



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina
University Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, September 24, 2021
Zoom Meeting
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. on September 24, 2021, by Trustee Paul L. Jones.

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.

In accordance with Chapter II, Section 204 of the Code of the UNC Board of Governors, Trustee Jones next read the Conflict of Interest Statement. There were no conflicts noted. Trustee Jones then asked for the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Trustees Paul Jones, John Bluford, Verdant Julius, Mark Copeland, and Lynn Wooten. Provost Beryl C. McEwen, Ex-officio member and Ms. Penelope Smith, Staff Senate Chair were also present; and Dr. Galen Foresman, Faculty Senate Chair, was absent.

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, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Risk, and Compliance and General Counsel; Dr. Eric Muth, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development; and Dr. John Lowney, Executive Director for Housing and Residence Life.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Jones entertained a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting of the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee held on April 30, 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Mark Copeland, and seconded by Trustee Verdant Julius. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

Roll Call Vote	
Paul Jones	Yes
John Bluford	Yes
Mark Copeland	Yes
Verdant Julius	Yes
Lynn Wooten	Yes

DIVISIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

DIVISION OF LEGAL AFFAIRS, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE

Attorney Melissa Holloway, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Risk, and Compliance, presented a Board of Governors resolution adopted on July 22, 2021. The policy requires adoption by the N.C. A&T Board of Trustees, on or before October 1, 2021. The proposed resolution amends and restates in detail all delegations of authority by the Board of Trustees of that institution to any board of trustees committee, the chancellor, or other campus entity, employee, officer, or agent – including any and all sub-delegations of authority.

Vice Chancellor Holloway concluded by stating that it is important to note that the N.C. A&T Board retains authority in most areas, and in the event of delegations, most are to the Chancellor or members of the senior administrative team.

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

College of Education

Dr. Paula Groves Price, Dean of the College of Education, provided an update on the college. She stated that the College of Education is on an upward trajectory to meet most of the goals and targets set in Preeminence 2023, especially enrollment, retention and graduation as well as contracts and grants. The biggest challenge is the need for more full-time faculty.

Dr. Price shared that the College of Education is now a partner in many of the UNC System and State initiatives: NC Teaching Fellows, Leaders in Literacy Initiative, State Literacy Framework and New Teacher Support Program, bringing more attention to N.C. A&T as a leader in education. She also shared two new initiatives for 2022, (1) planning a new Center for Excellence, and (2) N.C. A&T has an opportunity to establish a new Lab School in collaboration with the UNC System and the Guilford County Schools, or another Public School System.

Dr. Price concluded by highlighting new strategic goals to improve technology skills among faculty and students across all programs and to re-brand the College of Education.

Enrollment Summary

Ms. Jacqueline Powers, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management, provided an update on Undergraduate Enrollment, including Transfer Students. Ms. Powers stated that N.C. A&T experienced record freshman enrollment (2,930), which is an increase of 37% over Fall 2020, and represents the largest new freshman class growth in the UNC System. The new freshman average cumulative GPA continues to increase, and is now 3.7 compared to 3.6 in Fall 2020.

Graduate Enrollment

Dr. Clay Gloster, Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Dean of the Graduate College, provided the update on graduate enrollment. He shared that fall enrollment increased by 6.35% (1,726) compared to last year. *This is the largest graduate enrollment in university history.* The enrollment in the master's degree programs increased by 7.95%, and enrollment in the Ph.D. programs increased by 2.51%.

Dr. Gloster also shared that the University has launched five new graduate certificate programs that will begin enrolling students in the spring 2022 semester.

DIVISION OF STUDENT AFFAIRS

Housing and Residence Life Update

Dr. John Lowney, Executive Director, provided an update on on-campus residences and our readiness for fall 2021 by housing occupancy, classification and gender. He also shared that Student Health Services has partnered with housing to weekly test university housing residents who are not vaccinated. Haley hall is the residence hall being utilized for isolation and quarantine spaces, and the total number of spaces is 196.

Division of Information Technology

Mr. Tom Jackson, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology, stated that ITS is working on year five of the five-year plan to update technology in classrooms and instructional computer labs. This will complete the updating of 277 spaces with projectors, computers, sound systems, and classroom control technology. This represents a \$5.7 million investment. He concluded by stating that ITS has completed upgrades related to the pandemic as well as upgrades in the STEM High School and the Middle College classrooms, totaling over \$500,000 each.

CLOSED SESSION

During the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee closed session, the committee reviewed and approved two requests for honorary degrees. Additionally, one athletic contract was approved.

The motion was made to return to open session once the closed session concluded. After returning to open session, Trustee Jones entertained a motion for approval of the two honorary degrees requests, and approval of the athletic contract. Each request was approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote	
Paul Jones	Yes
John Bluford	Yes
Mark Copeland	Yes
Verdant Julius	Yes
Lynn Wooten	Yes

This concluded the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Jones thanked everyone for their attendance. The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Recorder:
Helen R. Haynes, Special Assistant to the Provost