NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
June 23, 2005

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 June 23, 2005. Chairman Robert Williams called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

INVOCATION: Trustee Williams gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Cressie Thigpen, Jr., Mrs. Kay Thomas, Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Ken Gibbs, Mr. Eric Michaux, Mr. Robert Dolan, Mr. George Miller, Ms. Valeria Lee, and Mr. D’Weston Haywood. Absent: Bishop Eddie Long, Mr. Glenn Adams, Mr. Travis Porter and Mrs. Esther Silver-Parker.

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. Trustee Thigpen moved approval of the minutes for April 27, 2005, and the Executive Committee minutes dated May 6, 2005 and June 10, 2005. The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Michaux. The motion carried.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE: Chairman Williams thanked all persons assembled and for their presence and contributions made to North Carolina Central University. During the retreat on June 22, 2005, there was good attendance and great participation during a well planned and executed board retreat with an excellent facilitator. Chairman Williams was delighted to bring the retreat to fruition – the chairman sensed that the board was overdue for an assessment and was pleased to learn other trustees shared the notion – this was a negative on the retreat, but it recognizes that the work in the assessment and improvement arena has just begun. The retreat was the start.

We continue to get positive and exciting reports from Chancellor Ammons on staff and student achievements. He commended the Campus Echo staff and its advisor for their extraordinary accomplishments.

Chairman Williams announced that the June 2005 meeting is when the Nominating Committee is appointed to prepare a slate of officers for the coming year. Chairman Williams appointed Trustee Adams, Trustee Kay Thomas and Trustee George Miller to serve on the Nominating Committee, designating Trustee Adams as Chair.

Additionally, the Board of Trustees, has in the past, had a legislative liaison to receive political information from the community or individuals. Chairman Williams appointed Trustee Michaux to serve as liaison to the Board of Trustees. Chairman Williams will ask Trustee Porter to also serve.

AUDIT COMMITTEE: The Audit Committee did not meet in June, 2005.
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FINANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Gibbs presented the Finance Committee Report. There were two (2) items for action and one (1) item for information.

Mr. Charles O'Duor, Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs, presented information regarding the selection of a food service provider. He stated that three companies submitted proposals and two bidders, Shaw Food Services and FDY/Sodexo, were invited to give presentations on June 15, 2005. The Evaluation Committee unanimously recommended to the Chancellor that the food service contract be awarded to FDY/Sodexo. This item was presented for information.

Mr. O'Duor also presented a request to transfer $300,000 from the Food Service Fund Balance to the Pearson Cafeteria Expansion and Renovation project to fund costs associated with the price escalation of construction materials.

Trustee Gibbs moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Miller that the Board of Trustees approve the request to transfer $300,000 from the Food Service Fund Balance to the Pearson Cafeteria Expansion and Renovation project to fund costs associated with the price escalation of construction materials. The motion carried.

Mr. O'Duor presented a request to use $300,000 from the Parking Services Fund Balance to cover the cost of paving the gravel parking lot behind the Latham Residence Hall to provide 310 parking spaces. This location was previously selected for a 500-car parking deck before the discovery of a storm drain and sanitary sewer line that made the site unsuitable for the construction of a parking garage.

Trustee Gibbs moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Miller that the Board of Trustees approves the request to use $300,000 from the Parking Services Fund Balance to cover the cost of paving the gravel parking lot behind the Latham Residence Hall. The motion carried.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: The Building Committee did not meet in June 2005.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: The Institutional Advancement Committee did not meet in June 2005.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: The Endowment Committee did not meet in June 2005.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Trustee Thomas presented the Committee on Educational Planning and Academic Affairs Report. There was one (1) item for action and several items for information.

The committee heard from Dr. Beverly W. Jones regarding the Emeritus Status Policy. There were two changes suggested in the policy. The first change added the language “not less than 10 consecutive years.” The second change allows for special circumstances when emeritus status can be conferred after service of less than 10 consecutive years. This language was added in
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order to allow scientists and other distinguished faculty to obtain the emeritus status and will serve as a recruiting tool for highly renowned individuals.

Trustee Thomas moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Thigpen that the Board of Trustees approves the changes to the Emeritus Status Policy. The motion carried.

The committee heard two outstanding presentations. Dr. Franklin Carver made a presentation on institutional effectiveness and Dr. Sahoo made a presentation on the strategic plan, highlighting the new strategy of focusing on one Widely Important Goal (WIG) at a time. Each board member received desk copies of the strategic plan, university mission and goals. The members of the board commended the Academic Affairs Division on their work to plan and evaluate their progress.

TRUSTEE STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE: The Trustee-Student Relations Committee did not meet in June 2005.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT: Chancellor Ammons Report was presented at dinner on June 22, 2005. Copy attached.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT: The Report was not presented at the June 2005 meeting.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT: The Report was not presented at the June 2005 meeting.

EMPLOYEE SENATE REPORT: The Report was not presented at the June 2005 meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Williams acknowledged that there are two (2) members on the Board of Trustees who have served for rather extensive periods of time and have served well, Trustee Valeria Lee and Trustee Kenneth Gibbs. Chairman Williams expressed his sincere appreciation for the services rendered, the valuable input and friendship that developed through their professional association on the board. Chairman Williams recognized Trustee Miller to present a Resolution to Trustee Gibbs. See the resolution attached. Trustee Gibbs expressed his pleasure in serving on the board. “It is not often to go to a University and come back and actually be in a position to be of service.”

Chairman Williams recognized Trustee Thigpen to present a resolution to Trustee Lee. See the resolution attached. Trustee Lee expressed that it had been a privilege and honor to serve on the board of trustees at NCCU and to be a part of the University family. Trustee Lee looked forward to continuing her relationship with the University, although in a different capacity.

Chairman Williams presented gifts to Trustees Gibbs and Lee and looked forward to continued support and participation.
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CHANCELLOR'S REMARKS: Chancellor Ammons on behalf of the administration expressed appreciation for the services rendered to NCCU by Trustees Gibbs and Lee. Chancellor Ammons indicated both trustees have been staunch supporters of the institution and programs and they will be deeply missed. Because of Trustees Lee and Gibbs’ membership in the Eagle family their service will always continue. He too looks forward to working with Trustees Lee and Gibbs in a different capacity.

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Trustee Miller moved that the board convene in closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes Section 143.318.11(a)(5). The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Thomas and it carried.

CLOSED SESSION

Trustee Thigpen presented the Personnel Committee Report. The Personnel Committee met and heard a presentation from Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Beverly Washington Jones regarding a personnel matter. Discussion about the qualified candidate occurred.

There being no further business for the closed session, Trustee Thigpen moved to reconvene in Open Session and it was properly seconded by Trustee Williams. The motion carried.

OPEN SESSION

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: Trustee Thigpen moved approval of the matters discussed in closed session. The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Dolan. The motion carried.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairman Williams recognized, welcomed and acknowledged the presence of Mr. R. Ed Stewart and Mr. Charles Baron, new members of the Board of Trustees.

Chairman Williams received correspondence on June 11, 2005, from President Broad regarding Chancellor Ammons’ assessment. The policy calls for an annual review with the President, a biannual review and a subsequent 4-year review by the Board of Trustees and a comprehensive review every 4 years by the President and Board of Trustees. It is time for the comprehensive review. An evaluation form will be forwarded shortly and needs to be completed by the September meeting.

Further Chairman Williams announced the ribbon cuttings of New Baynes and Annie Day Shepard Residence Halls will occur immediately after the board meeting.
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ADJOURNMENT: There being no additional business Chairman Williams received a motion to adjourn from Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Thigpen. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Assistant Secretary
Introductions
- Dr. Bernice Duffy Johnson, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Services
- Dr. Li-An Yeh, Director of Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise

Progress Report
- Budget for 2005-07
- Enhancing the Intellectual Climate
- Promoting Student Achievement

Budget Update
- The House and Senate finished their respective budgets
- Conferences have been named and deliberation is underway
Budget Update

NC General Assembly’s House and Senate Appropriations for Biotechnology Initiatives

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Academic Affairs

- The Campus Echo, National Winner for Best All-Around Online Student Newspaper
- Professor Achamyelk Debela and Aaron Williamson, senior majoring in visual communications, traveled to Ethiopia this month to further research “Continuity and Change: Three Generations of Ethiopian Art.”

Academic Affairs

- Athletic Training Education Program Accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs
- Received a $195,000 focus growth award to develop concentrations in homeland security studies and forensic science
- Celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the University Honors Program Test Prep Program

Academic Affairs

- Beverly Ford, junior majoring in elementary education, awarded grand prize in the First Annual Rhein Prize for Community Art
- WNCU 90.7 FM exceeds $100,000 Spring Membership Goal
- Scheduled three One-Stop Registration events for Graduate Studies

Financial Affairs

- Construction Update for 2005
  2005 Completion
  - New Science Complex – July
  - Turner Law School – July
  - Alexander-Dunn Building – August
  - Parmion-Newton Building – September
  - Rush Residence Hall – December
  - Life Safety Code Corrections – June
  - Campus-wide Landscape – August
  - Campus-wide Signage – August
- Hosted Meeting of the Society of College and University Planners

Student Affairs

- Banner Update
- Eagle Orientation Resource Fair added as new component of Summer Eagle Orientation
Institutional Advancement

- Received a commitment from the local Wal-Mart stores to carry NCCU apparel and paraphernalia as part of the roll out of the New Eagle Logo

Upcoming Events

- Casting Call for America’s Next Top Model
  - July 9, 2005, Alfonso Elder Student Union, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

- “The Legacy Personified,” a program scheduled in celebration of NCCU’s 95th Anniversary
  - July 10, 2005, Alfonso Elder Student Union, 4 p.m.

- Jeopardy Brain Bus
  - August 31, 2005, Eagle Landing, 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

The End