NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY  
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES  
February 14, 2007

The NCCU Board of Trustees convened in the Emma Marable Conference Room in the William Jones Building on the campus of North Carolina Central University on February 14, 2007. Chairman Cressie Thigpen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Trustee Travis Porter gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Cressie Thigpen, Jr., Mrs. Kay Thomas, Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Eric Michaux, Mr. R. Edward Stewart, Mr. George Miller, Mr. Travis Porter, Mr. Glenn Adams, Bishop Eddie Long, Mr. Robert Dolan, Mrs. Nancy Wysenski and Mr. Mukhtar Raqib. Absent: Mr. Charles Baron.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Michaux that the agenda be adopted. The motion carried.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Trustee Thomas moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the minutes for November 15, 2006, and the Executive Committee minutes for December 18, 2006, and February 6, 2007. The motion passed.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: As a part of each trustee's commitment to serve as policymakers and advocates for the university, members of the board have reviewed and discussed a statement of purpose that if adopted, each trustee will sign, pledging their support to the success of NCCU. A revised Statement of Purpose, Commitment and Responsibilities were circulated. It was moved by Trustee Miller and properly seconded by Trustee Thigpen that the Board adopt the revised document. The motion carried. Chairman Thigpen thanked Trustee Miller for his assistance in preparation of this document. (See attachment)

Chairman Thigpen your notebooks are several important dates for spring semester; future Board of Trustee meeting dates; a copy of the latest edition of the Undergraduate Research Journal. Chairman Thigpen commended the young scholars for their contributions to the journal and encouraged members to attend as many events as possible.

Chairman Thigpen reminded each Trustee that the Statement of Economic Interest completed last fall will expired in March. Everyone should have received new forms and these are due on March 15, 2007. He informed Trustees to contact Attorney Kaye Webb for additional information regarding these forms.

Chairman Thigpen commended the students for their work with Stop Hunger Now, to preparing more than 155,000 meals that will be used to fight hunger in impoverished nations. They surpassed the record established by North Carolina State University students last year.
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The NCCU students began the Hillside High School Tutoring Program. There are 30 teacher education majors in the School of Education that are doing the early field experiences in math and science by tutoring students at Hillside. Chairman Thigpen commended the students for this excellent public service. This is the first phase of the project to make Hillside High School a professional development school.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Trustee Michaux presented the Audit Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The Internal Audit Office completed the follow-up on the Office of the State Auditor Strategic Review Audit and issued a report on December 29, 2006. There were six findings. All these matters have been resolved to the satisfaction of General Administration except one where the University has made satisfactory progress.

The second 90-day follow-up on the ITS Audit Findings is in progress. The fieldwork is complete and the Internal Audit Office is in the work paper review stage of the audit process. The Internal Audit Office will issue a response by February 28, 2007.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Stewart presented the Finance Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The Committee heard a report from Vice Chancellor Charles O'Duor and Ms. Teresa Tate, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budgets and Financial Planning, regarding the State Budget. Ms. Tate presented information about the budget versus actual expenditures as of December 31, 2006. The total State operating budget as of December 31, 2006, was $106,072,167. The committee commended the outstanding Finance Newsletter that they received. Further, the committee commended the administration on the financial growth of the university.

Ms. Tate also updated the staff on the auxiliaries' activities. She stated that all auxiliaries were aligned meet their respective budgets.

The committee heard an update on PACE (President's Advisory Committee on Efficiency). A presentation was made regarding the PACE process both at UNC-General Administration and at North Carolina Central University. PACE examines non-academic administrative functions, determines current resources allocated to administrative costs, and analyzes the efficiency and effectiveness of all administrative resources. The committee looks forward to receiving the final copy of NCCU's PACE report that will be submitted to UNC-General Administration in May 2007.
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BUILDING COMMITTEE: Trustee Miller presented the Building Committee Report. There was one (1) item for action and several items for information.

The committee heard an update on construction projects from Mr. Virgil Byran, former Director of Capital Projects. He stated that projects under construction included the Shepard Library, Eagleson Residence Hall, the electrical infrastructure, and the BRITE Center. The projects in design are the Pearson Cafeteria and the Hoey Administration Building. He also presented the timelines for completing the construction projects. Further, he stated that the bond projects cash flow is on schedule.

Ms. Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, presented an update on the Eagle Landing Residence Hall. She stated that the repairs and preliminary inspections were completed by December 2006. She added that there is only one outstanding issue and the final inspection will be conducted by the Office of State Property. She noted that Commissioner Long commended the staff for their quick response on these matters. The Board of Trustees will need to execute a resolution to purchase this property from the NCCU Real Estate Foundation, Inc.

It was moved by Trustee Miller and properly seconded by Trustee Stewart to authorize the chairman of the board to execute such resolution at the appropriate time. The motion carried.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: Trustee Porter presented the Institutional Advancement Committee Report. There were several items for information.

Katey Assem, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement, presented a division report which included a giving comparison of fiscal year 2005-2006 versus 2006-07. He stated that giving from July 2006 - February 2007 was $5,802,434 compared to $4,341,112 at this time last year.

Within the division, other notable activities include:

- Alumni giving is up 12% in the amount of alumni donors and up 30% in the amount of cash received from alumni.
- A total of seven Major Gift endowed commitments have been completed totaling $275,000.
- The Business and Industry Cluster was held February 7 and 8, 2007. The keynote speaker was Dr. Don Bradley, Chief Medical Director of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina.
- The Class Reunion 2006 Gifts totaled $304,657.
- The Spring Career Fair will be held in the Walker Complex on Thursday, March 22.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Trustee Thigpen presented the Endowment Committee Report. There were several items for information.
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Mr. Jonathon King, President, UNC Management Company, Inc. presented a detailed overview of the investment performance by the UNC Investment Fund, LLC. He emphasized that they are in business to maximize the investment return on the fund’s portfolio and not to maximize assets under management or fee revenue. He identified several investment objectives including preserving the real purchasing power of the fund while providing a predictable and growing stream of spending distributions to fund participants. The UNC Investment Fund return as of December 2006 was 17.9%.

Mr. Isaac Green and Mr. Clifford Mpare from Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC, gave a detailed overview of the investment performance of the endowed professorships. They explained that between December 31, 2005, and December 31, 2006, the market showed an upward performance, which resulted in an investment return of 15.92% and a market value of $4,146,992.

Mr. William Tate, Associate Director of the NCCU Foundation, presented the NCCU Foundation Endowment Board report. He stated that the value of the Foundation endowment as of December 31, 2006, was $9,942,623 compared to $7,709,727 as of December 31, 2005. This change reflects an increase of $2,232,896.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Trustee Thomas presented the Educational Planning and Academic Affairs Committee Report. There were four (4) items for action and several items for information.

The committee heard from Dr. Elwood Robinson, Interim Dean in the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Dr. Isaac Robinson, Chair of the Social Work Program. The information highlighted a proposal to establish a Master of Social Work Program. Dr. Robinson provided an abbreviated history and a brief sketch of each of the components of the program. The committee recommends approval of this request to establish a MSW Program.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the request to establish a Master of Social Work Program. The motion carried.

Dr. Lorna Harris, Chair of the Department of Nursing, outlined for the committee the prominent features of a request to establish a Pre-Nursing Policy for the Department of Nursing. This policy will better prepare persons academically prior to admission into the Nursing Program.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the request to establish a Pre-Nursing Policy for the Department of Nursing. The motion carried.
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Dr. Cecelia Steppe-Jones, Dean of the School of Education informed the committee of a proposal to establish a Master of Education in Communication Disorders in the Distance Education program. She highlighted the various aspects of the program components including location, the long-term and short-term benefits.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Williams that the Board approve the request to establish a Master of Education in Communication Disorders in the Distance Education program. The motion carried.

The committee heard from Attorney Ronald Penny, Chair of the Department of Public Administration, who provided an in-depth review of the request to establish an Executive Masters of Public Administration degree in the Distance Education program. He discussed several components of the program and the benefits for its students.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Adams to approve the request to establish an Executive Masters of Public Administration in the Distance Education program. The motion carried.

The committee received information from Dr. Linda Norfleet, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. She provided a status report on the plan for a Global Studies Concentration Curriculum. She highlighted several aspects of the plan including a brief history, objectives of the project, implementation, and benefits to our students. This presentation was provided for information.

Dr. Pauletta Bracy, Director of the University Accreditation Process provided the committee a SACS accreditation update. Her progress report reminded the committee members of the main components of the preparation requirements, the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), and the timeline leading to the on-site review in spring 2009. This matter was provided for information.

Dr. Bijoy Sahoo, Dean of the School of Business, provided the committee an update on the School of Business accreditation. He reported that NCCU is one of twelve institutions of higher learning from five countries that earned international accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business International (AACSBI International). He outlined the criteria for earning the accreditation and briefly outlined future plans and goals for retaining the accreditation.

The committee heard from Dr. Lorna Harris, Chair of the Department of Nursing, regarding the results of the recent NCLEX, the nursing examination. She reported that on January 21, 2007, the Board of Nursing approved changing the NCCD Department of Nursing from conditional approval to full approval. Further, she reported that the official report from NCLEX for first time takers in 2006 resulted in a passage rate of 82%. This is a marked increase from the 66% posted in 2005. She stated that although the anticipated goal of 85% was not reached, General Administration will recommend continuing support, for the Nursing Department.
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In response to Chairman Thigpen’s request, the committee heard from Mr. Shawn Stewart, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Research, Evaluation and Planning, regarding an update on North Carolina Central University's rankings. His presentation noted that in fall 2005, NCCU's rankings improved for six of the eleven measures and outlined each measure. In addition, he covered the preliminary ranking summary for fall 2006 and the *U. S. News* ranking of NCCU for fall 2006 as a Southern Master's Universities - Tier 3.

Improvements were found in the areas of:

- The Average Graduation Rate
- The Student/Faculty Ratio
- The SAT 25th - 75th Percentile
- Freshmen in the top 25% of their high school classes.
- The acceptance rate
- The average alumni giving rate

Provost Beverly Jones urged the committee members to read the Division of Academic Affairs Report, highlighting the division’s productivity and achievement. She concluded her report by identifying the Division of Academic Affairs' priorities, namely accreditation, recruitment, retention, graduation, placement and the international thrust.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Trustee Michaux asked for an update on the two PhD programs the board approved and was presented to UNC General Administration for action. “It is important that this board inquire and work out something within this committee to monitor and see that these programs are pushed forward.”

Trustee Porter commented that the university needs to publicize to the achievements noted in these committee reports to every CEO at every company in the Park. “Many things done here at NCCU are not realized. Some 15 years ago the Board of Governors was very close to taking the nursing program from this institution. More people know we almost lost the program than what is being done now. We need to do a little better job in telling the world what is being done.”

**TRUSTEE STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Trustee Adams presented the Trustee-Student Relation Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The committee heard from Mr. Bill Hayes, Athletic Director. Mr. Hayes stated that the transition to NCAA Division I was moving forward. Further, he informed the committee that Coach Rod Broadway has accepted the head football coaching position at Grambling State University. Coach Mose Rison, former assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach, has been hired as NCCU’s new head football coach. This action occurred before the National signing day and NCCU was able to secure 23 recruits.
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Coach Hayes outlined the proposed 2007-08 football schedule and the difficulty in completing a schedule when one is playing as an "independent" institution. He has worked diligently to secure some exciting games for the fall. Further, he also announced that NCCU has reinstated its baseball program this year, with home games being played at the Durham Bulls Athletic Park. He encouraged everyone to support the spring sports including, golf, men and women's indoor and outdoor track, tennis and softball.

The committee heard from Ms. Peggy Watson-Alexander, who distributed handbills and background information regarding the LeaderShape Institute that NCCU will host this spring. This institute trains students to lead with integrity. She noted that NCCU students that had participated in the past returned to campus and began meaningful organizations such as 100 Black Men, 100 Black Women and Women Against Domestic Violence. She encouraged everyone to recommend students for this institute and respond to the handbills that will be distributed on Valentine's Day across campus. Trustee Dolan was so impressed with this program that he agreed to sponsor ten students.

The committee also heard from Mr. Raqib, the Student Government President, who highlighted some of this semester's SGA initiatives, activities, and programs. These include:
- Community Clean-Up Day in southern Durham on February 24th.
- NCCU and Duke Black Student Alliance Awareness Programs in April, 2007.
- Approval by the Provost's Office to implement the Faculty Accountability Database.
- University Community Service Hours to clean up around campus in April, 2007.
- Continued success with the Eagle Mentorship Program.

Trustee Adams acknowledged and congratulated Trustee Mukhtar Raqib for receiving the MLK Student Trailblazer Award in January 2007.

The committee also heard from Associate Vice Chancellor Frances Graham, who summarized divisional highlights in the Division of Student Affairs this semester. Dr. Graham also stated the great sense of loss in the community with the death of one of our students at the beginning of the semester.

Dr. Graham summarized the 2007-08 fall room sign-up process. The new process can be completed on-line beginning February 14, 2007. Committee members also received the 2007 Fall Undergraduate Admissions Handbook.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT: Chancellor Ammons introduced Dr. Bijoy Sahoo as the recently named Dean of the School of Business. Chancellor Ammons commended Dean Sahoo, faculty,
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staff, students and the Provost for all of the support that led to obtaining accreditations by two associations – the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) and the Association to Advance College Schools of Business (AACSB).

Mose Rison, a 25-year coaching veteran, who has signed a 5-year contract with the University as Head Football Coach. Chancellor Ammons indicated the high anticipation for a big season next year, even though NCCU will be an independent as it transitions to Division I.

Progress Report:

Legislative Priorities – NCCU hosted the Durham Delegation and discussed the legislative priorities. Also hosted the Durham Chamber of Commerce, and its leadership team. Getting the word out on the successes of the University and NCCU’s academic programs are helping the Chamber of Commerce recruit businesses to this community. Top legislative priorities include need-based financial aid, academic salaries, student success and retention. Need-based financial aid is certainly important for this institution. Currently we are receiving about $3 million in need-based financial aid from the State. About 95% of our students are receiving some form of financial aid. The University System continues to have need-based financial aid as one of its priorities.

Academic salary increases where the goal is move salaries to the 80th percentile in the University system.

There is also a merit based increase of 4% being requested as well as additional funding for distinguished professorships.

In the area of student success, retention and graduation, NCCU has a $250,000 request before the General Assembly to develop an academic summer bridge program which will allow us to give students who need a boost an opportunity to come to the campus during the summer and get ready for the fall semester.

A part of the research initiative that the Board of Governors submitted to the General Assembly includes a request for $2 million for BRITE, bringing the total operating budget to $7 million in recurring funds. In the research budget are funds for the North Carolina Research Campus in Kannapolis in which NCCU will have a 4,000 square foot laboratory. Dr. Ken Harewood and Dr. Li-An Yeh have been working with the other partners at UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State University, NC A & T State University, UNC-Greensboro as well as UNC-Charlotte to plan this facility.

Another special request is for the School of Law. It is a $5 million request over the biennium, $2.5 million for each of the 2 years, addressing issues raised by the ABA site visit team from last year. These funds will transition core law school operations from Title III to the regular state budget. The $5 million request will be included in the Governor’s budget and was approved by the Board of Governors last Friday.
PACE (President’s Advisory Council of Effectiveness and Efficiency) is co-chaired by James Speed, an NCCU alumnus, president of NC Mutual Life Insurance Company, along with Ms. Tillman, president Bell South of North Carolina. They have submitted their report to the Board of Governors and to President Bowles to explore opportunities for costs savings and find ways to shift funding from administrative functions to campus core functions of teaching, research and service. NCCU was a pilot campus along with NC State University and General Administration.

Other legislative priorities include:

- More and Better Teachers and Improved Schools – Several components within this request that will aid our ability to recruit teachers as well as support new teachers assist with lateral entry teachers, and programs to attract more youth into careers based in mathematics and the sciences.

- Healthcare – There are a few components within this request to fund nurses seeking graduate degrees to teach nursing and to fund a nurse scholars program.

- Disaster Recovery – These funds will establish and maintain two “hot sites” for disaster recovery for all 16 campuses.

Capital Projects:

For NCCU, our top capital priority is a nursing building. We have outgrown the current facility; yet, the state’s demand for trained nurses continues to grow. The Board of Governors proposes $2.5 million for planning in the first year of the biennium and $3.5 million in the second year for site development. The total costs of the request is $25 million.

The second priority for NCCU is the student services building. The Board of Governors proposes $1.5 million in the second year of the biennium. The total cost for this building is $25 million, making the grand total of the capital request $50 million.

Campus Highlights:

Flocabulary, a New York based company, donated more than 2,000 books and CD’s to NCCU valued at $34,000. The company uses hip hop to help students learn vocabulary words to improve their test scores on the SAT. The group also presented several workshops for teachers and students in the Early College High School during their visit. The company plans to record its next CD in our newly designed studio with assistance from instructor 9th Wonder and Kawachi Clemons, director of the HIP Hop initiative. Clemons has been asked to write the forward for the new manual. NCCU’s collaboration
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with Flocabulary was initiated by UNC Board of Governors member Ms. Hannah Gage. At the recent Grammy Awards, Mary J. Blige won three awards and 9thWonder, who is a student here at NCCU, also won a Grammy for the production of Mary J. Blige’s album.

Annual Toy Drive – more than 1,200 toys and books were distributed to children throughout Eagle village during the university’s annual toy drive in December. Chancellor Ammons thanked members of the Board of Trustees, faculty and staff, NCCU Retirees Association and Read Seed, Inc. for the support.

Service of Remembrance – A total of 13 individuals were memorialized December 1, 2006, during the University’s Annual Service of Remembrance. Those remembered were descendants of our founder, Dr. James E. Shepard, former Board of Trustee members and former employees.

MLK Celebration – Bernice A. King, the youngest daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and Coretta Scott King, keynoted the annual Martin Luther King Day Celebration. Reverend William Barber, state president of the NAACP, was awarded the university’s MLK Leadership Award. The president of the NCCU Student Government Association, Mukhtar Raqib, was the recipient of the MLK Student Trailblazer Award.

Upliftment Jamaica - The university is collaborating with Upliftment Jamaica to assist the developing country with on-going educational reform. NCCU, has created a unique opportunity for both students and faculty to travel to Jamaica, and engage in the local instruction of Jamaican students through five areas of study: teacher education, hospitality and tourism, criminal justice, health education and entrepreneurial science. At the conclusion of six weeks of intensive classes, Jamaican pupils will receive an accredited certificate of completion from Upliftment Jamaica and North Carolina Central University. A pilot program is slated for summer 2007.

NCCU-AAJC Jazz Institute- The University and the African American Jazz Caucus joined forces to preserve the integrity of jazz as an African American art form. The partnership will form a Jazz Research Institute that will host the Inaugural Annual Summer Jazz Festival/HBCU Summit Conference in Durham, June 20-24, 2007. Other initiatives such as a North Carolina Hall of Fame dedicated to highlighting the work of jazz artists from North Carolina is planned also.

HIP HOP Summit - North Carolina Central University sponsored its Second Annual Hip-Hop Music Summit February 9-10, 2007, with panelists from MTV, Sirius Satellite Radio, and Essence Magazine. The summit included a film festival and curriculum development seminars for primary and secondary teachers. The summit is designed to assess the state of Hip-Hop in the African American community and provide area college students with a greater understanding of the new developments in the industry and how to break into the business. The summit is a part of NCCU’s Hip-Hop Initiative.
Academic Affairs:

Accreditation - The School of Business achieved accreditation by action of the Board of Directors of the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business--International.

Regional Science Bowl - The university hosted the Regional Science Bowl for the 13th year on January 27, 2007. Fifteen high school teams from around North Carolina competed. Sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), the science bowl competition is designed to encourage high school students from across the nation to excel in math and science and to pursue careers in those fields.

Dr. Irene Owens - Dean of School of Library and Information Science, was selected to present the Winter Graduation Address at the UNC-CH School of Information and Library Science, where she was presented with the “Distinguished Alumni Award” for her contributions to the profession.

Nursing Grant - The Department of Nursing was awarded $253,334 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Administration to establish a Scholarship for Disadvantaged Students - The program will promote diversity among health professionals and practitioners by providing students from disadvantaged backgrounds with scholarships to pursue a nursing degree.

International Healthcare Program - North Carolina Central University and Madison Healthcare, a leading recruitment, training and placement services provider for registered nurses who received their nursing education outside the United States, have partnered to create the International Healthcare Practitioners Program. The purpose of the program is to provide continuing education and professional training for healthcare practitioners from diverse cultural backgrounds.

Special Education Grant - The School of Education received $798,875 over a four year period to train special and regular education teachers for the U.S. Office of Special Education. The Principal Investigator is Dr. Ellen Bacon and the title of the grant is Deep and Wide: Preparing Culturally Responsive and Highly Qualified Educators.

School of Law - North Carolina Central University School of Law hosted a Bioethics Trial Competition November 9 – November 11. North Carolina Central University law students placed second in the competition.

Financial Affairs:

Temporary Cafeteria - The university opened its temporary cafeteria on January 5, 2007. The temporary facility is located off of Alston Avenue behind Chidley Residence Hall.
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The temporary facility was established to accommodate students while renovations and an expansion of Pearson Cafeteria occur.

Student Affairs:

Fastest Growing University – NCCU is the fastest growing institution in the University of North Carolina System. Information released by UNC General Administration shows that NCCU’s rate of growth was at 5.5% for fall 2006, the highest in the system, with enrollment moving from 8,219 to 8,675. The UNC system’s average rate of growth was 3.1 percent in fall 2006.

This year, NCCU tied for third place among HBCUs in the recruitment of National Achievement Scholars (NAS). NCCU remains No. 3 in the state, in recruiting NAS trailing Duke and UNC Chapel Hill.

Apollo Auditions - The university hosted auditions on January 26th for the CIAA Showtime at the Apollo, which included students from Fayetteville State University, St. Augustine’s College and Shaw University. NCCU student Tomasi Larry was selected to participate in the CIAA Showtime at the Apollo on March 1st in Charlotte.

Battle of the Bands - The NCCU Sound Machine was selected for the third consecutive year to participate in the Annual Honda Battle of the Bands in Atlanta. Ten HBCU Marching Bands performed in Atlanta’s Georgia Dome January 27, 2007. The band received $1,000 for its performance and NCCU was awarded a $10,000 grant for its music programs.

Institutional Advancement:

Business and Industry Cluster Meeting - The annual Business and Industry Cluster meeting occurred last week. The theme for the meeting was “Researching Health Disparities in the African American Community”. The keynote speaker was Dr. Don Bradley, chief medical director for Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina. Golden LEAF President Valeria Lee spoke also.

Meldrum Foundation – Durham residents, Christopher and Jenette Meldrum, two directors of the Meldrum Family Philanthropic Foundation based in Salt Lake City, Utah, were looking for a way to contribute to the community in which they now live. Therefore, they established the Christopher S. Meldrum Chemistry Scholarship Fund with a principal commitment of $100,000. NCCU is the first and so far, the only recipient of funds from this organization in North Carolina. The new scholarship is directed to full-time chemistry juniors.
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Upcoming Events:

A Tribute and Celebration of the Life of Benjamin S. Ruffin, will occur on February 20, 2007 at 2 p.m. in the B.N. Duke Auditorium. Vernon Jordan will deliver the Keynote Address. Following this tribute, the University will dedicate what is now known as New Baynes Residence Hall as the “Benjamin S. Ruffin Residence Hall”. The entire University community is invited to salute Mr. Ben Ruffin, former Chair of the UNC Board of Governors.

CIAA Tournament – February 26 – March 3, 2007, in Charlotte. This is the last CIAA Basketball Tournament for NCCU. “No better way to leave the CIAA then to win the both of those titles”.

Chancellor Ammons thanked Bishop Long for hosting at New Birth Missionary Church, the University, the band and a contingent of NCCU supporters that traveled to Atlanta, hosting at New Birth during the weekend of the Battle of the Bands.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT: The Student Government Report was presented by Trustee Mukhtar Raqib. Chairman Thigpen commended the students for all of their activities and involvement in community service projects.

NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Dr. Joan Van Johnson, Secretary of the National Alumni Association Report, presented the Association’s report and it is attached.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT: Dr. Freddie Parker presented the Faculty Senate Report and it is attached).

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Trustee Miller moved that the committee convene in closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (5) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6). The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Thomas and it carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The Personnel Committee heard from Provost Jones. Provost Beverly Jones presented candidates for reappointment and a candidate for promotion to full professor in the School of Business.

The Committee also heard from Vice Chancellor Katey Assem who presented a candidate to be appointed to the position of Major Gifts Officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement.

Following discussion of these candidate’s credentials, Trustee Williams noted that he would seek approval in open session.
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Chairman Thigpen recognized Provost Beverly Jones for discussion of information regarding the naming of Room 348 of the Farrison-Newman Communication Building, the current offices of the Campus Echo be named the "Denita M. Smith” Newsroom.

The Campus Echo staff and the Department of English and Mass Communication request that Room 348 of the Farrison-Newton Communications Building, the current offices of the Campus Echo, to be named the "Denita M. Smith Newsroom.” This request originated from the Campus Echo staff and the Department of English and Mass Communication.

This dedication will honor Denita Monique Smith, a former Campus Echo staff photographer and reporter. Throughout her undergraduate years at NCCU, Ms. Smith became an accomplished staff member who is a model of excellence for students.

Denita Smith represented the Campus Echo at the New York Times Student Journalism Institute in 2004 and distinguished herself there as well. As a graduate student in the Department of English, Denita continued her commitment to the Campus Echo while she challenged herself in the Master’s program in literature.

Ms Smith’s tragic death has left a deep sadness among the Campus Echo staff, undergraduate and graduate students, and faculty in the Department of English and Mass Communication. The naming of the newsroom will be a fitting reminder to students of a peer journalist who set an excellent example in her field and in the classroom. The Smith family, as well, will appreciate this tangible and long-lasting tribute to their daughter. Provost Jones recommended that the Board support this effort to “bring some closure to this tragic moment in our lives by illuminating the admirable qualities of a wonderful young woman -- Denita Monique Smith.”

Trustee George Miller presented information regarding naming opportunities in two campus facilities.

The Herbert James Bullard Memorial Endowment Fund was established in the amount of $25,000. Mr. Bullard was a member of the Class of 1957 and a physics major. The Committee recommends to the NCCU Board of Trustees that a small classroom (35 seats or less) in the Physics Department of the Mary Townes Science Complex be named in honor of Herbert James Bullard.

The Betty Redding Edwards Memorial Endowment Fund was established in the amount of $25,000. Ms. Redding Edwards was a member of the Class of 1956 and an education major. The Committee recommends to the NCCU Board of Trustees that a small classroom (35 seats or less) in the School of Education be named in honor of Betty Redding Edwards.
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The Dr. Vernon Clark Endowed Scholarship is being established in the amount of $100,000. Dr. James E. Graham and Mrs. Sadie Graham, the principal donors, are both 1970 graduates of North Carolina Central University. The Committee recommends to the NCCU Board of Trustees that the lobby area on the second floor of the Mary Townes Science Complex be named in honor of Dr. Vernon Clark.

Trustee George Miller moved approval of these three rooms to be named as designated in his presentation. The motion was properly seconded and it carried.

There being no further business, Trustee Thomas moved that the board reconvene in open session. The motion was properly seconded and it carried.

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It was moved by Trustee Williams and properly seconded by Trustee Thomas that the board approve the reappointments, the candidate for promotion to full professor in the School of Business, and the candidate for the position of Major Gifts Officer in the Office of Institutional Advancement. The staff will forward all relevant information to the UNC Board of Governors for final approval. The motion carried.

Chairman Thigpen gave an update on the status of the Chancellor Search. The Chairman reported that he developed a list of potential Search firms and one firm in particular, Heidrick & Struggles, came highly recommended. The Chairman has interviewed a representative of this firm. It is noted that they are a major, national search firm involved in numerous UNC system searches, HBCU searches, and that they are the firm that recruited Chancellor Ammons to NCCU. Trustee Thomas moved that the board authorize Chairman Thigpen to contract with the search firm. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams and it carried.

Chairman Thigpen also reported that the Executive Committee has conferred about the potential composition of the Chancellor Search Committee. The Chairman distributed a proposed list of Committee members which includes representatives of various interested constituents plus certain mandated representatives.

The Board deliberated on the proposed list and Trustee Adams noted that the makeup of the proposed Committee was good, but that perhaps the list should include one more person; not necessarily a titled person but rather a representative of “the community.” Trustee Porter made a motion that the committee add one additional member to the list proposed by Chairman Thigpen, keeping in mind Trustee Adams’ comments about the need for an additional community representative. Trustee Adams seconded the motion and it carried.

Trustee Thomas then moved approval of the list of 13 proposed members of the Search Committee, with the understanding that one additional member would be added by the Executive Committee. Trustee Michaux seconded the motion and it carried.
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There being no additional business, Trustee Thomas moved and it was properly seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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