

North Carolina A&T State University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
Friday, February 13, 2015
10-12 pm
Alumni-Foundation Event Center, Executive Board Room
Greensboro, NC

Minutes

The Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees convened for a meeting on Friday, February 13, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the Alumni-Foundation Event Center Board Room with Committee Chairman, Mr. William Dudley presiding. Mr. Dudley called the meeting to order and asked for the roll call from the recording secretary.

Roll Call revealed the following:

Present: Mr. William Dudley, Chairman
Dr. Bertram E. Walls
Mrs. Faye Tate Williams
Mr. Dorian T. Davis
Mrs. Karen Collins
Mrs. Pamela Buncum
Liaison: Dr. Melody C. Pierce

Others Present:

Mr. Andrew Perkins, Interim Chief of Police and Public Safety
Marc J. Williams, Dean of Students
Fellow, Ms. Obaapanin Adu Oforiwaa, University of Education, Winneba, Ghana
Mr. John Newsom, Greensboro News and Record Newspaper Reporter

Student Affairs Presenter:

Dr. Eleanor Gwynn, Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and Professor of Dance

Mr. William Dudley entertained a motion to adopt the minutes of the Friday, November 14, 2014, Student Affairs Committee meeting. A motion by Mrs. Faye Tate Williams and seconded by Dr. Bertram Walls was unanimously carried. Mr. Dudley requested the Student Affairs Report from Vice Chancellor Melody Pierce. Dr. Pierce began with the following updates to the committee.

A. Strategic Priorities

PRIORITY 1: STUDENT ENGAGEMENT & SUPPORT

Fostering Undergraduate Student Success in the Division of Student Affairs:

Student Service Program Initiatives:

- Freshmen Institute designed to prepare students for their transition to campus life and academics
- Financial Literacy and Financial Empowerment training for all freshmen and in collaboration with all Schools/Colleges through on-line module

- Career exploration and planning for freshmen, undecided majors and transfer students Undergraduate Research in collaboration with undergraduate research hosted a symposium for 175 students.
- Graduate Assistants serve as academic enrichment counselors, housing assistants, technology managers, etc.

PRIORITY 2: EXPAND STAFF DEVELOPMENT IN THE DIVISION OF STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

- Professional Development: Divisional workshops and Webinars held monthly for all staff. Staff attends local, regional and national conferences.
- Domestic Violence Training: received a \$497,242 grant for training on domestic violence, stalking, sexual assault, and date rape with training open campus-wide
- Certification and Licensure: The Counseling Center and the Student Health Services are always Accredited by National Boards. Employees of both units serve on national and state boards. In addition, present at national conferences and contribute to the licensing Board exam for Counselors.

PRIORITY 3: REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT – CREATING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

- Alcohol and Drugs: NCA&T is one of five schools selected by the Governors' Office to receive the grant is the only HBCU.
- Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women: \$497,242 grant for training on Domestic Violence, Stalking, Sexual Assault, and Date Rape for 3 years.
- Thurgood Marshall College Fund: out of the 47 public HBCUs, NCAT was represented by 32 students of the 500 students who participated in the Annual TMCF Leadership Institute during November 9-13, 2014 in Washington, DC.

B. Personnel/Staff Updates as of November 2014-February 2015

DEPARTMENTS IN STUDENT AFFAIRS	
Position	Number of Staff Changes
Graduate Assistants	1
Terminated	2
Resigned	1
Promotion from temporary to permanent	1
New Hire Permanent	2
New Hire Temporary Part-Time	1
New Hire Temporary	1
<u>Retiring from Service</u> Mrs. Carolyn Mark 12/17/2014 Mrs. Thelma Williams 2/27/2015	2
<u>Employee Death</u> Ms. Sharon D. Ray	1
	Total: 12

HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE

Student Staff Positions	Department/Office	Number of Staff Changes
Graduate Hall Directors	Housing & Residence Life	16
Residence Assistants	Housing & Residence Life	91
Graduate Assistants- Academic Excellence & Enhancement Program	Housing & Residence Life	4
		Housing Total: 111
		Total for the Division: 123

C. Unit Reports

- The Office of Career Services will host the Spring Career Fair on Thursday, February 26, 2015 in the Corbett Sports Center 9-2 pm for all majors and classifications. Career Services requests students to bring resumes and dress professionally. The office will also host the Education Arts and Sciences Expo (E.A.S.E.) on March 10, 2015, 12-3 pm in the Alumni-Foundation Event Center.
- The Student Health Center staff moved into the facility on December 15, 2014. The new location is 112 N. Benbow Road, Greensboro, NC. This new two-story state of the art construction provides the following conveniences for staff and students:
 - LEED Silver National Green building design offers 11 exam rooms/with triage area
 - 2 fully equipped nurses stations, 2 kiosks self-service check-in, diagnostic treatment room
 - women's health services, prevention and maintenance education, seminar rooms modern pharmacy with over the counter medications, laboratory diagnostic area
 - immunization area
 - secure record retention area, psychiatry services and counseling areas (Health Education & Pharmacy)

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony was yesterday and celebrated by all that attended.

- On February 6, 2015 from 10-1p.m., "Aggies Go Red for Women's Heart Health", partnered with American Heart Association and three student organizations and was joined by Chancellor Harold Martin, Sr., demonstrating how to prepare a healthy snack. The event took place in the new Student Health Center Atrium.
- Housing and Residence Life occupancy report for the month of January and February 2015 is 96.3%. They will have 2015-2016 Housing Applications Process available for students on February 27-March 6, 2015.
- The Lyceum Series presented guitar virtuoso, Stanley Jordan last evening at Harrison Auditorium. It was a wonderful event.
- The Aggie Escort is a safety shuttle service operated by the Student Union here at A&T. The system is being updated to a more safe, secure and timely ride for its passengers. Students are advised to contact 336-285-2530 to reserve a ride. The current operations hours are Sunday-Friday, 6-10 pm. The steps to reserve a ride: a) do not have a ride, b) must be a student, c) must have Aggie One Card and call (336) 285-2530.

Black History Month sponsored by the Office of Student Activities, SGA AND SUAB

- Feb. 19th- 7-9 pm –Harrison Auditorium SUAB presents, "APOLLO".
- Feb. 20th 6 pm - General Classroom Building Auditorium, Black History Jeopardy Game Night Beta Beta Beta Biology Honors Society
- Feb. 21st – 10 am – Welfare Reform Liaison Service hosted by Miss A&T
- Feb. 24th – 2 pm – Murphy Hall Rm 204, LGBT PRIDE Week Kevin's Room SUAB/Multi-Cultural Affairs
- Feb. 24th-6:30 pm- New Academic Classroom Building Auditorium, "I Am a Brand" hosted by SGA
- Feb. 25th 6 pm – Harrison Auditorium, " The Cotton Club presents, Harlem Night: Black History Legends Performance", hosted by SGA
- Feb. 26th – 7 pm – Harrison Auditorium, DEF Jam presented by SUAB
- Feb. 27th 11 am- Alumni Event Center, Unsung Heroes Luncheon, hosted by SGA

D. Student Government Association Report

Special events include:

- Mister A&T, James Bowen, II, 21, competed against contestants from eight other historically black colleges or universities at the 11th annual Mr. HBCU Kings' Leadership Conference and Competition at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Mo. The contestants participated in four categories – oratory; talent; ease of manor (formal wear); and question and answer. After nearly three months of preparation for the Mr. HBCU Pageant, his hard work paid off and he was crowned Mr. HBCU.
- SGA invited Administrators to speak to the student body on topics such as:
 - Mr. Andy Perkins, new construction projects on campus, clock tower donation
 - Mrs. Angela Peterson, Campus Enterprises
 - Dr. Darryl McGraw, Information Technology presenting the students with Microsoft Suites
- “Chocolate with the Chancellor”, along with a live twitter feed on February 11, 2015 was very successful and informative to the students. The entire Cabinet attended.
- February Black History Month included all organizations involved, especially Council of Presidents, with a private screening of the Dr. Martin Luther King movie, SELMA to kick off Black History Month.
- HBCU Political Action Summit, which is the first to be held at Winston-Salem State University. Four students are currently representing NCA&T and they will be; T. Swanson, D. Newsome, V. Hinton and C. Moore and all are currently Political Science majors.
- This year Dorian serves on the UNC- Association of Student Government Body along with three other students. They are now working from an legislative body towards an advocacy body. They want to advocate for many of things they all see on their different campuses. One of the projects they are working towards is to get a student vote on the Board of Governors. One of the ASU Presidents, Alex Parker is the past SGA President of North Carolina State University and he serves on the Board of Governors but he does not have a student vote. Their push is to advocate for that student vote and Dorian and the other representatives plan to have lunch with him in two weeks to come together with a plan to establish a student vote on the Board.
- The North Carolina Legislative Assembly is trying to pass different bills this semester that Dorian will give at the April 2015 Board of Trustees meeting. However, Dorian said that he is working with Ms. Rosetta Clay in Alumni Affairs to create an Alumni Association here on campus where SGA encourages students to give back while they are in school instead of waiting until graduation. In the meantime, SGA plans a big campaign on utilizing the A&T University Farm to make our campus more sustainable without having to outsource for food all of the time.
- Dorian was asked by Mr. Dudley his opinion on student concerns involving the resignation of UNC President Tom Ross. Dorian said that the students begin to think about a way that is best to advocate for the president as an association. Dorian clearly stated that President Tom Ross did a great deal for all of the students. Mr. Dudley said he asked that question because there have been an assembly of students talking about where do they go from here. We are also concerned and involved with our students here at A&T in that same conversation. Dorian indicated that SGA plans to drive a vanload of students to Raleigh, NC on February 24, 2015 from A&T and Winston-Salem State University to advocate not only for President Tom Ross but for issues here at A&T as well. Additionally, on March 24, 2015, Dorian will travel to Washington, DC with

Michael Brown, Director of External Affairs Representative to speak on these issues as well. Dorian asked Mr. Dudley if he has any more information, to pass it along to him.

Presentation of Dr. Eleanor Gwynn

Chair of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts and Professor of Dance

Dr. Pierce continued reporting and introduced Dr. Eleanor Gwynn, from the Department of the Department of Visual and Performing Arts. Dr. Gwynn thanked Dr. Pierce for the invitation to speak to the committee for the Board of Trustees and was appreciative for the opportunity to do so for the first time in her career.

Dr. Gwynn relayed to the committee that the arts are often placed on the back burner. There are fewer dollars in the arts without regular budgets like other departments. Some people like Alvin Alley will not be able to survive without the national grants. We must have to make ourselves visibly seen nationally and internationally in order to survive. Without Student Affairs, some of our ensembles would not survive. Because of not receiving regular budgets and donations, Dr. Gwynn said that she is a master seller and she will pursue the dollars on behalf of the department because the staff and students deserve it. Their students have jobs and families in addition to rehearsing and school. It is more than classroom work. It is rehearsing day and night. The academics are number one. They must go out prepared in the world as well as artistic.

Overview of the Department

Dr. Gwynn said that the purpose is simple and direct. They strive to guide our students through planned lectures, studio work, and internal and external experiences to develop their creativity and aesthetic sensibilities. This purpose is consistent with the suggested guidelines for state, regional and national accrediting agencies, but it is also compatible with those of the university.

Goals/Objectives - To create policies that moves the department towards innovation and entrepreneurship.

Core Values – Philosophy and value system; these values guide all that they are as the department of Visual and Performing Arts.

Degrees offered:

- B.S. in Secondary Education (Music)
- B.A. in Music Performance
- B.A. in Music (General)
- Minor in Music
- Number of Students in the major: Fall 2014– 55, Spring 2015 – 50
- Number of Student in the New Music Minor: 5
- Number of Faculty: 9
 - 1 full-time faculty member (Program Director, tenured Associate Professor) –John P. Henry, Jr.
 - 1 faculty member on phased retirement- Mike Day
 - 3 full-time member adjuncts (with benefits) – Travis Alexander, Van-Anthoney Hall, C. Mondre Moffett
 - 4 Part-Time Faculty

2015 Performances

University Jazz Ensemble
 Opera Workshop
 National Association of Music Performance – Frazier Hall
 Senior Recital– Arquize Bowser (voice) – Frazier Hall
 Chamber Singers Concert-Frazier Hall
 Electronic Music Concert-Frazier Hall
 University Choir Concert-Location TBA

VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM

Overview: This major must have a desire to develop skills necessary for succeed as an artist with previous high school courses in art or art related experiences and instruction. The Program Director is Roy Carter. There are 120 majors for fall 2014 and spring 2015 currently enrolled, with no minors offered. (It is in development for 2017)

3 tenured, full time with benefits and 3 adjuncts.

Academic Degrees offered:

- Visual Arts, Design-Bachelor of Arts
- Visual Arts, Visual Media (Graphic) Design – Bachelor of Arts
- Art (Secondary Education) – Bachelor of Science

Student Organizations: The Art Circle is the student organization responsible for the continued promotion and student exhibition opportunities for our program. The students fund raise throughout the year in order to visit graduate programs and area art exhibitions.

Dance Concentration in Liberal Studies: This concentration is part of the Liberal Studies curriculum but is also essential to Visual and Performing Arts. Auditions are held at the beginning of the fall and spring semesters with study abroad travel to an African or Caribbean Country for one month. Students are required to actively participate in the E. Gwynn Dance Company, obtain a passport and be financially responsible for a portion of their expenses in order to qualify for travel abroad.

- Number of dance majors and minors – 20
- Number of faculty
 - One full-time tenured faculty –also the department chair
 - One full-time adjunct with benefits
 - Two part-time instructors
 - Degrees offered – dance concentration in Liberal Studies
 - Dance minor with a major in another department

Spring 2015 Dance Schedule:

- Feb. 20 – Irwin Montessori School
- March 21 – Spring Concert, “International Inspirations”, Harrison Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.
- April 17- Peeler Open School
- April 19 – Two Senior Projects, GCB Auditorium at 3p.m.
- (based on Study Abroad in Kingston Jamaica, summer 2014)
- October 2015, the E. Gwynn Dance Company is invited at the request of Dr. Degraded-Johnson, Principal of the Edna Manley College of Visual and Performing Arts.

THEATER PROGRAM, DIRECTOR, FRANKIE DAY

- Degrees offered: Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre (BFA)
- Areas of concentration in Acting and Technical Theater

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- Faculty: five tenured, full time faculty and one full time faculty with benefits and one full time shared with the College of Arts and Sciences with benefits
- Three adjuncts who teach in different semesters and one full time administrator

Spring 2015

- February 3, “Breath Boom”, (Remount for the American College Theater Festival, Region IV), Albany, GA
- February 12, 2014 - February 19, 2015, “Breath Boom”, in the Paul Robeson Theater on campus.
- March 2015, An Alzheimer’s Play – Premier Reading – Date: TBA
- April 16, 2015, “No Dwelling: Homeless in American”, Thursday to Sunday for two weekends

PERFORMING ENSEMBLES IN EACH PROGRAM AREA**Dance Concentration in Liberal Studies:**

The E. Gwynn Dance Company of NCAT State Foundation and Artistic Director – Dr. Eleanor Gwynn

Music Program:

University Choir Director – Maestro Travis Alexander

University Chamber Singers – Director- Maestro Travis Alexander

Jazz Ensemble – Directed by Professor Mondre Moffett

Percussion Ensemble – Directed by Dr. Michael Lasley

Visual Arts Program:

Student Art Circle – Advisor Professor Jim Barnhill

Theater Program:

The Richardson B. Harrison Players Advisor is Dr. Vanita Vactor.

Dr. Gwynn said that she feels very strongly that the Department of Performing Arts is the spirit and the soul of this university. They are the scepter. She hopes that this will be a continued reality. She acknowledged supporters of this program; Chancellor Harold Martin, Sr., Provost Benjamin Whitehead, Jr., Dr. Goldie Byrd, and Dr. Melody Pierce.

Mr. William Dudley mentioned that during his travels to different countries, he opened his heart to find and purchase some art pieces and is now asking his colleagues to do the same. Dr. Gwynn mentioned a student and senior art show is forthcoming in the spring 2015. Mr. Dudley thanked Dr. Gwynn for a very informative presentation.

Dr. Pierce continued asked Mr. Andy Perkins for any updates or comments concerning campus safety. Mr. Perkins announced to the committee a full Police Accreditation takes place in April 2015 for the Police Department. They are now making preparations for it to be a success.

Dr. Pierce also introduced Ms. Obaapanin Adu Oforiwaa (Fellow Doctoral Student) from Ghana observing the Division of Student Affairs to the Student Affairs Committee. Her position is the Acting Director, Gender Mainstreaming Directorate at the University of Education in Winneba, Ghana. She said that she works with a young but fast growing university, which is located along the coast of Ghana.

Its goal is to train professional teachers for primary and secondary schools. The university began in 1992. Currently, the school is opening up to more students training them in other professions, mainly because of the demand for higher education in Ghana.

In 2005, they received grants from the Carnegie Corporation of New York, to set up a gender-based training Directorate. She is currently the head of the Directorate. The role of the Directorate is to support the university in its effort to create a gender-friendly university campus for all staff and students to enhance teaching research. One of the core reasons she is here is to improve and gather information on

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campus climate; making sure that the campus is literally home away from home for the students; free from harassment, violence, rape, sexual assault, those with different backgrounds and different cultures. She is working with Student Affairs and other sections to gather as much information as possible from A&T including social justice and take it back to her university because she believes both universities have a lot in common. She expressed to the committee that she is very happy to be here. Mr. Dudley welcomed her to North Carolina A&T and thanked her for the wonderful comments. This concluded Dr. Pierce's Student Affairs Report.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairman William Dudley entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion made by Mrs. Faye Tate Williams was seconded by Dr. Bertram Walls and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin M. Woods
Recording Secretary