The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, December 11, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Donald L. Porter presided. Trustee Brenda Timberlake delivered the invocation.

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. Chairman Porter shared that he was on the local BB&T Advisory Board. As it didn’t appear to be a conflict, the meeting resumed.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Claude Bogues, Wayne Branch, Edward Dickerson, John R. Griffin, Jr., Jared James, Vedas Neal, Inder Nijhawan, Donald Porter, Brenda Timberlake, and Lucy Vidal-Barreto. Trustee Emeritus W. T. Brown was also in attendance. Trustees Richard Adams, Jodie Ervin and Ruth Dial Woods were not in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Claude Bogues and properly seconded by Trustee John Griffin, Jr. that the minutes of the regular Board meeting held September 18, 2014, be accepted as printed and distributed. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee John R. Griffin, Chair
Chair John Griffin made a motion to approve the tuition and fees for 2015-16 and 2016-17. Trustee Branch seconded the motion. The motion carried.

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Jared James provided an update on Student Government Association (SGA) activities. Trustee James shared information about several events the students were involved in during the last quarter. Those events included the March on Murchison,
Turkey Trott (an opportunity to give turkeys to needy families) and the Walk a Mile in My Shoes in support of domestic violence awareness.

Next semester beginning January 2015, there will be continued focus on several items. First, securing wi-fi in the residential halls is a priority. The contract was delayed, but they’re still moving forward with hopes of having wi-fi in the residence halls by spring semester. Several surveys will be conducted: Aramark Dining, Campus Security, and Campus Safety. The SGA would like for students to take an active part, not only in taking the surveys but as a ground force (in the area of security) to define and pinpoint areas that need more security.

On the horizon, A Hip-Hop Summit is being planned in which there will be dialogue on how Hip Hop has influenced the African-American culture today. The SGA hopes to retain a celebrity music icon in the area of Hip Hop to be part of the discussion. With February being the month of love and in conjunction with Valentine’s Day, the SGA will host Lover’s Poison—a dating opportunity for people who aren’t necessarily connected with someone but would be interested in meeting someone. Lastly, there will be an “Am I Suspicious?” conference in which global discussions will be held to talk about social injustices facing the nation, Black America, and students, etc.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chair Donald Porter stated that the FSU Board of Trustees Endowment Fund Board acknowledged former chair, Dr. Lucy Vidal-Barreto. He thanked Dr. Vidal-Barreto for her service and availability to him. Chair Porter presented her with a plaque that acknowledged her service as Board chair.

The Fayetteville State University Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2020 has been completed. Chairman Porter thanked all Board members for their work and dedication as part of the Strategic Plan Committee and presented certificates to those who hadn’t already received them.

Chairman Porter stated that he will continue to focus on the priorities that former Chair Dr. Vidal-Barreto had set. Those priorities are fundraising, outcomes, and engagement and participation.

Last month, Chairman Porter attended the Board of Governors’ meeting for the UNC-System. He stated that President Ross mentioned the patents that FSU has received. Chairman Porter reminded us that there was a lot going on at FSU and that we need to let the community know what’s happening on our campus.
CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson invited Board members to the Chancellor’s Holiday Reception that will be held on Tuesday evening, December 17th, in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Rudolph Jones Student Center. He stated that the beautiful Christmas tree is a “must see.”

On January 7, 2015, Chancellor Anderson and his Cabinet will be in an all-day retreat. They will discuss 1) enrollment targets, 2) tuition, revenue, faculty incentives, and salary adjustments, 3) capital campaign, co-joined with the sesquicentennial, 4) budget review and alignment, 5) reorganization within divisions, and 6) campus safety. Some of the second tier items that will be discussed are a) branding and marketing, b) sesquicentennial, c) civil war museum, d) Align affordable and value, e) FSU incubator, and f) the FSU band.

Briefly, Chancellor Anderson spoke about the newly completed Strategic Plan for 2015 – 2020. He thanked Board members for participating on the Strategic Plan Committee and stated that FSU is aligned with the UNC-System. Trustee Edward Dickerson made a motion to approve the 2015-2020 Strategic Plan. Trustee Vedas Neal seconded the motion. The motion carried.

An ethics presentation was presented during the lunch hour. Chancellor Anderson asked Board members to provide feedback.

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. It was announced that the reception previously scheduled for 4 p.m. was cancelled.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jodie Ervin, Secretary
Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder