



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina
University Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, February 28, 2020
Alumni-Foundation Event Center Room 102
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The Board of Trustees (BoT) University Affairs Committee meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m., by Judge Paul L. Jones. He welcomed committee members and guests and thanked them for their attendance. He then asked for the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Judge Paul Jones; Mr. John Bluford; Mr. Mark Copeland; Ms. Allison Gilmore; Mr. George Mainor; Dr. Beryl C. McEwen, Ex-officio member, Dr. Julius Harp, Faculty Senate Chair; and Ms. Erica Knight, Staff Senate Chair. Mr. William Dudley was also in attendance.

Other attendees included: Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Ms. Helen R. Haynes, Recorder; Dr. Clay Gloster, Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Graduate Dean; Dr. Sherine Obare, Dean of the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering; Ms. Jacqueline Powers, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management; Dr. Nicole Pride, Vice Provost for Academic Strategy and Operations; Mr. Earl Hilton, Athletics Director; Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Atty. Melissa Holloway, General Counsel; Dr. Eric Muth, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development; Ms. Erickia Elbert, Interim Vice Chancellor for Human Resources; and Mr. Marc Williams, Dean of Students. Mr. Michael Phippen from Black Triad and Mr. John Newsome from Greensboro News and Record were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Jones entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of the Board of Trustees held on November 22, 2019. A motion was made by Trustee John Bluford, seconded by Trustee Allison Gilmore, and unanimously approved as submitted.

DIVISIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN)

Provost Beryl McEwen introduced Dr. Sherine Obare, Dean of the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN). Dr. Obare presented an update on JSNN. She shared that N.C. A&T is the only HBCU that educates, trains and confers M.S. and PhD degrees in Nanoengineering, and is the largest producer of graduate degrees in Nanoengineering in the state of North Carolina. She also stated that the Nanoengineering graduates are trained and educated to significantly impact the *4th Industrial Revolution*.

Dean Obare concluded by stating that JSNN's future goals are to increase graduate student scholarships in Nanoengineering and increase funding to maintain and attract state-of-the-art equipment, which is critical to the future of research and innovation.

ENROLLMENT SUMMARY

Undergraduate Enrollment/Transfer Students

Ms. Jacqueline Powers, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, provided an update on undergraduate enrollment. She shared that the spring 2020 undergraduate enrollment increased by 3.5%. She also shared that the university now has 11,678 undergraduates enrolled for spring 2020, compared to 11,276 in spring 2019, and the freshman cohort persistence rate for fall 2019 to spring 2020 is 96.5% (1.5% growth).

She concluded by stating that the Division of Academic Affairs hosted Honors Weekend on February 7-8 for invitation only students. However, there are many bright students who also qualify for merit awards.

Graduate Enrollment

Dr. Clay Gloster, Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Dean of The Graduate College, provided an update on the Graduate College. He shared that graduate enrollment increased by 14.5% for spring 2020 over spring 2019. He also shared that graduate students include 68% in-state, 28% out-of-state, and 4% international. He also stated that females represent 59%, with the largest number of new students from Georgia, Virginia, Texas and South Carolina.

He concluded by providing an update on the scholarships offered by the Graduate College, to include the Woodland Hall Fellowships and the Chancellors Fellows.

Centers of Excellence

Provost Beryl McEwen provided an update on the three Centers of Excellence. She shared a handout that included the center directors, hiring updates for centers and community partners. The centers have hired Mr. Steve Cook, a Scholar-in-Residence, and Dr. Sandra Johnson, a Visiting Scholar. They bring many years of corporate and agency experience to the university.

The Provost concluded her report stating that the three centers have submitted cross-disciplinary proposals to date for a combined total of \$43M.

Division of Human Resources

Mrs. Erickia Elbert, Interim Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, presented an update on the New Manager Development Program. She shared the benefits of this program for both the employees and the university, i.e., it has the potential to improve performance, increases retention and improves morale. She stated that 96% of the attendees rated the program good to excellent.

This concluded the open session of the meeting, and the committee then went into closed session.

CLOSED SESSION

During the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee closed session the committee reviewed recommendations for faculty tenure (11), honorary doctorate degrees (2) and a request for faculty emeritus status (1).

After returning to open session, Judge Jones entertained a motion for these approvals. All items were approved unanimously, as submitted.

ADJOURNMENT

Judge Jones thanked everyone for their attendance. This concluded the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Recorder:

Helen R. Haynes, Special Assistant to the Provost