



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina
University Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 13, 2020
Zoom Meeting
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Paul L. Jones called the Board of Trustees (BoT) University Affairs Committee meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on November 13, 2020.

Trustee Jones welcomed committee members and guests and thanked them for their attendance. He then read the following statement:

Please be advised that this meeting is being conducted remotely consistent with the recently enacted modifications to the laws governing the meetings of North Carolina public bodies during a declared state of emergency. These changes in the law require board members to identify themselves before speaking, making motions, and participating in deliberations. The law also requires all votes to be taken via roll call. Also, please be advised that all chats, instant messages, texts, and other written communications between members of the Board regarding public business during a remote meeting are deemed public record.

He thanked committee members for bearing with the technical glitches that occurred as the meeting started. Trustee Jones read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts recorded. Trustee Jones then asked for roll call.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Trustees Paul Jones, John Bluford, Brenda Caldwell; Mark Copeland; George Mainor; Provost Beryl C. McEwen, Ex-officio member; Dr. Julius Harp, Faculty Senate Chair; and Ms. Erica Knight, Staff Senate Chair.

Other attendees included: Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs; Ms. Helen R. Haynes, Recorder; Ms. Christina Brogdon, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources; Dr. Clay Gloster, Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Graduate Dean; Ms. Jacqueline Powers, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management; 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; Mr. Marc Williams, Dean of Students; Dr. John Lowney, Executive Director for Housing and Residence Life; and Dr. Padonda B. Webb, Interim Health Center Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Jones entertained a motion for the approval of the minutes for the meeting of the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee, held on September 25, 2020. A motion was made by Trustee Mark Copeland, seconded by Trustee John Bluford, and the minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

DIVISIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

Division of Academic Affairs

The Spring 2021 Continuity Plan

Dr. Beryl C. McEwen, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, provided an update on the current *University Continuity Plan*. The Chancellor charged the spring 2021 Planning Committee, chaired by Provost McEwen, to evaluate and revise the university's plans from fall 2020 to ensure the health and safety of the university community in the spring 2021 semester. The committee monitored issues and communications from state and federal agencies to assist in revising and updating the university's plans. The Planning Committee consisted of six working groups (Academic Affairs, Athletics, Budget and Finance, Student Affairs, Health and Wellness, and Communications). The planning committee met weekly to provide updates. The final *Continuity Plan* was presented to the Chancellor's Cabinet on Monday, November 9, 2020, and later communicated to the university community.

UNC System Peer Study

Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs, provided an overview of N.C. A&T's Peer Institutions. The *2020 UNC System Peer Study* was launched by the Board of Governors in May of 2019, for completion and submission by all institutions in early October 2020. Dr. Smith-Jackson shared the following:

- a. A data modeling approach was used; each institution was allowed to select 10 – 12 peer institutions, including comparable peers and aspirational peers.
- b. Six common variables were required by the UNC System. N.C. A&T added 6 more variables.
- c. Each institution was allowed to select between 10 – 12 peer institutions based on their results.
- d. N.C. A&T chose 11 institutions; seven of which were on our **2011** peers list.
- e. The listing of peers will be revisited in 2025.

Dr. Smith-Jackson concluded the presentation by stating that the N.C. A&T Peers were presented to the Board of Governors (BoG) at its October 2020 meeting, with a vote for approval expected at the November 2020 BoG meeting.

Division of Student Affairs

Dr. John Lowney, Executive Director for Housing and Residence Life, provided an update on the fall 2020 Housing Occupancy rate based on gender, classification, and international students. The total occupancy (3,807) was 76.51 percent of capacity.

Dr. Padonda B. Webb, Interim Health Center Director, provided an update on the health of the campus community for fall 2020 and shared the testing protocol. She also stated that students living in university housing will be tested before returning home for Thanksgiving, and again when they return to the campus in January 2021. Dr. Webb also shared that students will be mailed a COVID Testing Kit in December 2020 and will be asked to return their COVID Testing Kit directly to Quest Diagnostics before returning to campus in January 2021. She also shared that we have partnered with the Guilford County Health Department, Cone Health, Thurgood Marshall Foundation, Quest Diagnostics, and Global Lab Partners to assist with this initiative. She concluded by stating that the Student Health Center has also increased staffing due to the demand.

Department of Athletics

Mr. Earl Hilton, Athletics Director, provided an update on the Department of Athletics. He shared the annual report from the Chancellor's Council on Intercollegiate Athletics, which was also forwarded to each member of the Board of Trustees. The overall health of the department is good and continuing to improve. There are many accomplishments by our student-athletes of which to be proud. Mr. Hilton stated that the Chair of the Council of Intercollegiate Athletics believes the report is sound academically, operationally, and fiscally.

As the open session of the meeting ended, Trustee Jones welcomed Ms. Christina Brogdon, Vice Chancellor for Human Resources, to N.C. A&T. He then asked General Counsel, Melissa Holloway, to read the motion to go into closed session. He then instructed the Trustees to dial into the closed session line.

Trustee Jones made the motion to return to the open session once the closed session concluded. This concluded the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Jones thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m.

Recorder:

Helen R. Haynes, Special Assistant to the Provost