



**Board of Trustees
Committee Meeting
Rudolph Jones Student Center
Room 242**

**Committee on Governance and Personnel
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
1:15 p.m.**

AGENDA

Call to Order	Joyce Adams, Committee Chair
Welcome and Opening Remarks	Joyce Adams
Roll Call	Karen Bussey
Approval of Minutes:	September 24, 2025
Information Item:	
A. Federal Update	Wesley Fountain VC for External Affairs & Military Relations
Action Item:	
B. Personnel - Closed Session	Monica T. Leach Provost & Sr. VC for Academic Affairs

Committee members: Joyce Adams, Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Al Ragland, Will Warner, Glenn Adams

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GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

2:00 PM

The Committee on Governance and Personnel of the Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened September 24, 2025, in Rudolph Jones Student Center Room 242 and via Microsoft Teams. Committee Chair Joyce Adams presided and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The following Trustee members were in attendance: Mrs. Joyce Adams, Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Mr. Al Ragland, Mr. Will Warner, and Mr. Glenn Adams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Will Warner that the minutes of the Committee on Governance and Personnel meeting held on June 11, 2025, be approved as presented. The motion was seconded by Trustee Glenn Adams. The motion carried.

GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL UPDATE

The Committee on Governance and Personnel heard a federal relations update highlighting recent developments in U.S. Department of Education funding. Vice Chancellor Wesley Fountain shared that while discretionary funding tied to racial and ethnic quotas is being phased out of federal funding, HBCUs remain unaffected and will continue receiving support through statutory programs. The Department announced earlier this month HBCUs would receive increased funding to exceed \$1.34 billion—a 48.4% boost from previous levels.

The presentation also addressed significant delays in TRIO grant funding, which have impacted over 2,000 programs nationwide and placed 650,000 students at risk. At FSU, TRIO operations were previously paused, resulting in employment disruptions due to the government withholding approximately \$2.25million. Trustee Kimberly Jeffries Leonard commented on the TRIO and Upward Bound grant funding. Since funding has been restored, FSU has reestablished the positions impacted. VC Wesley Fountain and the Division of External Relations and Military Affairs will continue to monitor federal updates.

Committee Chair Joyce Adams updated that the personnel action item included on the agenda has been postponed to the next meeting. Therefore, the committee did not need to go into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee on Governance and Personnel adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Adams, Chair

Amy Coleman, *Recorder*



BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMMITTEE ON GOVERNANCE AND PERSONNEL

Wesley Fountain
Vice Chancellor for External Affairs and Military Relations

December 10, 2025

DIVISION OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND MILITARY RELATIONS

The Division of External Affairs and Military Relations supports the university's strategic priority to create impactful strategic partnerships by strengthening relationships across federal, state, local, and military sectors. These efforts expand the university's reach, increase opportunities for the campus community, and enhance regional impact by:

- Supporting workforce development through training, certification, and economic development partnerships.
- Expanding opportunities through strong military and industry relationships.
- Advancing community engagement that drives regional economic growth.
- Creating pathways for research with industry and national partners.



Government Shutdown

Historic Title III HBCU Investment

- \$495M in additional FY 2025 funding on top of existing Title III allocations
- Fayetteville State University Increase: **\$8.9M**

Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs (GEAR UP)

- \$13.4 Million (7 Years)



Legislative Updates (August – Current)

Mini Budget

House Bill 125 – Continuing Budget Operations, passed in late July and signed into law on August 6th. Referred to as a “mini budget,” makes adjustments to the previous year’s budget to keep state government operations functioning. Funding changes included:

Higher Education

- Funds enrollment growth for community colleges and for the four universities that participate in the NC Promise Tuition Plan.
- Appropriates funds to continue capital projects within the UNC System.



STATE RELATIONS CONT.

Other relevant highlights

- Funds the state auditor's new Division of Accountability, Value, and Efficiency (DAVE), which will focus on increasing efficiencies in state government.
- Directs \$100 million to the State Health Plan to address a \$500 million shortfall.

Accreditation

[House Bill 358 – Continuing Budget Operations Part II](#), was signed into law on September 30th and includes recovery funding for Tropical Storm Chantal, infrastructure and economic development projects. The bill also includes a provision to allow UNC System schools to receive accreditation from the Commission for Public Higher Education, which was established in June by six public university systems across the South: North Carolina, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas.



LOCAL ELECTION UPDATES

Fayetteville City Council

Mitch Colvin, Mayor

Derrick Thompson, Pro Tem

Dr. Stephon Ferguson

Malik Davis

Dr. Antonio Jones

D.J. Haire

Lynne Greene

Brenda McNair

Shaun McMillan

Deno Hondros

