SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Thursday, November 30, 2023
4:00 pm

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, November 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. for a special called meeting. Chair Kimberly Jeffries Leonard presided.

ROLL CALL
The following trustees were in attendance: Glenn Adams, Joyce Adams, Stuart Augustine, Jerry Gregory, Maya Martin, Donald Moore, Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Warren McDonald, John McFadyen, Frederick Nelson, and Greg Pinnix.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chair Jeffries Leonard 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.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The following 11 action items were presented to the full Board for approval:

Action Item BF1 – The Board approves project authority of $700,000 for the BAS platform changes in four campus buildings and authorizes the University to move forward with vendor selection. Trustee Glenn Adams made a motion to approve the project authority. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stuart Augustine. The motion carried.

Action Item BF2 – The Board approves project authority of $740,000 for the Lyons Science Building roof replacement and authorizes the University to move forward with designer selection for the project. Trustee Warren McDonald made a motion to approve the project authority. The motion was seconded by Trustee Glenn Adams. The motion carried.

Action Item BF3 – The Board approves project authority of $300,000 for the Willaims Hall roof replacement project and authorizes the University to move forward with designer selection for the project. Trustee Stuart Augustine made a motion to approve the project authority. The motion was seconded by Trustee Warren McDonald. The motion carried.

Action Item BF4 – The Board approves project authority of $1,200,000 for the Bronco Midtown renovation projects and authorizes the University to move forward with UNC Board of Governors approval. Trustee Stuart Augustine made a motion to approve the project authority. The motion was seconded by Trustee Warren McDonald. The motion carried.

Action Item BF5 – The Board approves the University to increase the McLeod HVAC Conversion project authority by $200,000 to a total of $5,769,184, with final approval by the UNC Board of Governors. Trustee Stuart Augustine made a motion to approve the project authority increase. The motion was seconded by Trustee Warren McDonald. The motion carried.

Action Item BF6 – The Board approves the University to increase the Hackley Hall Fire Alarm Replacement project authority by $75,000 to a total of $325,000. Trustee Stuart Augustine made a motion to approve the project authority increase The motion was seconded by Trustee Warren McDonald. The motion carried.

Action Item BF7 – The Board approves the proposal to increase student health services fee for 2024-2025. The $60.00 increase will generate approximately $216,600.00 in student health fees and will be utilized to reduce wait times for mental health counseling appointments, address deficiencies in laboratory services, and cover state mandated staff salary increases. Trustee Stuart Augustine made a motion to approve the student health services fee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Joyce Adams. The motion carried.

Action Item BF8 – The Board approves the proposal to institute a summer school residence hall application fee 2024-2025. or the 2024-2025 academic year, Residence Life is proposing to institute a $25.00 Summer Application Fee. Due to the increase in the number of students attending Summer School and requesting on-campus housing, an application fee is needed to cover expanding the housing application portal and temporary staff to manage the Summer Housing application process. Trustee Warren McDonald made a motion to approve the summer school residence hall application fee. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stuart Augustine. The motion carried.

Action Item BF9 – The Board approves the proposal to increase residence hall room rates for 2024-2025. For the 2024-2025 academic year, Residence Life is proposing a three percent (3%) increase in all traditional and suite style residence hall room rates and a five percent (5%) increase for Housing Foundation leased property University Place Apartments and Renaissance Hall. The proposed room rate increases are to assist with replacement furniture and deferred needs in the residence halls and b) increased service for technology-related service contracts for Wi-Fi/Streaming. Trustee Maya Martin made a motion to approve the proposal to increase residence hall room rates. The motion was seconded by Trustee Greg Pinnix. The motion carried.

Action Item BF10 – The Board approves a fee increase for digital access to materials 2023-2024. Proposing a paradigm shift from the current model of book rentals to a digital model, which will incur an additional $162 per student, keeping in line with the industry standards as they move away from physical books. Trustee Kimberly Jeffries Leonard asked about the options if a student wants or needs a hard copy book, given that students have different needs. Vice Chancellor Wanjagi clarified that hard copies would be available at a small cost if not a required accommodation but a preference. Trustee Glenn Adams made a motion to approve the fee increase for digital access. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stuart Augustine. The motion carried.

Action Item BF11 – The Board approves the proposed meal plan increase of 11% for 2024-2025. Trustee Frederick Nelson made a motion to approve the meal plan increase. The motion was seconded by Trustee Stuart Augustine. The motion carried.

GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL

There was no information or action items discussed in open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jeffries Leonard adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, *Chair*
Karen Bussey, *Secretary to the University*