The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 1:40 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chestnutt Library. Chairman Donald Porter presided. Trustee Jodie Ervin delivered the invocation.

**SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**

The oath of office was administered to newly appointed Trustee members Candacy Bush, Bridget Chisholm, Kirk deViere, and Rajan Shamdasani and to reappointed Trustee Members Edward Dickerson, Vedas Neal and Donald Porter, by Ms. Toni King, District Court Judge.

**ROLL CALL**

The following trustees were in attendance: Richard C. Adams, Claude Bogues, Wayne Branch, Candacy Bush, Bridget Chisholm, Edward Dickerson, Kirk deViere, Jodie Ervin, Vedas Neal, Inder Nijhawan, Donald Porter and Rajan Shamdasani. Trustee Brenda Timberlake was not in attendance.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Porter 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 Claude Bogues and properly second by Trustee Vedas Neal that the minutes of the Board meeting held June 12, 2015, and the Special Called meeting held July 20, 2015, be accepted as printed. The motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Business and Finance, Trustee Wayne Branch, Chair

Chairman Wayne Branch asked the Board to approve the 3-year Lease Agreement with Sprint Wireless and Verizon Wireless for FSU to lease space on the tower at a rate of $3,000 per month. It was moved by Trustee Claude Bogues and properly second by Trustee Vedas Neal. The motion carried.
STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Candacy Bush provided an update of Student Government Association (SGA) activities. Trustee Bush talked about how much fun they had during Bronco Week. Trustee Bush discussed the SGA’s strategic goals: improving campus security, enrollment innovations and redefining Bronco pride. SGA held SGA week September 8 – September 12 that included: SGA week kick off, SGA mix-up, adrenalin rush, BronCare, 4th annual bonfire and SGA and SAC sponsored tailgate for the Two Rivers Classic. Trustee Bush briefed the board members on the SGA’s upcoming events: town hall kickoff, night watch, lunch buddy, Aramark dining services meeting, campus security meeting, voter literacy and bus trip to participate in the Million Man March.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Porter recognized and thanked SGA President Candacy Bush for her and the students continued support. Chairman Porter gave kudos to the Chancellor and his Cabinet members for doing a great job for the institution.

Chairman Porter challenged Board members to continue to understand the insight and vision of the university. Chairman Porter also thanked the Board members who attended the Board of Trustees Workshop in Winston Salem. Chairman Porter recognized Mr. Earnest Curry from the FSU Foundation for the great job he and other Foundation members are doing at FSU.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson greeted Board members and shared his experiences while recently visiting Cuba. Chancellor Anderson spoke about the potential partnership between FSU and Cuba. He was one of fourteen university presidents selected by the AASCU for the educational trip.

Following are some of the historical highlights Chancellor Anderson shared about his trip to Cuba. There are 44 universities in Cuba (only 3 in 1959). The growth period of the universities was during 1960-1976 following the revolution. Higher education is completely free as long as students complete requirements. At the university level, students are only allowed to change majors once. Text books are loaned and must be returned, while room and board and stipends are free to students. Cuba has the highest degree of education in the Caribbean. Since the revolution, 1,000,300 students have graduated and student/faculty ratio is 5 to 1. Chancellor Anderson also shared that faculty in Cuba must engage in research and participate in social and economic tasks. One quarter of faculty have Ph.Ds, except for medical sciences. Every year, 5,000 faculty travel globally—medical faculty provide a significant amount of training to South American universities/hospitals. Faculty with a Master’s degree earn 50 Cuban pesos, which is approximately $45 per month. With a Ph.D., they can make up to 100 pesos.
Chancellor Anderson informed the Board that the FSU 2015-16 critical issues are to continue advancing the Capital Campaign, and implement the FSU Business Model and Evidenced-Based Decision-Making, implement the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Other critical issues are to demystify big data and apply analytics, utilizing domestic and global technology to keep FSU’s learning spaces on the cutting-edge. FSU will continue to expand internships for students. We will also address Title IX challenges and pursue more Athletic teams with the CIAA conference.

Chancellor Anderson informed the Board that the Committee work for the Sesquicentennial Celebration 150th Anniversary (1867-2017), will also be ongoing.

In closing, Chancellor Anderson provided an outline for the UNC approval of Licensure Programs. Fifty percent of licensed institutions are for profit; proprietary schools (the other 50%) are private non-profit. Eleven institutions offer 59 Nursing programs with an enrollment of 1,229 students. Programs now under review total 300.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Trustee Claude Bogues, Chair of the Nominating Committee, had a ballot prepared with the list of nominees for each office. The result of the vote was as follows:

Mr. Donald Porter – Chair
Mr. Wayne Branch – Vice Chair
Mr. Jodie Ervin – Secretary

ADJORNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodie Ervin, Secretary
Terrance B. Robinson, Recorder