Minutes of the Executive Committee
North Carolina Central University
Board of Trustees
May 30, 2006

Chairman Thigpen called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m. He asked Ms. Fuse-Hall to call the roll. Members present included Chairman Thigpen, Trustee Kay Thomas, Trustee George Miller, Trustee Robert Williams and Trustee Eric Michaux, establishing a quorum.

Other present included Chancellor James Ammons, Provost Beverly Jones, Vice Chancellor Charles O’Duo, Ms. Rosalind Fuse-Hall, and Atty. Kaye Webb.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Mr. Miller, chair of the Building Committee, for a status report on the Pearson Cafeteria Project.

Mr. Miller noted that Trustee Ed Stewart and he met with Mr. Curt Moody, principal in the design firm, Moody-Nolan, that has designed the cafeteria. Chancellor Ammons, Mr. O’Duo, Tim Brown, Virgil Bryant and other staff members were present also.

During the meeting, Mr. Moody noted that his firm designed an attractive building; however, due to unpredictable escalation of material costs, the designed building is not within budget. Mr. Moody noted that the Construction Manager at Risk (CM at Risk) noted several problems in their design which also increased the price; however, he asserted that the only way to bring the project in line with the budget was to redesign the building and substantially alter the current design.

Mr. Miller expressed his dissatisfaction with the current situation and asked Mr. Moody to comment on other options that might rectify this situation. Mr. Moody noted that his firm had incurred costs to date and the redesign would occur without any additional cost to the owner. Mr. Miller noted that this was an obligation of the design firm and not the university and Mr. Moody agreed. Trustee Miller is concerned about this and cautions against value engineering the building down to a shell. “This is a signature building for the campus,” Trustee Miller remarked.

Following the meeting, the trustees and staff discussed several additional options. Ms. Teresa Tate, the Budget Director, offered information regarding the Food Services Fund balance and noted that the university could use up to $2.5 million dollars from the current fund balance and not exceed the recommended level of $2 million to be maintained within the fund balance.

Trustee Michaux and other trustees inquired about the rate for relinquishing the fund balance and a historical picture of fund balance receipts and board receipts for the last three years and projections for the next three years. Chairman Thigpen asked if the fund could be used for other purposes. The fund cannot be used for other purposes that ones
related to the food service. Chairman Thigpen inquired about the profit that is added to the fund balance. The staff will assemble this information and deliver it on Thursday. This item was tabled and will be considered at a subsequent Executive Committee meeting on Friday, June 2, 2006, at 8:30 a.m. via a telephone conference call.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Chancellor Ammons regarding the lease of space on the roof of Vintage Baynes Residence Hall to install a cellular tower. Chancellor Ammons recognized Attorney Kaye Webb to present this information. Attorney Webb noted that the university has had two towers erected on this residence Hall and now three vendors seek access to this area. The companies are Clear Wire, Sprint Nortel (for an additional tower on Eagleson Residence Hall) and SunCom. The proposed lease will generate more than $1200/month in revenue for the University. These are unrestricted funds for the university that have been designated for Information Technology needs at this time. The Office of State Property will negotiate the final lease.

Trustee Williams moved approval of leasing space to these vendors on the roof of Vintage Baynes Residence Hall. The motion was seconded by Trustee Thomas and it carried.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Chancellor Ammons regarding the lease of space at NC Mutual Insurance Building to temporarily house the School of Library and Information Sciences. Chancellor Ammons asked Vice Chancellor O’Dvor to present this information. The School needs to vacate its current space in the Shepard Library for six months to permit renovations to continue. The rental lease is for two floors for six months at a rate of $15,000/month. The Office of State Property will negotiate the lease. Funds to pay the rent will come from the Bond program. Chancellor Ammons recommended approval of this lease of space.

Trustee Williams moved approval of this recommendation. The motion was properly seconded and it carried.

Vice Chancellor O’Dvor presented information regarding funds need to convert four classrooms into “smart classrooms” with renovations that will include new technology access, audio/video equipment, lighting, and window treatment. Funds for the project, estimated to cost $374,000, will be budgeted pursuant to legislation that allows the use of carry-forward funds from the 2005-06 fiscal year. A second project will design and install security cameras and monitoring systems serving the New School of Education Building, the Turner Law School Building, the Townes Science Building, and the Farrison-Newton Communication Building. The project, estimated to cost $400,000, will be funded from Title III federal funds.

Trustee Michaux moved approval of these two capital projects. Trustee Thomas seconded the motion and it carried.

Trustee Kay Thomas moved that the board to into closed session pursuant to N.C. General Statute 143-318.11 (a)(6) to discuss the qualifications, competence, performance,
condition of appointment of a public employee. Trustee Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Chairman Thigpen recognized Chancellor Ammons to discuss a personnel matter. Chancellor Ammons asked Provost Jones to present the candidate for tenure within the School of Law. Following the presentation and discussion of the candidate’s credentials, Trustee ... moved to reconvene in open session. Trustee Williams seconded the motion and it carried.

OPEN SESSION

In open session, Trustee Thomas moved approval of the candidate discussed in closed session be granted tenure in the School of Law. The motion was seconded by Trustee Williams and it carried.

Chairman Thigpen reminded the members of the conference call on Friday morning and encouraged the staff to send the information promptly on Thursday. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Rosalind Fuse-Hall