

## **BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University  
Greensboro, NC

November 17, 2017

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### **MINUTES**

The Business Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees convened on Friday, November 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m., in Room 102 of the Alumni Foundation Events Center with Mr. Tim Rice presiding.

Roll Call revealed the following:

Present:                    Mr. John Bluford  
                                 Mr. Toby Brodie  
                                 Dr. Harold L. Martin, Sr.  
                                 Mr. Joe Parker  
                                 Mrs. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland  
                                 Mr. Tim Rice  
                                 Ms. Kayla Tate, SGA President

Others Present:        Mr. William Barlow, University Engineer  
                                 Mr. Scott Hummel, Associate Vice Chancellor/Comptroller  
                                 Mr. Tom Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology  
                                 Mrs. Chartarra Joyner, Assistant Vice Chancellor  
                                 Mrs. Kathy Murphy, Deputy General Counsel  
                                 Mr. John Newsome, News & Record  
                                 Mr. Andrew Perkins, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities  
                                 Mrs. Angela Peterson, Associate Vice Chancellor/Campus Enterprises  
                                 Mr. Robert Pompey, Jr., Vice Chancellor for Business & Finance  
                                 Mrs. Daphne M. Rogers, Recorder, Business and Finance  
                                 Mr. Charles Waldrup, General Counsel  
                                 Mr. Charles Wilson, Associate Vice Chancellor/Police & Public Safety

Absent:                    Mr. Tim King

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Tim Rice followed by the roll call. A motion to approve the minutes from September, 2017 was moved and properly seconded by Mrs. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland and Mr. Toby Brodie. Mr. Rice yielded the meeting to Mr. Robert Pompey, Jr. for the following updates:

### **Tuition and Fee Committee**

Mr. Earl Hilton presented the Tuition and Fee Committee annual report and briefed the committee on the proposed 2018-19 tuition and fee rates for North Carolina A&T.

Consistent with instructions received from UNC General Administration, there will be no tuition increase for residential undergraduate or non-MBA graduate students.

It is proposed that nonresident undergraduate tuition rates be increased by 2%, or \$320, and non-resident graduate tuition rates be increased by 1.5%, or \$245. It is further recommended that tuition for the MBA program be increased by \$1,000 for all students.

The Committee also recommended increasing required fees, which include Athletics, Health Center, Student Activities, Education and Technology, and Debt Service by 3%, or \$85.50.

Fee increases as outlined in the Board of Trustees material for room, board, orientation, application, and laundry service were also discussed.

With the tuition and fee increases which have been proposed, North Carolina A&T remains in the bottom third as compared to our UNC system peers for undergraduate tuition and fees, and in the bottom half as compared to our UNC system peers for graduate tuition and fee rates. We also continue to remain in the bottom quartile for undergraduate rates, and the bottom half for graduate rates, as compared to our non-UNC system peers.

It was moved and properly seconded by Mrs. Hilda Pinnix-Ragland and seconded by Mr. Joe Parker to accept the proposed Tuition and Fees and proceed to the Full Board of Trustees for approval.

### **Comptroller's Update**

The Self-Assessment of internal controls over financial reporting has been completed and certified by the Chancellor and CFO to the State Controller; covering 50 fiscal related areas.

The State audit team should have their report available for the Financial Audit exit conference in December, 2017.

Athletics Procedures Review for NCAA Compliance: 44 fiscal and procedural areas reviewed by independent audit firm (RSM); certification by Chancellor to NCAA due January 15.

### **Comptroller Office Projects**

"A/P Director" project will enable electronic capture of vendor invoices and campus check requests reducing paper and building efficiency. Procurement Services is working with major vendors to receive electronic invoices.

The Travel Card is in the hands of 200 employees and a similar debit card is being used by 280 athletes. The card eliminates travel advances and allows payment for all travel related items except meals. Athletics coaches no longer have to carry cash for athlete meals, and athlete's debit card balances are returned to the Athletics budget.

The Fitch rating agency reconfirmed our A+ rating, and also moved the rating up from stable to positive. Our Moody's rating remains a strong A1.

The North Carolina A&T Investment Foundation, Inc. is being established to pool University and associated entities endowments. Expected benefits are consistency of investment management, management fee reduction, and consolidated endowment reporting.

### **Technology Strategy Status Update**

The Banner 9 upgrade continues. Most technician issues with the Banner 9 test instance have been resolved. Functional offices are working with ITS to plan the installation of Banner 9 in the regular Banner test instance. Most Oracle databases will be migrated to Oracle Cloud Machines (OCMs) at the Western Data Center and MCNC. This will host hosting costs at current levels.

The core fiber loop has been delayed due to the need to re-terminate existing fiber. The new fiber is in place and has been tested. Expansion of the wireless network, Craig Hall equipment room, virtual desktop servers, and acquisition of new perimeter firewalls are ready to proceed.

Fiber, router and switch installation on the Aggie Farm are complete. ITS is in the process of activating the network. Next steps include installing wireless access points and telephones. Planning has begun for the next round of classroom and computer lab upgrades. Tentative plans call for upgrade of 79 rooms.

The search committee for the AVC/Deputy CIO has concluded initial interviews. Finalists will be brought to campus in November. Search committees for the three director positions will begin reviewing applicants.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:46 p.m.

Recorded by:

*Daphne M. Rogers*