

**FULL BOARD MEETING
Thursday, March 23, 2023
9:00 am**

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Rudolph Jones Student Center, Multipurpose Room 242, and via Zoom. Chair Glenn Adams presided. Trustee Frederick Nelson delivered the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Glenn Adams, Joyce Adams, Stuart Augustin, Doug English, Maya Martin, Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Warren McDonald, John McFadyen, Fred Nelson, Greg Pinnix, and Will Warner.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, 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 Adams and seconded by Trustee Augustine that the minutes of the regular board meeting held on December 8, 2022, and special called meeting held on February 17, 2022, be accepted as printed. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic and Student Affairs: Vice Chair Frederick Nelson

Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor Monica T. Leach provided a snapshot of the spring 2023 enrollment comparison. Overall, FSU saw increases in our student enrollment from 6,276 in 2022 to 6,355 in 2023. Specifically reviewing our freshman, military, and adult learners:

- Our freshmen students increased from 37 students in 2022 to 69 students in 2023.
- Our adult learners increased from 3,027 in 2022 to 3,060 in 2023.
- Our military students increased from 1,696 in 2022 to 2,028 in 2023.

Provost Leach, next, introduced Dr. Teresa Thompson-Pinckney, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Enrollment Management to provide an overview of the Bronco Opportunity Scholarship, which is a need-based award designed to ease financial stress by reducing the cost of undergraduate tuition and make earning a college degree more achievable. There will be a total of three cohorts who will receive 4-year renewable scholarships and a laptop in their first year to help meet their digital needs.

Following, Provost Leach introduced Dr. Nicole Lucas, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Effectiveness, Research and Planning, provided an overview of the 30-60-90 Free Summer School initiative. Currently, over 1,000 students have been accepted into the program. The steering committee plans to work with the 30-60-90 Student Ambassadors to further help increase student participation before the May 20th deadline to apply.

Dr. Pamela Baldwin, Interim Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management, provided an overview of the Bronco Boost Summer Bridge Program. The program is a 7-week transition program from June 17th through July 31st where incoming students get a head start on adjusting to campus life by living on campus during the summer immediately following their high school graduation. Over the summer, Bronco Boost students will earn 7 credits within Math, English, and Personal Finance. 36 applications for peer mentors have been received and interviews took place the week of March 6, 2023.

Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Juanette Council, provided an update on the campus's residence life plan, including the McLeod Hall renovation project and the new residence hall. McLeod hall transitioned from active to offline effective August 31, 2022. The renovation project is scheduled for completion in October 2023. The current residence life plan will increase the number of on-campus housing beds from 1,415 to 1,875 spaces by the 2023-2024 academic year. With the completion of the plan, 68% of all residential spaces will be in the East-North quadrant of campus. The Campus Master Plan will further guide the campus's development on how best to meet current and future housing needs.

Athletics: Trustee John McFadyen

A. D. Todd Bennett provided an update on the athletic achievements of our indoor track team and the academic success of our student-athletes. The women's indoor track team won the CIAA Conference indoor track championship at the JDL Fast Track in Winston Salem, NC on Monday, February 12, 2023. This is the 3rd consecutive indoor track conference championship led by Coach Inez Turner. AD Bennet also reported on the athletic department's success in the classroom at the conclusion of the Fall 2022 semester. The student-athletes achieved a cumulative 3.11 grade point average. Of the 125 student-athletes, 22 attained a perfect 4.0 GPA and 45 obtained between a 3.5 to 3.99 average.

The NCAA recently announced the latest Federal Graduation Rates (FGR) for student-athletes. The data show FSU student-athletes rank above the overall Division II average in the graduation rate and four-class average. The Broncos posted an FGR of 71% compared to the overall Division II rate of 59%. FSU also ranks two percent higher than the DII Four-Class Average at 62%.

The Graduation Rates Institution Report gives graduation information about the most recent six-year graduating class of student-athletes who entered as freshmen in 2015-16.

AD Bennett ended his presentation with an update on the recently submitted athletic report to the UNC System. The annual report requires FSU to report information regarding the following:

- # of students admitted that didn't meet minimum eligibility requirements
- # of students recruited with core high school GPAs
- # of students considered enrolled in classes that are considered clusters
- (25% or more student-athletes)
- # of students enrolled in specific programs of study

Mr. Bennett stated that no irregularities were reported in the report.

University Advancement: Chair Doug English

Mr. Timothy Minor provided a high-level overview of the strategic direction of the University Advancement program and milestones, a plan of action offering specific recommendations for enhancements within the program, and suggestions to spark further dialogue for the ongoing programs that support the strategic initiatives of Fayetteville State University and the development of a dynamic Advancement organization. Derek Dortch is helping provide a Comprehensive Career Service Program. We have started a Plan and legacy program from the UNC System and Gift Planning Program (UNC Plan Giving LLC) for alumni and board members to give.

Mrs. Arielle King provided an update on fundraising engagement to date. Overall, the University continues to make progress toward achieving the FY23 division goals shared during the last committee meeting. To date:

- The University has raised \$3.07 million dollars overall.
- In which, \$540,057 was raised from Alumni.
- 740 Alumni have given overall.
- Alumni Giving is 3% or less.
- Corporation & Foundations: \$1,536,321.61
- Faculty/ Staff Overall Giving: \$65,260.20

Mrs. Carmen Harper provided an update on alumni engagement. Pre-game gatherings were held to engage local alumni and friends of FSU, in an effort to cultivate and encourage university support and involvement. We currently have 28 active alumni chapters and 9 inactive chapters. We are looking to add 13 new alumni chapters by the end of 2023.

During the 2023 CIAA Basketball Tournament, activities and events were held to further engage alumni. They included a Welcome Center, All CIAA Party, and the Annual Chancellor's Scholarship Brunch. Over \$15,000 was raised for student scholarships.

Legal, Audit, Risk and Compliance: Chair Glenn Adams

Vice Chancellor Jenkins introduced Associate Vice Chancellor for Police and Public Safety and Police Chief Roberto Bryan. Chief Bryan provided the Committee with an overview of his department. Chief Bryan discussed the department's mission, responsibilities, and staffing. He also discussed the department's collaborations with FPD and its desire to seek law enforcement accreditation. The CALEA Law Enforcement Accreditation is a 5 step process to be in the assessment stage by Spring 2024. We are working on a plan to relocate to the University Advancement Building by Spring 2024.

Vice Chancellor Jenkins also introduced Director of Compliance, Equity and Risk Management Beth Hunt. Ms. Hunt provided an overview of the Office of Equity in which she discussed the mission of the office. She also discussed the main responsibilities of the Office, which includes conducting investigations and fact-finding.

Vice Chancellor Jenkins introduced the University Ombuds, Mr. Jeffrey Womble. Mr. Womble informed the Committee that the University Ombuds Office is a newly established Office housed in the LARC Division. Mr. Womble provided detailed information on the role and responsibilities associated with his role as the University Ombuds.

Vice Chancellor for Information Technology and CIO, Dr. Hector Molina, briefed the committee on the status of two of ITS's divisional priorities: goal number 2 – Transform the Campus Network Infrastructure and goal number 4 – Campus Security Awareness. He also introduced Mr. Mewshaw, the University Chief Information Security Officer, to share with the committee - the university's progress towards becoming cybersecurity resilient, and shared the significant progress made within the past 12 months.

Budget and Finance: Chair Stuart Augustine

Dr. Lillian Wanjagi, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, presented the current operating budget status, state fund revenues and expenditures, and the auxiliary services budget status to date, along with an overview of top contracts and grants budget status report, and a capital improvement projects budget summary. Dr. Wanjagi also provided an update on the status of various capital improvement projects, including some key dates on each project.

Wesley Fountain, Vice Chancellor for External Affairs and Military Relations, presented an update on FSU's legislative agenda.

- The first priority includes the Completion Assistance Program (CAP). The UNC System has proposed \$10.5 million in recurring funds (\$1.5 million each institution) to support completion assistance programs at our Historically Minority Serving Institutions and UNCA. FSU's CAP Programs include Bronco Boost and the 30-60-90 Free Summer School program.
- The second priority includes \$10 million renovation and 3,000 square foot addition to the Cook Building. These updates will assist in transforming FSU's Military Affairs and Veteran's Academic Center into a full-service academic support center.
- The third priority includes extending funding for the Fayetteville-Cumberland Regional Entrepreneurship-Business HUB offering support and resources to entrepreneurs, as well as the SANE Nursing Training Pilot

There are 3 items that are being recommended by the Committee to the Full Board for approval:

Action Item 1 - I move that the Board approves the selected firm to provide design services on the University Advancement Building Renovation project and authorizes University staff to negotiate a contract and fee with the selected firm.

Action Item 2 – I move that the Board approves the University to increase the Butler Building Renovation Project Authority to \$3,745,000, with final approval by the UNC Board of Governors.

Action Item 3 – I move that the Board approves the University to increase the Campuswide Hardscape and Exterior Lighting Project Authority to \$1,179,000, with final approval by the UNC Board of Governors.

Student Update: Maya Martin, SGA President

Ms. Martin gave an update on student activities, past and upcoming events.

Chairman's Remarks: Chair Glenn Adams

Chair Adams welcomed Trustee Joyce Adams to the board and congratulated our police department on the newly added K-9 to FSU.

Chancellor's Remarks: Chancellor Darrell Allison

Chancellor Allison informed the board that he implemented a new initiative with the Chancellor's Report. Chancellor will be highlighting our best and brightest students. These students have achieved the Chancellor's List status. The Chancellor reported that 282 students achieved this accomplishment and will receive a Chancellor Medallion at the spring ceremony scheduled for April. He introduced two of the Chancellor's List recipients to the board. Ms. Olivia Boyd and Mr. Tyrone Salter.

The Chancellor also reported on FSU's focus on local investment with a total of \$15.5 million being awarded to FSU. An update was also given on the Murchison Corridor and major capital projects at FSU to include the College of Education, New Residence Hall, Parking Deck, Health and Wellness Center and the Aquatics Center with a total of \$128.8 million. There will be a major renovation project at Bronco Midtown (formally Bronco Square) with a \$1.4 million comprehensive renovation projected for Spring 2024.

Chancellor Allison announced that in February, FSU received a \$580,000 grant from the Cumberland Community Foundation. Funds will enable over 100 Cumberland County graduates to participate in FSU's summer school or Bronco Boost, a new summer bridge program that eases the college transition for our students. The grant augments other FSU aid programs, including Bronco Opportunity Scholarships, which are needs-based scholarships for students from Eastern North Carolina.

Also last month, FSU received a \$750,000 donor gift to launch the Gillis-Jones Institute for Ethics and Leadership. The Institute will offer formative ethics instruction—shaping a new generation of leaders—as well as a speaker series featuring community, business, and military leaders.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Adams Adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

Glenn Adams, *Chair*

Tonya Frederick, *Recorder*