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North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina
University Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2016
Alumni-Foundation Event Center
Room 102
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

BOT Committee Chair, Mrs. Donna James, called the University Affairs Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. She welcomed committee members and guests and thanked them for their attendance. She then asked for the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present included: Mr. William Dudley, Mrs. Donna James, Mr. Toby Brodie, Mrs. Faye Tate Williams, Mr. Jordan Greene, and Dr. Joe B. Whitehead, Jr., ex-officio member. Mr. John Bluford, Dr. Bertram Walls, Dr. Tony Graham, Faculty Senate President, and Mr. James Griffin, Staff Senate Chair, were not in attendance.

Mrs. James asked other attendees in the meeting to introduce themselves. Other attendees included: Dr. Barry Burks, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development; Ms. Helen R. Haynes, Recorder; Mrs. Erin Hart, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management; Dr. Scott Jenkins, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Programs; Ms. Kathy Murphy, Office of Legal Counsel; Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Dr. Ericka Smith, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources; Dr. Charles Waldrup, General Counsel; and Mr. Marc Williams, Dean of Students for Student Affairs. Mr. John Newsome from Greensboro News and Record was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 22, 2016

Committee Chair James entertained a motion for approval of the April 22, 2016 minutes of the University Affairs Committee. A motion was offered by Mrs. Faye Tate Williams and seconded by Mr. John Dudley. The motion carried unanimously.

DIVISIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

ACADEMIC RESTRUCTURING IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Provost Whitehead provided an update on the Academic Restructuring. An Executive Transition Team (ETTeam) was established for the implementation of the new academic structure, which consisted of personnel from most divisions and their associated business units including the Faculty Senate President and the Staff Senate Chair. He stated that the implementation strategy was intense with many moving parts, i.e. systems were identified that required modification, revision to the new master plan for new colleges, and revision to the faculty handbook.

The three new colleges established are the College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, College of Health and Human Sciences and College of Science and Technology. The new deans are in place, associate deans identified, support staff reassigned, etc. The new interim deans are:

1. Dr. Gloria Jones-Johnson, College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences;
2. Dr. Lenora Campbell, College of Health and Human Services; and
3. Dr. Abdellah Ahmidouch, College of Science and Technology

Provost Whitehead shared that a search firm will be hired to conduct searches for the founding deans of the new college as well as for the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. The deadline for the hiring of the founding deans is July 1, 2017.

Provost Whitehead concluded by sharing a summary of faculty hiring to date for academic year 2016-2017.

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Mrs. Erin Hart, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, provided a snapshot of academic programs. She also shared the below information:

1. The university realized an increase of nearly 10% in the number of new freshmen enrolled this fall compared to last fall.
2. This increase was realized with an increase in academic profile of the incoming class.
3. The number of new transfer students who enrolled this fall also increased by 13% over last fall.
4. Total student enrollment increased by nearly 3% (11,100 students).

Mrs. Hart concluded by sharing that her team is currently working on a communication plan to yield more student enrollees.

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Ericka Smith, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, presented an update on the Faculty of the Future initiative. She stated that the university's decision to invest in training and start-up funds have generated a continued progression in strategic planning for faculty and an improved caliber of faculty hiring.

1. Dr. Smith also shared that there were 20 new faculty hired for the 2016-17 Academic Year, with 50% earning PhD's from "flagship" universities, and 75% receiving their degree from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education rankings of "Highest Research Activity".
2. She also reviewed with the committee, demographics of the newly hired faculty, which highlighted the diversity within the recruitment of faculty.

Dr. Smith also provided a snapshot of university faculty by gender and race to include comparative data based on fall 2016 versus fall 2015. She concluded her presentation with a summary of the continued next steps for the faculty of the future.

DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Barry L. Burks, Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, provided the below update for the FY 2015-2016 academic year.

1. The university received \$60.2M in sponsored research funding, only \$300K less than the highest amount ever received.
2. The university was granted seven new patents, which is a new record year to date.
3. N.C. A&T is ranked 3rd in research funding in the UNC System.

The funding received to date (FY 2016-2017) is running ahead of funding received at the same time last year.

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, provided updated informational reports on the housing matrix, housing occupancy and a summary of calendar events. She stated that student housing is at 99.9% capacity.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussions, Committee Chair James entertained a motion for adjournment. The motion was made by Mrs. Tate Williams and seconded by Mr. Dudley. The motion carried.

Mrs. James thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked the presenters for providing precise reports. With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Recorder:
Helen R. Haynes