

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, June 12, 2008

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, June 12, 2008, at 1:40 p.m. in the J. C. Jones Board Room in the Chesnutt Library. Chairman John (Ben) Brown presided. Trustee Emeritus W. T. Brown delivered the invocation.

SWEARING-IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to newly-appointed Trustees, Dr. Lucy Vidal-Barreto and Mr. James Jefferson, by Judge Cheri Beasley, District Court Judge. Chairman Brown welcomed Trustees Vidal-Barreto and Jefferson.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: John B. Brown, Jr.; Linda Lee Allan; Gloria Carter; Shirish Devasthali; John Griffin, Jr.; James Jefferson; Juanita Pilgrim; Ruth Dial Woods and Roosevelt Wright. Trustees Jerry Dean and Sylvia Ray were absent. Trustee emeriti W. T. Brown, Julius Fulmore, and James Paige were also in attendance.

Before proceeding into the main portion of the meeting, Chairman Brown 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 Brown also welcomed Chancellor James A. Anderson.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Griffin and properly seconded by Trustee Woods that the minutes of the regular board meeting held March 27, 2008, and special called meeting held May 27, 2008, be accepted as printed and distributed. *The motion carried.*

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee – Trustee John R. Griffin, Jr., Chair
Dr. Juliette Bell, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided several updates to include an overview of the Cheers Scholars Summer Program and the Teacher Education Summer Pilot Program whose goal is to increase the number of

qualified teachers, especially in high need areas such as mathematics and science. Timelines for the next phase of our UNC Tomorrow campus response and an update on FSU Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)-related programs and initiatives were also given. There was also discussion about student success and retention to include the male recruitment and retention initiative and an update on faculty development. (See Agenda Item 3-A)

Provost Bell also shared that the Belk Endowed Distinguished Professorship in Science and Technology and the Endowed Distinguished Professorship in Entrepreneurship were now filled. The Tony Rand Endowed Distinguished Professor in Nursing and the Lloyd V. Hackley Endowed Distinguished Professorship still need to be filled. (See Agenda Item 3-A)

Audit Committee – Trustee John B. Brown, Jr., Interim Chair

Mr. Robert Stogner and Mrs. Barbara Adcox, FSU Internal Auditor contractors, presented an update on the 2006 – 2007 Audit. The audit noted fourteen findings for which all appropriate action(s) have already been taken or are underway. The Board's major concern is follow-up and ongoing over-sight management and supervision in the areas affected to ensure we don't have repeats. (See Agenda Item 8-A)

The 2008 – 2009 Internal Audit Plan was submitted to the Board for approval. It was not approved in the Audit Committee due to the absence of a quorum. It was noted that the report did not reflect timelines with specific start and completion dates for projects, and therefore, Chairman Brown requested that the Audit Plan be revised to reflect such.

Trustee Griffin made a motion to revise the 2008-2009 Internal Audit Plan that was presented to reflect specific start and completion dates for presentation at the annual Board meeting in September. Trustee Allen seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* (See Agenda Item 8-B)

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee John B. Brown, Interim-Chair

Mr. Benson Otovo, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, provided an update on the 2007–2008 budget as of May 30, 2008, highlighting actual expenditures and receipts as well as the total authorized budget and authorized receipts. Mr. Otovo also provided a review of our capital projects. There was some concern that full disclosure hadn't been provided to the Board on some projects, of which the Board requested that in the future, all information that may positively or negatively impact a capital project be communicated to the Chancellor, who in turn will notify the Board. (Agenda Items 4-A, B)

Information was provided about the plans to transfer the Wachovia Endowed Professorship from the FSU Foundation to the University Endowment Fund in order to request a matching gift from the C. D. Spangler Foundation. The University will also seek a state match to ensure that the endowment reaches a total of \$1,000,000 of income to be designated for the endowed distinguished professorship in the School of Education. (See Agenda Item 4-C)

A recommendation was made for the Board to approve delegated authority to the Chancellor or his designee for designer selection for projects equal to and less than \$500,000, as well as recommend that the Board authorize University staff to negotiate a contract and fee with selected firms. After some discussion, Trustee Devasthali made a motion to approve delegated authority to the Chancellor or his designee for designer selection for projects equal to and less than \$500,000 and further recommended that the Board approve the authorization of University staff to negotiate a contract and fee with selected firms. It was also requested that the Chancellor report back to the Board at the next meeting with information on any projects he has approved. Trustee Jefferson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (See Agenda Item 4-D)

Development and University Relations – Trustee Shirish Devasthali, Chair
Mr. Stephen McDaniel, Vice Chancellor for Development and University Relations, provided a division update and fundraising strategies for the coming year. One of the major highlights was the 2007-2008 State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC) update in which Mr. McDaniel reported the Foundation realized a 130% growth in FSU participation. From the SECC, the Foundation received \$12,495 in contributions last year; this year the Foundation received \$29,205. Total SECC contributions by FSU employees for 2008 are \$47,847. (See Agenda Item 5-A)

The 5th Annual Scholarship Gala was held on April 26, 2008, at the Crown Coliseum. Proceeds went to the Tony Rand Endowed Scholarship Fund. This fund will provide generic scholarship support for any student at the university who qualifies. A request to General Administration for matching funds will be made.

Giving trends increased in 2007 – 2008, as the Division of Development and University Relations continued to focus on raising funds in support of university scholarships and other initiatives. Total giving for 2007 – 2008 was \$1,077,477.94 in cash and \$9,424.60 in in-kind gifts, which is 97% of the \$2,000,000 goal. This number is subject to change as the fundraising year ends June 30, 2008. (See Agenda Item 5-B)

Chairman Devasthali made a passionate appeal to the Board about Board giving. He spoke of various methods of giving, highlighting the Bronco Legacy Circle which is a method of giving back to the university through planned giving. Trustees Linda Lee Allan and John Ben Brown, Jr. each made a \$5,000 donation to the university.

Student Affairs – Trustee Roosevelt Wright - Chair
Mr. Wynton Hadley, Dean of Students, in the absence of Mrs. Olivia Chavis, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, provided an update on the accomplishments of the Safety Committee, chaired by Mrs. Chavis, in response to the UNC Campus Safety Task Force recommendation. Some of the accomplishments were 1) establishing a threat assessment team, 2) installing surveillance cameras, and 3) installing and testing a campus alert system, and 4) developing a written plan for safety in the residence halls. (See Agenda 6-A)

The Freshmen Parking Policy was approved. Beginning in fall 2008, first-time freshmen will not be able to bring their vehicles on campus. (See Agenda 6-A)

The Division gained membership in the Student Affairs Leadership Council that is headquartered in Washington, D.C., enabling the division to have access to research and communicate best practices to include diversity training. Ninety-eight percent of the Student Affairs staff has received diversity training. (See Agenda 6-A)

Dean Hadley received accolades as he is ABD for completion of his doctoral program at NC A&T University in Leadership Studies. Other staff members received accolades: Ms. Pam Smith, Counselor in the Center for Personal Development, received licensure as a "Licensed Professional Counselor" in March 2008; Ms. Adrina Russell, Director of Residence Life, completed the master's program in Human Services from Liberty University; Mr. Fred Sapp, Director of the Center for Personal Development, and Dr. Sonia Rhodie, licensed psychologist, received certification from FEMA for completion of the Incident Command System Training Program.

Athletics

Dr. Ed McLean, Athletic Director, provided an update on the Athletic Department. He stated that 166 student athletes participated in ten athletic programs. The overall GPA for these student athletes is 2.77.

The women's basketball team advanced to the semi-finals at the 2008 CIAA Tournament, and Ms. Letitia Dickson was named the team's Most Valuable Player. The men's basketball team advanced to the finals at the 2008 CIAA Tournament. This marks the sixth time that they have done so. Mr. Kenny Haywood, former basketball star player for the Broncos, joined the coaching staff. Senior guard, Mr. Phillippe Harris was recognized as the Male Student Athlete of the Year.

The women's tennis team finished second in the CIAA. Sophomore, Ms. Ines Nieves, was named CIAA Women's Tennis Player of the Year for the second consecutive year.

Dr. McLean and staff received accolades for what they have done in the selection of student athletes and getting them involved in things that have made them productive student athletes representing FSU.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Anderson stated he was honored to serve FSU and will work 150% towards its success and expects the same level of commitment from all members/employees of the institution.

Chancellor Anderson recognized former Chancellor Lloyd V. Hackley and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Juliette Bell, for all they had done in preparation for his arrival at FSU. He also introduced the members of his administration

as follows: Dr. Bertha Miller, Special Assistant to the Chancellor; Dr. Janice Haynie, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Mr. Robert Botley, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance; Mr. Thomas Conway, Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff; and Mr. Benson Otovo, former Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance who will continue on as a consultant and assist Mr. Botley until the end of the year. Mrs. Olivia Chavis, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, will wear a new hat, assisting the Chancellor with several projects to include the Emergency Management Plan, utilization of space, and the conceptual development of the new residence hall.

Dr. Anderson stated that the initiatives that will be his foci are nursing, retention and graduation rates. He encouraged those who play an integral part in overseeing these initiatives to utilize best practices and models while adhering to the timelines established.

Focusing on students, Chancellor Anderson acknowledged Trustee James Jefferson, SGA President and *ex-officio* member of the Board, by stating that he wants student leaders to see that FSU administrators are active in their capacities. The Chancellor is going to set aside a special day, bi-weekly, when a student will shadow him as Chancellor for the day. His hope is that the student will report his experience to the student body and possibly have a story placed in the school newspaper. The intention is to send a signal to students about what goes on in the life of an administrator as they work on behalf of all students.

Former Chancellor Hackley introduced Dr. Virginia Adams, Dean of Nursing at Wilmington, who has agreed to come to FSU to help with the renovation of the Nursing Program. She will be the Advisor to the Chancellor in Nursing Education.

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee James Jefferson provided a recap of the goals and mission of the Student Government Association (SGA). He also introduced their new slogan: "I'm Down with C.H.A.N.G.E."

In an effort to expand campus leadership and develop strong competent student leaders, the SGA plans to develop programs that build social consciousness, increase student empathy to build a more cohesive community, promote academic excellence to increase retention and graduation rates, and engage students in open forum discussions to develop problem solving strategies. Other goals the SGA hopes to achieve during this academic year include increasing on-campus and commuter student involvement; Project Outreach (tutoring and mentoring young men and women in the community); retention of SGA membership; and helping students to understand, recognize, and appreciate FSU's rich culture.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Brown announced that he has appointed a nominating committee, chaired by Trustee Linda Allan, who will give their report at the September Board meeting.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Roosevelt Wright made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-318.11(a)(6). Trustee Allan seconded the motion. The motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened in open session. Chairman Griffin made a motion to accept the recommendation to amend the contract of Coach Elorine Hill. Trustee Wright seconded the motion. *The motion was carried.* (See Agenda Item 3-B-3)

Chairman Griffin made a motion to approve promotion for the following: Dr. Blanche Radford-Curry to full professor, Ms. Phoebe Hall to associate professor, and Ms. Socorro Hernandez Hinek to associate professor. Trustee Linda Allan seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* (See Agenda Item 3-B)

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Brown announced that the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Southeastern North Carolina Nursing Education and Research Center would take place immediately following the Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m. in the courtyard between the Charles W. Chesnutt Library and the Marion "Rex" and Aronul E. Harris Building (School of Business and Economics) at Grace Black Circle.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Pilgrim, Secretary

Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder