



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina
University Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 17, 2017

Alumni-Foundation Event Center Room 102
8:00–10:00a.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: Mrs. Donna James, Mr. John Bluford, Mr. Toby Brodie, Mr. William Dudley, Mr. Jordan Greene, Dr. Bertram Walls, Mrs. Faye Tate Williams, and Dr. Joe B. Whitehead, Jr., ex-officio member, and Dr. Dwedor Ford, Faculty Senate President. BOT Emerson Fullwood was also in attendance. Committee member absent: Ms. Sharon Mitchell, Staff Senate Chair.

Other attendees included: Dr. Barry Burks, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development; Dr. Regina W. Davis, Assistant Provost for Student Success and Academic Support; Ms. Helen R. Haynes, Recorder; Mrs. Erin Hart, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management; Dr. G. Scott Jenkins, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs/ Undergraduate Programs; Ms. Kathy Murphy, Office of Legal Counsel; Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Mr. Todd Simmons, University Relations; Dr. Ericka Smith, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources; Dr. Charles Waldrup, General Counsel; Mr. Marc Williams, Dean of Students for Student Affairs; and Mr. Charles Wilson, Police Chief. Mr. John Newsome (Greensboro News and Record) was also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –NOVEMBER 18, 2016

Committee Chair James entertained a motion for approval of the November 18, 2016 minutes of the University Affairs Committee. A motion was offered by Dr. Walls and seconded by Mr. Dudley. The motion carried unanimously.

CONTINUING TO BUILD TOWARD NATIONAL PROMINENCE THROUGH A&T P2020

Dr. Joe B. Whitehead, Jr., Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided an overview of major initiatives that define N.C. A&T's path to fulfilling the goals of Preeminence 2020. He shared a presentation which included an update on Academic Restructuring; Faculty and Staff of the Future; Non-Tenure Track Faculty Initiative; and Strategic Enrollment Growth.

Provost Whitehead also provided a brief history of N.C. A&T's current Carnegie Classification. He also shared information on the Research and Development Expenditures per full-time faculty at N.C. A&T. He reiterated the rationale for the academic reorganization as well as shared the expected outcomes and measures of success. He stated that undergraduate enrollment is the engine of the University. He shared that the School of Nursing is above all of the thresholds for NCLEX examination pass rates for ACEN, NC BON, and BOG.

Provost Whitehead concluded his presentation by stating that Preeminence 2020 is about fulfilling our land-grant mission; being responsive to students, meshing programs with state and national needs and enhancing the community.

DIVISIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT SUMMARY

Mrs. Erin Hill-Hart, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, provided an overall headcount for spring enrollment. She stated that the university reported a nearly 1% increase over last year's spring enrollment. The increase was in part due to transfer and doctoral students. Mrs. Hill-Hart also shared admission data for fall 2017.

Committee Chair James also requested that a report on online/versus traditional enrollment for the April 2017 committee meeting.

STUDENT SUCCESS INITIATIVES

Dr. Regina Williams-Davis, Assistant Provost for Student Success and Academic Support, provided an update on the Student Success Initiative. She reiterated the definition of student success, which is "the accomplishment of favorable or desired student outcomes." She then provided highlights of the student success framework; faculty and student engagement committee work; institutional changes (effective fall 2017); and student success plans. Mr. Greene indicated that he has seen the transformation in the freshman students because of the initiatives from the Center of Academic Excellence and he commended Dr. Williams-Davis.

Mr. Todd Simmons, Associate Vice Chancellor for University Relations, discussed the university's plan to launch a student success portal via redesign of the current student gateway on the ncat.edu website.

DIVISION OF HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Ericka Smith, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, requested approval of the **UNC General Administration Annual Management Flexibility Report**. This report provides the Chancellor or his designee authorization to oversee business decisions for the university such as EHRA Faculty and Non-Faculty salaries, conferral of tenure, salary equity and policies related to recruitment and compensation.

Committee Chair James entertained a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of Trustees. The motion was made by Dr. Walls and seconded by Mr. Dudley. The motion carried.

DIVISION OF RESEARCH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Barry L. Burks, Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, requested approval to establish a new research center titled Advanced Computation Resources Center (ACRC). ACRC will maintain high performance computing systems for use by students and faculty. The Center's staff will provide training to promote interdisciplinary use of modeling principles, simulation and 3-D visualization, data analysis, and etc.

Committee Chair James entertained a motion to recommend approval by the full Board of Trustees. The motion was offered by Dr. Walls and seconded by Mr. Dudley. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION

SPRING COMMENCEMENT

Dr. G. Scott Jenkins, Vice Provost for Academic Affairs/Undergraduate Program, provided an update on modifications to the May 2017 Commencement Program in order to decrease the program length. He indicated that the increase in enrollment and subsequently the number of graduates resulted in extremely long commencement programs. Therefore, the Board supported modification of the commencement program to decrease its duration during the 2016 summer retreat. Three options were presented to the cabinet, deans, Faculty Senate, and at the Chancellor's Faculty and Administrators Forums. The changes to the commencement program will be communicated to students at the Chancellor's Students Forum in March 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items for discussion, Committee Chair James thanked everyone for their attendance and thanked the presenters for providing precise reports. She then entertained a motion to adjourn. The motion was offered by Mr. Bluford and seconded by Mr. Dudley. The motion carried.

Recorder:

Helen R. Haynes