

FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

MINUTES

BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING

J. C. Jones Board Room, Charles Chesnutt Library

Thursday, March 27, 2008

1:30 p.m.

The Fayetteville State University Board of Trustees convened on Thursday, March 27, 2008, at 1:30 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.

ROLL CALL

The following trustees were in attendance: John B. Brown, Jr.; Linda Lee Allan; Gloria Carter; Jerry Dean; Shirish Devasthali; John Griffin, Jr.; Clifford Parker; Juanita Pilgrim; Sylvia Ray; and Roosevelt Wright. Trustee Lucy Vidal-Barreto was absent. Trustee emeritus, W. T. Brown, was 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.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

United Way of Cumberland County awarded Fayetteville State University Sponsored Research the 2008 UWCC's Community Impact Response Grant for their Community Approach to Reading Program in the amount of \$15,000 for the funding year. Mr. Robert Hines, President of United Way, presented the check to Chancellor Hackley and Chairman John Ben Brown along with FSU professors Dr. Shirley Chao and Dr. Priscilla Manarino-Leggett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Trustee Griffin and properly seconded by Trustee Devasthali that the minutes of the regular board meeting held December 13, 2007, and special called meeting held February 8, 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 an update on organizational changes in the Division of Academic Affairs. She informed the Committee that searches were still being conducted for several positions to include the Dean of the School of Business and Economics; departmental chairs in the departments of psychology, health and physical education, educational leadership, and middle grades and secondary education; two endowed chairs – the Lloyd V. Hackley Distinguished Professorship in Education and the Tony Rand Distinguished Professorship in Nursing; and twenty-seven faculty positions. (See Agenda Item 3-A)

Provost Bell provided a summary of the faculty tenure status for 2005 - 2007, highlighting policies and guidelines for tenure, promotion, and reappointment. She also shared information about student success programs that have been implemented and are in place at FSU for first and second year students. She reminded everyone of the “eighty-thirty-fifty” challenge that FSU must achieve in the next five years, which is 80% one-year retention rate, 30% four-year graduation rate, and 50% six-year graduation rate. (See Agenda Item 3-A)

Updates for the School of Education and Department of Nursing were given. In the Department of Nursing, Dr. Bell reminded the Committee of the two nursing tracks that are offered: RN-BSN Degree Program and the Generic BSN. Students in the RN-BSN program are already RN’s and are on track for their BSN. Students in the generic program are in it for the full four years or until they receive their BSN degree.

Provost Bell provided a brief update on the UNC Tomorrow Report, its subsequent timelines and due dates. Information was shared about FSU’s involvement with the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) efforts. Dr. Bell spoke briefly about the Textbook Cost Reduction Plan, which will be discussed in more detail in the Business and Finance Committee. (See Agenda Item 3-B)

Audit Committee – Trustee Juanita Pilgrim, Chair
Mr. Robert Stogner and Mrs. Barbara Adcox, FSU Internal Auditor contractors, reviewed the FY 05-06 audit report and FSU’s response and action taken on the findings. Trustee Pilgrim noted that there were seventeen findings and deficiencies of which six have been resolved while satisfactory progress has been made in resolving the issues of the remaining eleven. The FY 07 audit report will have some of the same recommendations, however, progress is being made to correct all deficiencies so they do not occur again. (See Agenda Item 8-A)

Business and Finance Committee – Trustee Jerry Dean, Chair
Mr. Benson Otovo, Vice Chancellor for Business and Finance provided updates on the 2007 – 2008 budget for the current capital projects and the 2006 – 2007 Annual Financial Report. Also, an update on the Ernst and Young Project commissioned by

President Erskine Bowles and UNC General Administration was given. (See Agenda Items 4-A - 4-D)

Approval of a Construction Manager at Risk for the new Science and Technology Building was discussed. Eight firms responded to the proposal, and four firms were placed on the short-list for interview by the pre-selection committee. The pre-selection committee chose the firm of Hunter Roberts Construction Group.

Trustee Dean made a motion to approve the firm of Hunter Roberts Construction Group to provide Construction Management at Risk services for the new Science and Technology Building. Further, it is requested that the Board of Trustees authorize University staff to negotiate a contract and fee for this firm. Trustee Wright seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* (See Agenda Item 4-E)

In order to make textbooks more affordable to our students, the university proposed to reinstate the textbook rental program beginning fall 2008. The proposal will be an across the board charge to all students and includes a two (2) year textbook adoption policy for faculty members. Trustee Dean made a motion to approve the textbook rental program and fees for 2008 – 2009. Trustee Pilgrim seconded the motion. *The motion carried.* (See Agenda Item 4-F)

In order to continue to provide the best quality dining service to our students, the fee for dining services must increase. Trustee Dean made a motion to approve the increases in the meal plan for 2008 – 2009. The motion was seconded by Trustee Carter. *The motion carried.* (See Agenda Item 4-G)

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Brown acknowledged the presence of Chancellor-elect, Dr. James Anderson.

Chairman Brown shared that he feels the Board of Trustees' meetings are running at one of its moments of high efficiency. All items presented during the regular meeting were discussed during committee meetings held earlier in the day, which were good, productive, and rigorous sessions. Chairman Brown stated that the committees must take on the responsibility and participate in the process of vetting the issues completely or as well as they can during committee meetings so that the full Board can run in an efficient manner.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Hackley announced that this will be his last Board meeting and that Chancellor-elect Anderson will assume the reins in seventy-two days. Chancellor Hackley also acknowledged Travis Bryant, who is the new head of Public Safety and Security.

Speaking on HBCU's Impact on America, Chancellor Hackley talked about the early years when institutions like FSU helped transform America. He stated that K-12 programs in segregated black schools would have been impossible to staff, and with the mandates that have been handed down by the UNC System, the question becomes what do we do from this point forward, where do we go from here, and are we prepared or equal to where we were in the past to meet these mandates? Will FSU be significant in the 21st century?

Chancellor Hackley addressed nursing education and the problems of poor pass rates on licensure exams, which he states is not just relegated to that program but is across the board. He further stated that all students must meet all requirements before being admitted to upper level programs. An associate dean for nursing education will be hired at FSU to oversee the department of nursing and will report to the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

Chancellor Hackley's overall message was that we (FSU) must make ourselves relevant. America is failing poor and minority students, and we must look at the means that will help us improve the university's educational outcomes. With changing diversity—Hispanics becoming the fastest growing new minority, we must do what's necessary to address it.

STUDENT REPORT

Trustee Clifford Parker provided a recap of the goals of the Student Government Association (SGA) that were shared at the December 2007, Board meeting.

Trustee Parker shared news about events, projects, and initiatives the SGA has been involved in. One notable event was the SGA Stand and Deliver Conference, which was designed to meet the needs of students in the way of personal and professional development. Dr. Eric Michael Dyson, author and educator, was the speaker for the event, and our very own Chancellor, Dr. Lloyd V. Hackley, spoke as well. Participation by the faculty was tremendous.

In light of the fee increase for meals, Trustee Parker stated that contrary to common belief, students, if well informed will not always be opposed to fee increases. While the students didn't agree to the initial proposal of a ten percent (10%) fee increase for meals, they were in agreement with a seven percent (7%) increase. He also expressed his delight at the reinstatement of the textbook rental policy.

OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman Brown acknowledged Trustee Carter's work as the chair of the Governance Committee that oversaw the interview process for the Chancellor Search Committee. Chairman Brown also announced that Dr. Keen, who was recently appointed to the Board, resigned due to a possible conflict of interest. In final, Chairman Brown

acknowledged all that Chancellor Hackley has done for the university and the Board during his time with us.

A presentation was made to Trustee Parker for his service to the Board of Trustees as *ex-officio* and President of the Student Government Association.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Juanita Pilgrim, Secretary

Suzetta M. Perkins, Recorder