



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University**  
**Greensboro, North Carolina**  
**University Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Friday, April 22, 2022**  
**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 April 22, 2022, 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.

## **ROLL CALL**

Committee members present: Trustees Paul Jones, Verdant Julius, Kimberly Gatling, John Bluford, Lynn Wooten. Interim Provost Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson, Ex-officio member.

Other attendees included: Interim Elimelda Onger, Dean of College of Health and Human Sciences; Dr. Eric Muth, Vice Chancellor of Research and Economic Development; April Cobb, Executive Assistant for Undergraduate Education; Dr. Stephanie Luster-Teasley, Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education; Dr. Clay Gloster, Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Graduate Dean; Dr. Dawn Nail, Interim Associate Vice Provost, Enrollment Management; Dr. Regina Williams Davis, Interim Vice Provost, Student Success/Acting University Registrar; Ms. Deloris Gee, Interim Vice Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness; Dr. Padonda Webb, Executive Director, Student Health Center; Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice President of Student Affairs; Mr. Earl Hilton, Director of Athletics

## **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 22, 2022. A motion was made by Trustee Gatling and seconded by Trustee Julius. The minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

## **DIVISIONAL/DEPARTMENTAL UPDATES**

### **I. Division of Academic Affairs**

- a. Honors College: Interim Provost Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson provided a presentation on Honors Education. Further, this included opportunities to transition the Honors Program to an Honors College, informed by research and best practices. Additional information highlighted during the presentation was the National Collegiate Honors Council, enrollment management details in our current Honors Program, opportunities, best practices and next steps.
- b. Faculty Workload: Interim Provost Dr. Tonya Smith-Jackson provided a presentation on Faculty Workload. Area of focus included aligning faculty workload with R1 standards, unpacking why faculty workload matters (1) impacts: productivity and quality, the student experience, perceptions of the university, teaching quality and research, morale and job satisfaction. Additional areas discussed was components of faculty workload, student

- faculty ratio data, and the faculty workload process.
- c. Center for Integrative Health Disparities and Equity Research: Interim Dean Elimelda Ongeru shared the rationale, mission, and alignment to NC A&T goals with the Center for Integrative Health Disparities and Equity Research. Interim Dean Elimelda Ongeru asked for a request to establish the center—Chairman Jones asked for a motion to approve the Center of Excellence for Integrative Health Disparities and Equity Research request to establish—motion was moved forward by Trustee Lynn Wooten and Trustee Verdant Julius and approved by committee.
  - d. R1 Update: Dr. Eric Muth, Vice Chancellor of Research and Economic Development and Dr. Clay Gloster, Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Graduate Dean, shared essentials regarding institutional transition to R1—to include: envisioning the transition from R2 to R1 and vital areas of progress: increased number of awards, value of awards, patents, graduate enrollment, degrees awarded and graduate student initiatives.
  - e. Commencement Update: April Cobb, Executive Assistant for Undergraduate Education; Dr. Stephanie Luster-Teasley, Vice Provost, Undergraduate Education presented on Spring 2022 Commencement. Updates included: number of spring 2022 graduates or graduate report, commencement logistics: floor layout and platform guess information. Trustee Jones inquired about student performance (decorum) during the ceremony.
  - f. Enrollment Updates: Dr. Dawn Nail, Interim Associate Vice Provost, Enrollment Management, Ms. Deloris Gee, Interim Vice Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness; Dr. Clay Gloster, Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Graduate Dean shared updates for undergraduate, graduate, online, and transfer enrollment
  - g. Student Success Report: Dr. Regina Williams Davis, Interim Vice Provost, Student Success/Acting University Registrar; Ms. Deloris Gee, Interim Vice Provost for Strategic Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, Dr. Clay Gloster, Vice Provost for Graduate Research and Graduate Dean presented on undergraduate retention, closing the gap in graduation rates for undergraduates, predictive analytics, and using predictive modeling to achieve student success goals. Chairman Judge Jones inquired about prerequisites courses (question answered). Trustee Bluford inquired about how students balance academic work with their jobs (many students work—question answered).

## **II. Student Affairs**

- a. COVID Update: Dr. Padonda Webb, Executive Director, Student Health Center shared updated regarding COVID. Topics included: total testing and vaccine, current guidance for campus, and partnerships
- b. Student Engagement: Dr. Melody Pierce, Vice President of Student Affairs presented on several student engagement opportunities, to include: spring events, Greek updates, SGA election results, student social justice opportunities over spring break and housing updates.

## **III. Athletics**

- a. Intercollegiate Athletic Report: Mr. Earl Hilton, Director of Athletics presented on the following areas: athletics oversight organizational structure, the MCR/MAR annual report, academic integrity review, UNC System policy review, and assessment

## **IV. CLOSED SESSION**

- a. During the Board of Trustees University Affairs Committee closed session, the committee reviewed and approved an honorary degree recipient for commencement.
- b. A motion was made to return to open session once the closed session concluded.

## **V. ADJOURNMENT**

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

