

North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting Minutes for

September 27, 2019

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees convened on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., in the Conference Room of the Alumni Foundation Events Center with Mr. John Bluford presiding. Mr. Bluford called the meeting to order and asked for the roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

*Committee members present were:*

Mr. John Bluford, Chair

Ms. Kimberly Gatling

*Others Present:*

Ms. Melissa Jackson Holloway, General Counsel

Ms. Saundra Ross, Recorder, Office of Legal Affairs

Ms. Venessa Harrison, BOT chairperson

*Absent/Excused:*

Mr. Bhakar Venepalli

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The approval of the February 22, 2019 meeting minutes was tabled to the next scheduled meeting on November 22, 2019, due to a lack of quorum.

**INFORMATION ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS**

**UNC Policy Updates:**

Ms. Holloway provided an overview of recent BOG policy updates affecting the Board nominations and elections process and discussed adjustments made to the 2019 Trustee onboarding process to ensure compliance with the proposed changes including, but not limited to, the swearing in of new BOT members at the June Board retreat. No Board bylaw changes are

required but Trustee Bluford suggested further review of the current nominations process and the relevant timelines. Trustee Gatling suggested the continued use of the previous interest survey with incoming Board members to help determine Committee placement. Ms. Holloway confirmed that no changes will be necessary to the Bylaws to comply with the guidelines contained in the revised BOG policy.

**Board Assessment Process:**

The Committee continued its discussion regarding Section 200.4 the Code which requires the BOT “to conduct a self-assessment every four years at a time determined by the Chairperson of the BOT after consultation with the Chancellor and the President.” The BOT conducted such an assessment in 2018 using an outside consultant, but may be interested in a supplemental internal assessment to obtain more robust information. Ms. Holloway agreed to provide the Chair with sample assessment tools and questions. The Committee will continue to discuss the options and a proposed timeline for next steps.

**Voter ID Update:**

Ms. Holloway provided an update on North Carolina Voter ID law and the process being used to obtain approval for NC A&T issued student, faculty and staff identification cards to be used as an acceptable form of identification for voting. During the initial approval cycle, only 5 UNC system schools were approved for both student and staff identification use. Schools have been asked to submit identification cards for reapproval on or before November 15, 2019.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn, was seconded, and unanimously approved.

Approved by the Committee on November \_\_\_\_\_, 2019.

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John Bluford, Chair