

# FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

## MINUTES

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

Multipurpose Room, Rudolph Jones Student Center

Thursday, September 22, 2005

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, September 22, 2005, at 1:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room in the Rudolph Jones Student Center. Chairman Nathan Garrett presided and called the meeting to order. He announced that the nominating committee would make its report and new committee assignments would be announced at the end of the meeting. Trustee John Fuller delivered the invocation.

#### SWEARING –IN CEREMONY

The oath of office was administered to the following newly-appointed trustees by The Honorable Cheryl Beasley of the Twelfth Judicial District in Fayetteville: Mr. Jerry Dean, Dr. Shirish Devasthali, Dr. Catherine LeBlanc, Mrs. Juanita Pilgrim, Mrs. Sylvia Ray, and Mr. Jerry Wilson. Reappointed trustees sworn in were as follows: Dr. John Fuller, Sr., and Mr. Nathan Garrett.

#### ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: Mr. John Brown, Jr.; Mrs. Gloria Carter; Mr. Jerry Dean; Dr. Shirish Devasthali; Dr. John Fuller, Sr.; Mr. Nathan Garrett; Mr. John Griffin, Jr.; Dr. Catherine LeBlanc; Mrs. Juanita Pilgrim; Mr. Stephen Raper; Mrs. Sylvia Ray; and Mr. Jerry Wilson. Trustee Michael Todd was absent.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Chairman Garrett and properly seconded that the minutes of the regular board meeting on June 9, 2005, be accepted as printed and distributed. *The motion carried.*

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs Committee – Trustee John Griffin, Interim Chair

Interim Chairman Griffin shared his excitement about the new academic programs that are under development in the College of Basic and Applied Sciences (CBAS) and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHSS) for 2006. Dr. Juliette Bell, Dean, CBAS, and Dr. Valentine James, Dean, CHSS, presented an overview of the programs being offered. (See Agenda Item 3-A.)

Interim Chairman Griffin shared that Atty. Wanda Jenkins presented to the committee the Appellate Policy and Procedures that have been revised to make them consistent with the Board of Governors' recent revision to *The Code* and a number of their policies. Changes to the appellate procedures concern the disposition of appeals from the Chancellor to the Board. Atty. Jenkins also presented the same to the full Board, explaining the language/terms in the policy. (See Agenda Item 3-B.)

Trustee Nathan Garrett stated that he was comfortable with the changes. It was moved by Trustee Garrett and properly seconded that the Board approve the revised Appellate Polices and Procedures of Fayetteville State University. *The motion carried.*

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Stephen Raper, Chair

Chairman Raper reported that items of information were shared with the committee and that Ms. Latonya Hankins, Interim Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance, provided a budget update to include expenditures and revenue for fiscal year 2005-2006. The budget included a permanent management flexibility reduction of \$668,723. (See Agenda Item 4-A.)

Mr. Raper also shared that Mr. Stan Douglas, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Maintenance, provided an update on ongoing and completed capital projects. Mr. Douglas also provided an update on the proposed initiation of the Campus Master Plan for Fayetteville State University up to 2015—a follow-up to the plan that was completed in 1999. (See Agenda Item 4-B and 4-C.)

Mr. Raper reported that the committee discussed one action item, which was to move forward with the repairs and renovation of the Taylor Social Science building. A committee comprised of staff from Facilities Management reviewed proposals from four firms, and MHAA Works was ranked highest and recommended by the committee to complete the design of the Taylor Social Science building. A motion by Chairman Raper to accept the committee's recommendation to use MHAA Works for the design was moved by Trustee Garrett and properly seconded. *The motion carried.* (See Agenda Item 4-D.)

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Bryan presented *preliminary* dashboard data, university highlights, and faculty and student highlights.

The most significant piece of dashboard data is FSU's record enrollment—6080 students for 2005-2006—a 12% increase over last year. Chancellor Bryan cited several reasons for this gain, including online courses (59% increase due to satellite schools at Seymour Johnson; dual-enrollment/articulation agreements with community colleges; and improved retention (75.4% freshmen returned this fall).

Other notable dashboard-related items that Chancellor Bryan shared were as follows. FSU graduated more students in 2004-2005 than in previous years. FSU's tuition remains the lowest of the 16-constituent institutions. FSU was projected to grow by 2% but exceeded the projected growth by 10%. The university now boasts 93.4% faculty with terminal degrees. FSU fund raising totaled \$1.1 million in contributions in 2004-2005; the 2005-06 goal is \$1.5 million. FSU faculty increased the number of proposals they submitted over previous years. Chancellor Bryan will present *final* data at the December 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Chancellor Bryan announced that this year's theme is *Making a Great University Greater*. This theme encompasses the university's shared values—accountability, unity, positive energy, and high expectations. University highlights include the growth of the Honors Program to 109 students; FSU's ranking in a national study in a book entitled *Student Success in College of*

which 700 institutions participated; and the university's proactive involvement in international education, which led to the signing of Memorandum of Understandings with China in summer 2005. Ten new stores have been completed and are ready for occupancy at Bronco Square; many of them have been leased. FSU was first in the North Carolina university system to go live with Banner.

The university continues to embrace and engage the community. The Chancellor's Speakers' Series will feature Dr. Wole Soyinka, Nobel Prize Winner, on October 6. The Fine Arts Series begins on October 23 and will feature pianist Lester Knibbs. Prominent local citizens from a wide spectrum of the Fayetteville community make up the Community Advisory Council that recommends ways to connect the community and FSU.

Finally, Chancellor Bryan shared the accomplishments of faculty and students at FSU. The College of Basic and Applied Sciences submitted three grant proposals that have been funded for \$250,000. The College of Humanities and Social Sciences submitted three multi-year grants that have been awarded for a total of \$2 million. The students from Business and Economics continuously win accommodations and prizes in the area of accounting and others. The School of Education achieved a 87% pass rate on the PRAXIS licensure exam. The Criminal Justice department has applied for certification, and the Masters of Arts in Psychology program has applied for an accreditation.

Chairman Garrett applauded Chancellor Bryan on the work she, faculty, staff, and students are doing.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

### Enrollment Management Update

Mr. Michael Bailey, Associate Director of Admissions, reported that FSU exceeded its target goal with an enrollment head count of 6,080 students, an increase of 12%. The Admissions Office aggressively recruited a diverse group of students and will remain proactive in its efforts to attract and enroll students to ensure that future enrollment goals are met. (See Agenda Item 10-A.)

Questions and discussion were entertained. Trustee LeBlanc commended Mr. Bailey on his report. Trustee Griffin commended Mr. Bailey and Mr. Darlington on the outstanding job they are doing in Admissions.

### 2005-2006 Legislative Update

Ms. Wanda Jenkins, Chief of Staff and University Legal Counsel, reported on higher education-related legislation that was passed in summer 2005 by the General Assembly. Retired military members and their spouses may now attend a state university or community college at the in-state rate. Upon approval of the Board of Trustees, universities may consider an out-of-state student who receives a full scholarship from entities recognized by the institution to charge tuition at the in-state rate. Additionally, changes were made to the Umstead Act, which prohibits state government from competing in the market place against private businesses. (See Agenda Item 10-B.)

### Strategic Planning Update

Dr. Jon Young presented an update and overview of the strategic plan. The Strategic Planning and Budgeting Committee has updated the Long-Range Strategic Plan that will guide the university from 2006 to 2011. Six strategic priorities were established: 1) access and student success, 2) intellectual capital formation, 3) K-16 education, 4) creation, transfer, and application of knowledge, 5) internationalization, and 6) transformation and change. The strategic plan is a work in progress with total university involvement. (See Agenda Item 10-C)

### Title III Activities

Ms. Tendai Johnson presented an overview of Title III, its purpose, funding source, use of funds, and the ways in which Title III projects support strategic priorities. Title III is federally funded through the Department of Education usually on a five-year cycle. (See Agenda Item 10-D.)

### STUDENT UPDATE

Chairman Garrett informed the Board of the duties of the Student Government Association (SGA) President, Mr. Jerry Wilson, who sits on the Board of Trustees. This member has a responsibility of not only bringing all student concerns forward but also taking information gleaned from the Board back to students.

Trustee Jerry Wilson stated that the main goal of the SGA is to develop conscientious, competent student leadership and to broaden students' focus as global citizens of the university. This year the group has already moved in that direction—beginning with a vibrant freshman class, whose members have responded to the call for leadership. One hundred and three students vied for student-leadership roles. The SGA sponsored SGA week to educate students. In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, the students held a Hurricane Katrina drive to benefit the victims of that storm.

It was then moved by Trustee Raper to go into closed session to establish or to instruct the public staff concerning the position taken by or on behalf of the Board of Trustees in negotiating the price or other material terms of a contract or a closed contract for the acquisition of real property for the purchase option to obtain or lease. The motion was properly seconded and carried.

The Board reconvened in open session and after some discussion took the following action:

It was moved by Trustee Devasthali to authorize the staff to negotiate the best price as long as the cost does not exceed \$360,000 for the purchase of a residence at 2813 Skye Drive, Fayetteville, NC 28303. *The motion was properly seconded and carried.*

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Trustee T. Michael Todd, Chair

In the absence Trustee Todd, Chair of the Nominating Committee, Atty. Wanda Jenkins presented the following recommended slate of officers for 2005 – 2006:

Chairman: Mr. Nathan Garrett  
Vice Chairman: Mr. T. Michael Todd  
Secretary: Ms. Gloria M. Carter

It was moved by Trustee Brown to accept the recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Griffin. *The motion carried.*

Closing remarks were made by Chairman Garrett. With no further business, it was properly moved and seconded to adjourn. *The motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen W. Raper, Secretary

Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder