The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 26, 2015, at 1:30 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Charles Chesnutt Library. Chairman Donald L. Porter presided. Trustee Emeritus W. T. Brown 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.

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Jared James and properly seconded by Trustee Claude Bogues that the minutes of the regular Board meeting held December 11, 2014, be accepted as printed and distributed. The motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee Jodie Ervin, Interim Chair Report to be given after closed session.

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Wayne Branch – Chair Chairman Wayne Branch asked for an approval of the Board to accept the meal plan increase for fiscal year 2015-2016 that had been recommended for approval by the Business and Finance Committee. Trustee Inder Nijhawan made a motion to approve the meal plan. Trustee Richard Adams seconded the motion. The motion carried.
STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Jared James stated that this would be his last meeting as a member of the Board of Trustees and was grateful for the time he was able to serve. He was also thankful for the support of the SGA during his tenure.

Trustee James provided an update on Student Government Association (SGA) activities and concerns. Campus Security remains a priority. A student survey was conducted. However, the SGA needs more time and resources to analyze the results.

The SGA is pleased with FSU’s partnership with FAST. FAST is the bus transit system that runs throughout Fayetteville. Previously, students had access to a bus system that would take students from campus to the mall area only. That system has been replaced with the use of FAST that enables students to travel all over Fayetteville from FSU with a swipe of their student ID card. Other community partnership events held by the SGA this quarter were the Sneaker Fest and Teach for America that consisted of information sessions.

The first annual Hip-Hop Summit was held with special guest Christopher Martin, rapper and actor, and 9th Wonder. There was dialogue on how Hip Hop has influenced the African-American culture today. Approximately 200 students attended. Also for the first time, the SGA hosted “Lover’s Poison”—a dating opportunity for people who aren’t necessarily connected with someone but would be interested in meeting someone. Being that February is the month for love and in conjunction with Valentine’s Day, this was a big hit.

The SGA is continuing their support of the FSU Capital Campaign through radio-thons. Also, the SGA hosted the Association of Student Government on campus. They discussed student issues and ratified and passed several new amendments to their by-laws.

Securing wi-fi across campus, especially in the dorms, has been secured. Trustee James was ecstatic, as this has been a SGA priority for some time. His comment: “We have constant connection.” Also, a campus security and dining survey was administered. Three hundred and fifty-eight students responded. The SGA has yet to receive the results of the survey.

In follow-up to discussion about tuition and fee increases for students, Trustee James stated that students aren’t opposed to the increases. Increases will be felt across the UNC-System.

Trustee James introduced the two candidates who are vying for SGA President for the upcoming academic year. They are Candacy Bush and Rashi Givens.

Upcoming events include the Campus Safety Walk, 2nd Annual Cheer Phi Smoove Day, and the SGA Inaugural Ball.
CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS

Chairman Donald Porter stated that he was proud of the great work that is going on at FSU. He thanked Board members for their contributions.

Recently, Chairman Porter attended the Association of Governing Board (AGB) Conference with Chancellor Anderson and thought it was well worth his while. He stated that it was time for the Board to conduct a self-assessment, as well as that of the Chairman. One of the interesting sessions that the Chairman attended focused on the Board’s interaction with each other as well as that of the Chancellor.

Chairman Porter relinquished his time to General Counsel Wanda Jenkins. Ms. Jenkins shared that there are two new UNC policies and one revision. They are as follows:

- New -- Duties, Responsibilities, and Expectations of Board Members
- Revised – Delegation of Duty and Authority to Boards of Trustees
- New – Policy on Chancellor Searches/Board of Governors Participation

General Counsel Jenkins explained the new policies and revisions at length. Copies of the policies were distributed to Board members, as well as provided to them in their online materials. General Counsel Jenkins stated that the Board of Governors would more than likely vote on the policies at their April meeting.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Fayetteville State University held a Cyber Security Education Symposium on March 12-13, 2015. An array of top ranking individuals from the cyber community spoke and participated on panels throughout the course of the event. Other top-ranking individuals were from the armed forces, the federal government, research labs, and defense contractors. Chancellor Anderson was pleased at the outcome and thanked Dr. Curtis Charles for being at the helm of bringing such a fine conference to FSU.

Students from all over North Carolina are in Fayetteville to participate in the 26th Annual Model United Nations Conference of the North Carolina Consortium for International and Intercultural Education. Conference participants debate a variety of topics and issues of global relevance, propose solutions and contribute to the development of a global agenda for the 21st century. Chancellor Anderson stated that Fayetteville State University has continued to support this effort and hope the students have a good conference.

Representative Larry D. Hall, Democratic Leader in the N.C. Legislature, has proposed House Bill 240 to amend previous bill that allows students with college photo ID card issued by the State of North Carolina or University to be used to satisfy voter requirement for identification. Chancellor Anderson asked that everyone be on the lookout for this bill.
Earlier in the week, Chancellor Anderson met with Cumberland County Commissioners and members of the Fayetteville City Council to discuss property we own and what’s on the horizon in regards to it. Commissioner Kady Ann Davy has agreed to get some of her constituents together and meet with Chancellor Anderson to talk about property we own and the Murchison Road Corridor. Other broader conversations will be had.

On Friday evening, Chancellor Anderson and others will participate in the Walk-A-Mile In My Shoes event to shed light on domestic violence. This has become an annual event hosted by the Rape Crisis Center. The event will be held at 6 p.m. at the Market House, downtown Fayetteville.

Chancellor Anderson spoke to a group of K-6 graders this past weekend regarding child abuse. He spoke of how attentive they were and how some were touched by his speech about his own childhood.

Chancellor Anderson asked each member of the Board to thoroughly read the policies and be mindful of the policy changes General Counsel Jenkins spoke about earlier.

Dr. Edward McLean, Athletic Director, will be retiring in June. Chancellor Anderson publically thanked him for his service and contributions to FSU, as well as his other endeavors in the athletic community. Chancellor Anderson also thanked Mr. Bobby Wynn, Library Director, for all he’s done for the Chesnutt Library. Mr. Wynn was asked to prepare a fifteen minute presentation to the Board of how the library has evolved since he arrived in 1989 to now and where we should move from here.

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. Trustee Neal made a motion to amend the head men’s basketball coach’s contract to include a one-year extension. Trustee Ervin seconded the motion. The motion carried. Trustee Nijhawan made a motion to approve the promotion of Dr. Peter Eley to Associate Professor. Trustee Timberlake seconded the motion. The motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m.

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