motion to adopt the minutes. Trustee Brown moved to approve the minutes and Trustee Pilgrim properly second the motion. The motion carried.

Trustee Raper stated that three items of information were presented by Mr. George Sullivan, Director of Internal Audit. Trustee Raper acknowledged that this was Mr. Sullivan's last day and wished him well in his new endeavors.

The state auditors continue work on their annual audit of FSU's financial statements and will issue a report on FSU's financial statements and internal controls. The state auditors will also continue work on their audit of FSU's Information and Technology IT System. The focus of their audit has been on access controls and system security. (See Agenda Item 8-A)

Mr. Sullivan reported that the state auditors completed a state-wide audit of internal auditing in North Carolina agencies and institutions last year. One of the report's recommendations addressed the need for university internal audit departments to obtain an external quality-assessment review at regular intervals. FSU will participate with other internal audit offices at other UNC institutions. (See Agenda Item 8-B)

FSU is in the process of hiring an information-systems auditor. The job has been advertised. This position will allow for greater oversight of university information systems and help ensure proper security of data and continuity of operations. (See Agenda Item 8-C)

Trustee Raper shared that Chancellor Bryan shared information about the replacement process for Mr. Sullivan. His position has been advertised. In the interim, the responsibility of this office rests with Ms. Wanda Jenkins. Several contract auditors have been hired to maintain the function of that office.

Business and Finance Committee Meeting – Trustee Ben Brown, Acting Chair  
Trustee Brown stated that Ms. Latonya Hankins, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, provided an overall summary of our expenditures and receipts. Mr. Rudolph Cardenas, Director of Planning and Construction, provided a capital projects update of our bond projects: they are 95 to 99 percent complete. (See Agenda Item 4-A)

Ms. Hankins provided an update on the PACE initiative. PACE is a system-wide initiative initiated by President Bowles to review university operations and identify ways to improve efficiency and effectiveness on our campus. FSU has completed its interim PACE report. (See Agenda Item 4-B)

Mr. Rudolph Cardenas, Interim Associate Vice chancellor for Facilities Management, provided an update on the university's capital projects. (See Agenda Item 4-C)

A presentation of the Campus Master Plan and Housing Plan was provided by the architectural firm of Lappas + Havener, PA. Trustee Brown said the presentation was enlightening and very thorough. (See Agenda Item 4-D)

Committee members were asked to approve the selection of a firm to design the new Science and Technology Building. Trustee Brown made a motion to approve the recommendation of Heery Aanshen + Allen to be the design architect to design the new Science and Technology Building. The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Dean. The motion carried. (See Agenda Item 4-E)

Endowment Board Committee – Trustee Ben Brown, Chair  
Chairman Brown stated that the Endowment Board Committee meets twice a year. Ms. Latonya Hankins reported that FSU has 26 endowments totaling \$6,929,769. Scholarships in the amount of \$144,000 were awarded this past year.

There was discussion about the length of time that we have utilized our present investment company. There has not been an assessment of the company's practice, our return on investment, and analysis of our spend rate since 1988. Chairman Brown asked that the FSU staff provide at the next meeting of the Endowment Board clear, factual information and should invite administrators from the Common Fund so that the Committee can engage in constructive conversation as to how we administer our funds so that the Board can make decent decisions about our investment future.

The Board approved a five percent spending rate for next year with an approximate yield of \$344,000 that will be allotted for scholarships.

## CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Bryan introduced several new administrators who recently joined the university. Special recognition was given to Dr. Carole Boston-Weatherford, an associate professor of English, for receiving an Image Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) for her children's book *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*, which also appeared on the *New York Times* bestseller list. Also, in January, the book won a 2007 Caldecot Honor Book designation and won the Coretta Scott King Illustrator Award. The Caldecott Honor designation is significant because it means that the book is destined to become a classic.

The major foci of Chancellor Bryan's report are student achievement. Several students were highlighted for their academic accomplishments.

- Mr. Saed Abokor, a junior at FSU, has been honored with an award for research he presented at the Annual Biomedical Research Conference for Minority Students (ABRCMS) in Anaheim, California, in November 2006.
- Ms. Kaity Parson, Miss Fayetteville State University 2005-06, competed in the Miss Fayetteville Pageant and placed second runner-up.
- Ms. Chimere Collins, Miss Fayetteville State University 2006-07, represented the university in the annual Miss Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association (CIAA) Competition during the 2007 tournament in Charlotte, North Carolina. In 2006, she was selected to participate in the 2006 Medical Educational Development Program at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Mr. Leonard Jones and Mr. Charles Nieves have been selected to participate in the Thurgood Marshall College Fund's Sales Training Program to be held on March 25-28, 2007, in San Francisco, California.

The UNC in Washington Program is becoming one of our most popular student-enrichment ventures. The program allows students to spend a semester or summer living and working in Washington, DC, for course credit.

Dr. Marvin Curtis, assistant dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and faculty coordinator for the UNC in Washington Program, joined Chancellor Bryan in presenting certificates to student participants. They are Ms. Sherry Boone, Ms. Tanisha Elliott, Ms. Erica Faison, Ms. Sarah Faison, Ms. Jessica Knowlin, Ms. Camille Leacock, Ms. Tamika Spencer, and Ms. Kendra Sumler. Ms. Janelle Easterling was not in attendance. Three more students will participate in the program this summer. They are Mr. Michael C. Jones, Ms. Courtni Perry, and Ms. Crystal Powell.

Fayetteville State University student athletes continue to perform well in their respective sports and in the classroom. Sixteen student-athletes were named to the Chancellor's List for the fall 2006 semester, and 23 were named to the Dean's List. Fifteen student-athletes and student athletic-support staff were selected as All-American Scholars by the United States Achievement All-American Scholar Program.

Mr. Hazael Andrew, one of FSU's notable performers, was named a first-team member of the College Sports Information Directors of America's District III College Division All-Academic Team. This is the second time that Mr. Andrew has been named to the District III team. Ms. Shayla Roberts, a senior forward on the women's basketball team, was selected as a Georgia 2007 "Peach of an Athlete" by the Atlanta Area Council of Boy Scouts of America for her outstanding achievement in and outside of the athletic arena. Mr. Ian Milne, the 2006 Professional Golfers Association National Minority Individual Golf Champion, was recently honored by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) as an honorary member of the 2006 GCAA Division II All-American Golf Team.

Four players from the FSU volleyball team, Ms. Heather Chance, Ms. Crystal Huffman, Ms. Tammy McFadden, and Ms. Sha'Quana Veney, have been invited to participate on the United States of America International Volleyball Team. They will play in Barbados. The Lady Broncos Bowlers have participated in three NCAA Division I tournaments and won the North Carolina A&T Aggie Invitation, finished third in the Florida A&M Rattler Invitational, and finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the Morgan State University Invitational.

Chancellor Bryan introduced several key administrators who recently joined FSU: Mr. Stephen McDaniel, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement; Ms. Jolene Elkins, Associate Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance; Mr. Rudy Cardenas, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Maintenance; Ms. Denise Bosselman, Director of Bibliographical Instruction and Distance Education Librarian; Mr. David Camps, Director of Sponsored Research; and Ms. Marsha McLean, Director of Special Projects.

## STUDENT UPDATE

Trustee Keisha Robinson stated that she was pleased with the strides the university is making to make the university greater and was very impressed with the Master Plan that was presented earlier in the day.

As a voice for the students, Trustee Robinson shared thoughts and facts about certain elements of student life on campus. She asked that while decisions are being made concerning tuition and fees, the university must remember that students come first and to keep in mind the economic disparities on our campus. Trustee Robinson stated that strides are being made as the voices and views of students are being heard and acted upon and challenged the university to continue in this vein. Student academic success remains a high priority with Trustee Robinson, however, while enrollment growth is good, retention rates should be the main focus. Trustee Robinson contends that we must do what is necessary to see that our students remain at FSU and are competitive.

Trustee Robinson highlighted the efforts of our athletic teams and acknowledged the loss of Coach Larry McLean.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Trustee Devasthali announced several events that would be happening in the community: 1) Friday is the India Festival, 2) International Day, and 3) Faces in the Community.

Chairman Brown shared thoughts as a result of his meeting with UNC President Erskine Bowles and Chief of Staff Mr. Jeff Davies last week. He stated that President Bowles is looking to the Board of Trustees to step up and become involved and hold people accountable in matters of policy and economic development. Such involvement will include the UNC Tomorrow initiative that will determine how each campus can best meet the needs of the state and its people.

There are certain expectations as one sits on a Board. Fundraising is a major aspect of FSU life that Boards need to take seriously.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria M. Carter, Secretary

Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder