

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CALLED TELECONFERENCE MEETING
December 7, 2015

MINUTES

The Board of Trustees convened for a called teleconference meeting on Monday, December 7, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Walls.

He thanked the members for availing themselves for the called teleconference meeting then paused for roll call.

Roll Call revealed that the following were:

Present: Dr. Bertram Walls, Chairman
Mr. Emerson Fullwood
Mrs. Faye Tate Williams
Mr. John W. Bluford, III
Mr. Tody Brodie
Mr. William Dudley
Ms. Venessa Harrison
Mr. Timothy King

Absent: Ms. Janice Bryant Howroyd
Ms. Donna James
Ms. Laura Meagher
Mr. Austin Ogletree
Mr. Tim Rice

Others Present: Chancellor Harold L. Martin
Ms. Nicole Pride
Mr. Michael Brown
Ms. Nanyamka Farrelly
Ms. Janese Fails

Chairman Walls stated that the purpose of the teleconference meeting is to discuss the Board formally going on record in support of the NC Connect Bond Referendum. He thanked Ms. Harrison for bringing forth the suggestion. He then asked Chancellor Martin to provide details about the bond referendum.

Chancellor Martin thanked the Board for their interest and consideration of an official effort and strategy to support the bond referendum, which includes \$90 million dollars for a new college of engineering facility. The new facility has been a top priority for the university over the past 10 years and has taken on an accelerated focus due to the need to expand to accommodate graduate enrollment, research and the role the university plays as a partner local, state and regional

economic development. The facilities staff is working with the College of Engineering leadership to develop a talking statement regarding the scope and impact of the facility and will be ready for dissemination to the Board and other constituents in the new year. The statement will be designed to educate the community, university constituents and citizens of North Carolina about the importance of the bond referendum in general, and its impact on A&T in particular. The resolution that is under consideration today will become part of the marketing strategy to be implemented in the education process.

Chairman Walls opened the floor for questions or further discussion about the resolution. There being none, he then entertained a motion for the approval of a *Resolution in Support of the 2015 Connect NC Bond Referendum Supporting Investment in Higher Education, Agriculture, Parks, Water and Sewer* as presented. A motion was made by Mr. Bluford and seconded by Mr. Dudley. The motion was unanimously carried.

Chairman Walls invited Mr. Brown to make comments. Mr. Brown said this is a great first step for the university and allows us to create the momentum with the Board's support. The official kickoff will be January 5, and we look forward to moving forward. Other universities that have supported the referendum are East Carolina, UNC Charlotte, and UNC Greensboro. Chancellor Martin added that the North Carolina Community College system board has also taken a position of support for the referendum as well.

There being no further items for discussion, Chairman Walls entertained a motion for adjournment. A motion made by Mr. Brodie was seconded by Ms. Harrison and unanimously carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Janese A. Fails
Recording Secretary