MINUTES OF
NCCU BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
December 20, 2007

The NCCU Board of Trustees Executive Committee met via telephone conference call and a public forum was provided in the William Jones Building, Institutional Advancement's Conference Room. Chairman Thigpen called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. He recognized Ms. Dottie Irving Fuller to call the roll.

Executive Committee members participating on the call were: Chairman Cressie Thigpen, Vice Chairwoman Kay Thomas, Trustee Ed Stewart, Trustee George Miller and Trustee Glenn Adams. A quorum was established.

Others present included: Chancellor Charlie Nelms, Ms. Susan Hester, Provost Beverly Jones, Interim Athletic Director Ingrid Wicker McCree, Interim Budget Director Jackie Olds, Attorney Kaye Webb and Ms. Dottie Irving Fuller.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Thigpen recognized Chancellor Charlie Nelms to present his recommendations for proposed fee requests for 2008-09. Chancellor Nelms indicated the requests are based on the following goals; Student Recruitment, Retention, Graduation and Job Placement; Campus Safety; Improved Living and Learning Environments; Improvements in Physical, Fiscal and Administrative Infrastructure; Campus Aesthetics and Master Plan Implementation.

Chancellor Nelms recommended the following proposed increases:

- Ed Tech amount of increase $17.00
- Athletics amount of increase $75.00
- Student Activity amount of increase $123.00

Total Student Fee Summary - $215.00 which is a 6.5% increase over the existing level.

In addition Chancellor Nelms recommends a 15% Housing Fee increase. Chancellor indicated we have retained the services of MGT to do an assessment of the quality and quantity of the student housing, the competitiveness of the rate, as well as the amenities we provide. In May, MGT will submit a report and the recommendations will be presented to the Board of Trustees for consideration as to how we will proceed.

Chancellor Nelms also recommends a Debt Service Fee $120.00. The goal is to improve campus infrastructure and aesthetics. The outcomes would be:

- Repair HVAC System in Elder Student Union
- Remodel Walker Complex
- Acquire and upgrade property for recreational activities, practice fields and tennis courts
- Improve campus signage, lighting and repair sidewalks
- Improve Campus Landscaping, e.g., Centennial Gardens, Brant Street
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Further, Chancellor Nelms also recommends a Graduate Tuition Increase of 5%. The increases would allow the dean to have access to the dollars for recruitment purposes, academic advising and provide more graduate financial aid.

Trustee Stewart inquired of Chancellor Nelms where is NCCU in comparison to fee increases with other universities. Chancellor Nelms indicated all campuses capped at 6.5%. Chancellor to provide the trustees with a list of fees by campus.

Chancellor Nelms also indicated there will not be an increase in tuition at the undergraduate level. Tuition cannot be increased because of two reasons: (1) NCCU has already received Enrollment Growth funds, the level of growth we were projected to achieve did not materialize at the pace anticipated and (2) where our tuition and fees are relative to our peers. The objective of the Board of Governors is for all of the campuses of the University of North Carolina be at the bottom of quartile of their peer group. If you look at NCCU’s tuition and fees relative to our peers, we are at a higher point. There were three campuses that were told tuition could not be increased at the undergraduate level: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Winston-Salem State and NCCU.

It was moved by Trustee Stewart and properly seconded by Trustee Thomas to approve the Proposed Fee Requests for 2008-09, namely: Ed Tech $17.00; Athletics $75.00; Student Activity $123.00; 15% Housing Fee; Debt Service $120.00; and a Graduate Tuition increase of 5%. The motion carried. These requests will be forwarded to the UNC Board of Governors who has final authority over these actions.

Chairman Thigpen inquired of the board if there are any questions, since there were none, he recognized Trustee Miller for a motion to go into closed session to discuss two personnel matters pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11(a)(5) and (6). It was seconded by Trustee Thomas and the motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION:

Chairman Thigpen recognized Interim Athletic Director Ingrid Wicker McCree to present the Employment Contract for the Head Basketball Coach. Coach Wicker McCree recommends a one year extension at the same salary. Trustee Stewart expressed concerns regarding recruitment. Chancellor Nelms indicated the coach has to have tools to be able to coach. The tools require a coaching staff and a recruitment budget. He will seek ways to be helpful to athletics and seek legitimate relief to the athletics budget for all sports.

Trustee Stewart also has concerns regarding Item #14 in the contract. Chancellor indicated it has no enforcement power.

As to Item #5, Trustee Adams questions who schedules the games? Coach Wicker McCree indicated the Men’s Basketball Coach and Women’s Basketball Coach are responsible for their schedules.
Also in Item #4 “the objective is to insure that all student athletes who participate graduate in a four (4) year period.” Trustee Adams inquires is that realistic in terms of graduation rate. Coach Wicker McCree indicates that the federal rate is based on a 6-year percent and the NCAA has a 4 year and 5 year. That 60 percent comes from the APR rate of 925 being on par with the average of Division I. Chancellor Nelms is comfortable with a 5 year rather than a 4 year which is more realistic and fair. The adjustment will be made in the contract.

Coach Ingrid Wicker McCree presented the candidate for the appointment of Assistant Athletic Director for Development in the Department of Athletics. The candidate has extensive work with non-profit organizations and over the years has built a very diverse and affluent network of individuals and corporations who will really benefit the University and the Athletic Department.

Chancellor Nelms requested we cannot afford to lose the momentum that we have for the $1000 Eagles. He asked each of the Trustees to help to recruit at least 10 other people to be $1000 Eagles. We need the resources and their support.

Chairman Thigpen requested receiving an accounting for the $1000 Eagles. It would help to sell the program if there was some idea what is being raised and how the monies are being used. The brochure lists all different ways to contribute and some information as to what the money is used for, mostly used for scholarships. Some monies used for receptions, looking for sponsors, so all monies would be used for scholarships. Chancellor Nelms instructed Coach Wicker McCree to create a $1000 Quick Facts Sheet.

Chairman Thigpen inquired of the board if there are any questions, since there were none, Trustee Thomas moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Miller to reconvene in open session. The motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the Employment Contract of Head Basketball Coach Henry Dickerson with modifications.

It was also moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Adams to approve of the appointment of Veronica W. Hemmingway, as Assistant Athletic Director for Development in the Department of Athletics, effective December 31, 2007 at a salary of $60,000.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was proffered. The motion was properly seconded and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dottie Irving-Fuller

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