FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ MEETING
J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library
Thursday, June 6, 2013
1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Lucy Vidal-Barreto presided. Chairman Vidal-Barreto made a motion to suspend Article III, Section I of the By-Laws to change the meeting date from the second Thursday in June to the first Thursday in June. Trustee Jerry Dean seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Emeritus W. T. Brown delivered the invocation.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed Trustee member Ms. Jalynn Jones, SGA President, by Notary Public, Mr. Terrance Robinson.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Jerry Dean, Shirish Devasthali, Edward Dickerson, John R. Griffin, Jr., Jalynn Jones, Vedas Neal, Juanita Pilgrim, Donald Porter, Sylvia Ray, Lucy Vidal-Barreto, and Ruth Dial Woods. Trustees Emeriti W. T. Brown and Julius A. Fulmore, Jr. were also in attendance. Trustees Terence Murchison and Wayne Riggins were not in attendance.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Lucy Vidal-Barreto 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 Jerry Dean and properly seconded by Trustee John Griffin, Jr. that the minutes of the regular Board meeting held June 6, 2013, be accepted as printed and distributed. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee John R. Griffin, Jr., Chair
Dr. Jon Young, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, introduced the 2013 Ronald McNair scholars who are working on research projects this summer. Dr. Young
also provided a status on the eight performance-based funding metrics that UNC-GA is using to measure institutional progress. FSU is making great progress in four of the eight metrics that include 1) freshman to sophomore retention, 2) 6-year graduation rate, 3) persistence of transfer students, and 4) reduction of undergraduate attempted hours. There are plans to discontinue two programs—masters degrees in biology and math. FSU has received the green light to proceed with the Masters in Nursing and the B.S. in Healthcare Management.

A revised core curriculum will be implemented in fall 2013. Courses include Financial Literacy, Global Business, and Ethics and Civil Engagement. There has been an increase in student engagement in service learning courses. Dr. Young noted that faculty increased the number of publications in professional journals as well as increased the number of presentations at professional conferences. The number of grants funded increased by 57% from March 2012 – March 2013. The number of grants awarded increased by 138%. In final, our students participated in summer study programs taking them to New York, Washington, D.C., and China. (See Agenda Item 3-A)

A proposed revision to FSU’s Mission Statement was submitted for the Board’s approval. The Mission Statement was revised to reflect the following change: Awarding of degrees at the baccalaureate and master’s levels, and the doctorate in educational leadership to Awarding of degrees at the baccalaureate and master’s levels, and doctorates in specialized areas. The change was brought about as FSU seeks to offer a Ph.D. in Entrepreneurship. General Administration will not approve until we’ve changed the verbiage as indicated above. Trustee Vidal-Barreto made a motion to accept the revised Mission Statement. Trustee Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried. (See Agenda Item 3-B)

Audit Committee – Trustee Jerry Dean, Chair
Prior to Mr. Stogner’s report, Chair Dean asked for an approval of the Audit Committee Minutes for March 28, 2013, as their wasn't a quorum during the Audit Committee meeting earlier in the day. Trustee Vidal-Barreto made a motion to approve the minutes. Trustee Pilgrim seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Robert Stogner, Internal Auditor, provided a summary of the 2013-2014 FSU Internal Audit Plan. Of the thirteen audits in the plan, several are standard audits, five are follow-ups, three are special requests, and one is an annual requirement. Mr. Stogner stated that he has access to all state audit reports. Trustee Vidal-Barreto made a motion to approve the Internal Audit Plan and Trustee Woods seconded the motion. The motion carried. (See Agenda Item 8-A)

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Donald Porter, Acting Chair
Mr. Carlton Spellman, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, provided a budget update. The total authorized budget as of April 30, 2013, is $70,582,139. The total adjusted budget is $68,000,000. (See Agenda Item 4-A)
Mr. Rudy Cardenas provided an update on the status of all capital projects and Mr. John Carson provided an update on the Energy Savings Performance Contract (ESPC). See Agenda Item 4-B

Institutional Advancement – Trustee Edward Dickerson, Chair
Mr. Getchel Caldwell, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, provided an overview of activities and accomplishments in the Division of Institutional Advancement. The FSU National Alumni Convention will be held in Greenbelt, Maryland in June 2013. Other initiatives in the department include the revamping of the Institutional Advancement webpage. The department stated that they would provide monthly updates/totals for the campaign. (See Agenda Item 5A)

Student Affairs – Trustee Vedas Neal, Chair
Dr. Janice Haynie, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, provided an update on three initiatives taking place within the Division of Student Affairs. Dr. Haynie shared that Student Affairs staff have completed training to facilitate the on-campus housing prerequisite for students living on campus. It is a mandatory requirement for all students who want to live in the residence halls to take the online alcohol education program prior to moving in. Also, Student Affairs staff and student leaders have been required to participate in Safe-Zone sensitivity training regarding LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender) Community. FSU has been given a generous donation by Rooms-to-Go to acquire furniture for the university. Vice Chancellor Haynie is utilizing the gift to obtain furniture to outfit the “Ready for Excellence Room in the new Renaissance Dorm on the second floor as well as two rooms in Joyner Hall. The furniture will arrive in the next thirty days. (See Agenda Item 6-A)

Dr. Edward McLean, Athletic Director, provided an update for the Department of Athletics. Mr. Adrian Ferguson presented an overview of the newly improved Athletics website at FSUBroncos.com. It is user friendly and is used to promote and highlight our student athletes. Video streaming has been enhanced and provides a better quality picture. The Athletic website is also a vehicle for information about fundraising and how you can be a donor. The Athletic Department is currently developing a Bronco App. (See Agenda Item 6-B)

STUDENT REPORT

Newly sworn in Trustee and SGA President, Jalynn Jones, provided an update on Student Government Association (SGA) activities. The SGA continues to focus on five goals that include 1) increasing “Bronco Pride,” 2) promoting a positive FSU image to gain city-wide support, and 3) encouraging a campus culture that promotes health and wellness campus-wide by installing snack breaks—venues where healthy snacks could be purchased—and keeping students in the know about healthy eating. Chairman Vidal-Barreto stated that Blue Cross, Blue Shield has a program/grant that could possibly fund the healthy snack idea. She will look into it.
Trustee Jones participated in a health seminar in which Stephanie Brown, an alumnus and HIV positive activist, was the featured speaker. She has also spoken at several events and introduced the speaker at FSU’s spring commencement. Trustee Jones is scheduled to participate in the HBCU Alliance 5K Run on June 29.

This past May, Trustee Jones participated in a Leadership Retreat in which the SGA planned for the coming year. Some of the events on the horizon are the Stand and Deliver Conference that focuses on male empowerment, SGA Give Back, and Word on the Yard—an event that helps students get back on track as they embrace academic life.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chair Lucy Vidal-Barreto recognized Board members Mr. Jerry Dean, Mrs. Juanita Pilgrim, Mrs. Sylvia Ray, Dr. Shirish Devasthali, and Mr. Terence Murchison, who are rotating off the Board, for their support and participation while serving as members of the FSU Board of Trustees. They were presented with plaques. Chair Vidal-Barreto invited them to join the Board in September for the new Board orientation.

Trustees Devasthali, Dean, Pilgrim, and Ray thanked everyone, and Chancellor Anderson thanked the Board members for their time and support.

Chair Vidal-Barreto participated in several activities during the past quarter. On April 9, she attended HBCU Legislation Day. She had an opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion with UNC-President Ross as well as with the HBCU Chancellors that attended. Former SGA President and Trustee member, Jermaine Coble, also attended. The main focus was on common issues that face HBCU’s and the future of HBCU’s. Chair Vidal-Barreto thanked Chancellor Anderson for his remarks as he highlighted the importance of HBCU’s.

On May 4, FSU held spring commencement. It had the largest class of Army ROTC cadets.

On September 25, the Board will hold a retreat. The Trustee Governance Committee will nominate a new slate of officers. New Board members will come aboard beginning July 1. Chair Vidal-Barreto invited members rotating off the Board to come to the orientation on September 25 and share their experiences and information about serving on the Board and chairing a committee, i.e., Audit Committee.

Chair Vidal-Barreto reiterated her strategic focus. The capital campaign is underway and she was pleased with the 100% participation by the Board. On August 16, a public announcement will be made. Chair Vidal-Barreto stated that she wants to concentrate on outcomes and gave that charge to the Vice Chancellors. She also stated that she is looking for each Board member to participate in the planning of the Strategic Plan.
CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson began his report by sharing that the Child Care Center on campus will have their graduation ceremony at noon in the Seabrook Auditorium. He invited everyone to attend if possible.

As of this date, we haven’t heard who the Governor’s appointees to the Board will be. New Board appointees will begin their term July 1, 2013.

Chancellor Anderson also shared that a bill is before the legislature that will allow persons to be able to have concealed weapons in their vehicles on campus. While Chancellor Anderson is opposed to this bill, he states that the legislature will more than likely approve the bill.

Chancellor Anderson addressed the budget crisis and the potential for budget reductions, which could possibly mean RIF’s. The RIF’s could be instituted as early as July 1. Chancellor Anderson has asked the Vice Chancellors to identify any potential RIF’s in their departments and/or units.

Fayetteville State University co-sponsored the All-American Jazz Festival at Festival Park. While the event was well received and attended, we did realize a loss. FSU hired quite a few big-name acts to perform that contributed to the loss. Chancellor Anderson stated that we must apply a better business model when putting on a event such as this in the future.

The CDHS Partnership will tour homeland security. The third week in June, the Chancellor will travel to DC to meet agencies heads. These individuals are key and important contacts that we need in support of the Center.

The National Alumni Convention will be held in Greenbelt, Maryland this year. Chancellor Anderson plans to attend.

UNC-Pembroke has requested to join the CIAA as an associate member—only for football for a fee of $40,000. The request was denied. The CIAA has one year left on its contract with the City of Charlotte.

The current Strategic Plan will be utilized as FSU focuses on the 2014-20 Strategic Plan. Chancellor Anderson would like Board members to sit on committees that will be set up by the fall for completion in December.

Chancellor Anderson personally thanked Jermaine Coble for his leadership during his tenure as SGA President. Jermaine is the first African-American intern from an HBCU to be hired by the Delhaize Group. Delhaize is preparing a media campaign that will focus on Jermaine.
CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Vedas Neal made a motion to go into closed session to prevent the disclosure of information that is confidential pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was seconded and carried.

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Trustees reconvened in open session.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Donald Porter, Secretary
Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder