

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina
Academic Affairs Committee Minutes
Friday, September 18, 2009
Alumni-Foundation Event Center
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

I. Call to Order

The Academic Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by the Committee Chair, Mrs. Faye Tate Williams. She welcomed the committee members and indicated her delight to be the committee chair.

II. Roll Call

The roll call revealed that committee members present were: Mrs. Faye Tate Williams, Ms. Karen Collins, Mr. Syene Jasmin, Mr. Al Lineberry, Jr., and Dr. Bertram Walls. Committee member Ms. Janice Bryant Howroyd was absent. Other attendees included Dr. Alton Thompson, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Narayanaswamy Radhakrishnan, Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, Chancellor Harold L. Martin and Attorney Charles Waldrup.

III. Presentations/Reports

A. Division of Academic Affairs – Dr. Alton Thompson, Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs

Dr. Thompson provided an overview of the responsibilities for the Academic Affairs Committee, which is to review academic roles, policies and procedures as well as academic program accreditations, including SACS. All policies and procedures are vetted through the Faculty Senate, Deans Council, Legal Affairs, Cabinet and the Chancellor prior to coming to the Board of Trustees for review and approval.

Dedication of the New Education Building

The New School of Education Building will be named in honor of the late **Dr. Samuel Dewitt Proctor**, the fifth president of the University, on Thursday, November 19, 2009, at 10:30 a.m., the University will hold an official naming ceremony to dedicate the building.

Commencement Date Change

The date for the Fall 2009 Commencement Ceremony has been changed to Monday, December 14, 2009, instead of Saturday, December 12, 2009, at the Greensboro Coliseum. This change was necessary to accommodate a scheduling conflict with the Greensboro Coliseum.

The University Community (students, faculty, staff, and administrators) was informed of this change in late July. A reminder will be sent to the University Community during the semester.

Enrollment Management

Dr. Thompson indicated that our University exceeded its enrollment goal by 2%; the goal was 10,500, and enrollment is 10,554. New freshman and new transfer students increased by 22.48%. The percentage increase in African American, Hispanic and White freshmen was 1%; 6%; and 1% respectively. New graduate students increased by 19.77%. The increase was in the master's program; however, we experienced a decline in doctoral programs.

The Strategic Enrollment Management "Multi-Disciplinary" Task Force has identified six goals and strategies to increase enrollment for 2009-2010.

1. Finalize the Strategic Enrollment Management Plan
2. Increase fall 2010 enrollment to 10,700
3. Increase average SAT to 950 or above; ACT to 21 or above
4. Increase and enhance external communications to prospects
5. Systematically analyze and qualify A&T inquiry pool

This plan will also create a comprehensive personal communication flow to prospects.

Funding for graduate students has increased, particularly for doctoral students. Five additional PhD programs have been submitted to GA for approval. It was suggested that the University develop a relationship with the Department of Defense to recruit students.

The University will improve the intellectual climate by developing a pre-professional program, i.e., pre-law, pre-dental, pre-med, etc. and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program.

SACS Update

The Compliance Certification report was submitted on September 10, 2009. This report is available on hard copy, DVD and on the web. The SACS staff visit is scheduled for October 7, 2009. The Quality Enhancement Plan is due on February 19, 2010. The SACS on-site team visit is scheduled for April 6-8, 2010.

Policies (Requires BOT Approval)

Three amended policies (**Code 600: Academic Freedom and Tenure, Post-Tenure Review and Phased Retirement Guidelines**) were presented to the Committee for review and approval. The amendments were based on General Administration's mandated changes. In instances where A&T policies did not adhere to the UNC policies, statements have been added and/or deleted to align our policies with UNC's amended guidelines and The Code. The policies were reviewed and approved by the Faculty Senate, the Deans' Council, the Chancellor's Cabinet and the General Counsel.

The Board of Trustees' Academic Affairs Committee unanimously approved the amended policies (**Code 600: Academic Freedom and Tenure, Post-Tenure Review and Phased Retirement Guidelines**) for submission to General Administration.

B. Division of Research and Economic Development
Dr. Narayanaswamy Radhakrishnan

Research funding in fiscal year 2009 that ended on June 30, 2009 was \$57.7 million, which is a 26% increase over fiscal year 2008 funding of \$45.8 million. Research funding has **increased over 100%** in the past five years. NCA&T is #3 in funding in the UNC System (as of June 30, 2009). Proposal applications are now submitted on line using RAMSeS. All reviews and approvals are completed on line.

To date, the University has applied for \$72 million in stimulus funds and has received \$2.3 million.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Recorder:
Helen R. Haynes