SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
Thursday, August 22, 2024
4:00 pm

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. for a special called meeting. Chair Kimberly Jeffries Leonard presided.

ROLL CALL
The following trustees were in attendance: Joyce Adams, Stuart Augustine, Jerry Gregory, Donald Moore, Chair Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Dr. Warren McDonald, Fred Nelson, Greg Pinnix, Johnae Walker, and William Warner.

Staff persons in attendance were Chancellor Darrell Allison, Interim AVC Gene Cottrell, Vice Chancellor Wesley Fountain, Vice Chancellor Wanda Jenkins, Provost Dr. Monica Leach, and AVC Kenny Spayd.

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 UPDATE

Associate Vice Chancellor Kenny Spayd presented the following action item to the Board for approval:

Action Item BF1 – Increase in Project Authority- Health and Wellness Center
The University's expanded Health and Wellness Center will provide more health and wellness space, equipment and programming than originally planned. Because of the expanded size and scope of the facility, additional parking will also be provided. In February 2024 we received BOT approval to increase project authority by $1M using surplus funds from the Bryant/Vance Demo project bringing total project authority to $12.1M. The $1M increase that was approved by the Board in February was ultimately not approved by UNC Board of Governors due to the incompatibility of the funding sources. However, we now have approval from the US Department of Education for an additional $1.8M of HEERF funds to add to the project to cover escalation in the parking and site development costs. Board of Trustees approval is required for new capital projects or additions in construction project budget authority for previously approved projects.

Discussion: Trustee Warner asked why surplus funds could not be used, which was answered due to the Board of Governor’s decision. Trustee Jeffries Leonard asked if this would be the last authority increase. Chancellor Allison responded that we hope the project will not need another increase, however, considering inflation. Trustee Pinnix asked if we could build in a window to ask that costs not go up for a 5–10-year period. AVC Spayd explained that the project will follow a bid process and that it is up for discussion to include this request. Trustee Warner asked how far out will bids start, which AVC Spayd replied in December.

Chair Kimberly Jeffries Leonard made a motion to approve replacing the $1 million of surplus repair and renovation funding with HEERF as well as approve an additional $800,000 in project authority for the Health and Wellness Center project, bringing the total project funding authority to $12,900,000. Trustee William Warner seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

Provost Monica Leach presented the following action item to the Board for approval:

Action Item AA1 – Faculty Post-Tenure Policy
The post-tenure review policy approved by the Board of Governors in January 2024 requires the Chancellor and Provost of each UNC institution to develop a policy and procedures implementing the provisions of the Board of Governors' policy. Additionally, the Board of Governors' policy requires approval by the institution's Board of Trustees. The Chancellor is recommending that the University's Performance Review of Tenured Faculty policy be approval by the Board of Trustees.

Chair Kimberly Jeffries Leonard made a motion to approve recommend approval of the Performance Review of Tenured Faculty policy, as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Fred Nelson. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Jeffries Leonard adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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