



BOARD OF TRUSTEES
North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
Greensboro, North Carolina
University Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Friday, November 12, 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 November 12, 2021, by Trustee Paul L. Jones.

Trustee Jones welcomed committee members and guests, and thanked them for their attendance. In accordance with Chapter II, Section 204 of the Code of the UNC Board of Governors, Trustee Jones asked members to silently read the Conflict of Interest Statement which was displayed on the screen. He then asked if there were any conflicts. There were no conflicts noted. Trustee Jones then asked Ms. Haynes to call the roll.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present: Trustees Paul Jones, Verdant Julius, Joseph Parker, and Kimberly Gatling. Provost Beryl C. McEwen, Ex-officio member and Ms. Penelope Smith, Staff Senate Chair were also present; and Trustee John Bluford and Dr. Galen Foresman, Faculty Senate Chair, were 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; Mr. Earl Hilton, Athletics Director; Atty. Melissa Holloway, Vice Chancellor for Legal Affairs, Risk, and Compliance and General Counsel; Dr. Eric Muth, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development; Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Ms. Jacqueline Powers, Associate Vice Provost for Enrollment Management; Dr. Paula Price, Dean of the College of Education; and Dr. Elimelda Onger, Interim Dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences.

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 September 24, 2021. A motion was made by Trustee Parker and seconded by Trustee Julius. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

DIVISIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES

DIVISION OF ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Provost Beryl C. McEwen provided updates on the Division of Academic Affairs. She shared the listing of upcoming Accreditations; new degree programs and new programs in Phase 2 of the UNC approval process. She also provided an update on the Refresh of the Strategic Plan, as well as an update of distance education to include emerging partnership with GUILD. She also shared N.C. A&T's new research goals, which includes the establishment of new programs; infrastructure investments and enhancements; and funding over the next seven years.

Provost shared that three members have joined the team, Dr. Elimelda Onger, Interim Dean of the Hairston College of Health and Human Sciences; Dr. Rosalind Dale, Vice Provost for Engagement and Outreach, and Ms. Deloris Gee, Interim Vice Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. She concluded her update by sharing that Ms. Jacque Powers also resigned from the University and Ms. Helen Haynes will be retiring effective January 31, 2022. Also, Provost stated that she, too, will be retiring January 31, 2022.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Dr. Paula Groves Price, Dean of the College of Education, provided an update on the proposed UNC Lab School, which required the Board of Trustees' approval. Dr. Price stated that State Legislation (Chapter 116 Article 29A) requires the opening of nine UNC System Laboratory Schools by 2022-2023. The purpose of UNC Network Laboratory Schools is to improve student performance in local school administrative units with low-performing schools.

The University Affairs Committee unanimously approved the request to plan a Lab School in collaboration with the UNC System and Guilford County Schools for submission to the full Board of Trustees.

DIVISION OF RESEARCH, ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Eric Muth, Vice Chancellor for Research and Development, provided an overview of the process of establishing a center or institute, which requires the Board's approval. He then introduced Dr. Elimelda Onger, Interim Dean of Hairston College of Health and Human Sciences, to share the plan to establish a Center of Excellence in Integrative Health Disparities and Equity. Dr. Onger stated that the Center aligns with Preeminence 2023 and will focus on chronic and infectious diseases, which disproportionately burdens minority ethnic groups. She also shared that N. C. A&T is poised to play a key role in engaging communities in research and jointly develop solutions to achieve health equity. The initial support for the Center will come from the MacKenzie Scott gift to N.C. A&T; and long-term sustainability will be through research grant funding.

The University Affairs Committee unanimously approved the proposal to plan the Center of Excellence in Integrative Health Disparities and Equity for submission to the full Board of Trustees.

DEPARTMENT OF ATHLETICS

Mr. Earl Hilton, Athletics Director, presented the annual report from the Chancellor's Council on Intercollegiate Athletics. He stated that it is the opinion of the Council Chair that Intercollegiate Athletics is sound academically, operationally, and fiscally.

Mr. Hilton also shared that the Department of Athletics had a graduation success rate (GSR) of 82.4% in 2020 and won eight regular and post-season conference championships and five national championships last year. N.C. A&T also produced four Olympic athletes who won two gold medals and one bronze medal in the Tokyo games.

Mr. Hilton concluded by stating that the full report was forwarded to each member of the Board of Trustees.

This concluded the open session meeting, and the committee then went into closed session to review and approve two requests for faculty tenure and one faculty emerita request.

CLOSED SESSION

During the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee closed session, the committee reviewed and approved two requests for faculty tenure and one faculty emerita request, which was presented by Chancellor Martin.

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 faculty tenure requests and the faculty emerita request. Each request was approved unanimously.

Trustee Jones thanked both Provost McEwen and Ms. Haynes for their service to the University and wished them the best as they enter the next phase of their lives. 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