NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2006

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 September 27, 2006. Chairman Cressie Thigpen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION: Trustee Eric Michaux gave the invocation.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: It was moved by Trustee Baron 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 June 21, 2006, and the Executive Committee minutes for July 11, July 27 and August 19, 2006. The motion passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: Trustee Robert Williams presented the Nominating Committee Report. The Nominating Committee consisted of Trustee Robert Williams, Chair, Trustee Glenn Adams and Trustee R. Edward Stewart. The Committee met via telephone conference call on August 8, 2006. After careful deliberations the committee proposed the following slate of officers for 2006-07:

Chairperson Mr. Cressie H. Thigpen
Vice Chairperson Mrs. Kay Thomas
Secretary Mr. George Miller, III

Trustee Williams moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Adams that the Board approve the slate of officers for the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees for 2006-07. The motion carried.

POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE. Chairman Thigpen thanked the fellow trustees for electing him in for an additional term. "It has been a pleasure and honor serving the Board of Trustees and this great institution. Thanks for the vote of confidence.”

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: Chairman Thigpen announced that NCCU alumnae and State Senator Jeanne Lucas is featured and pictured in the October edition of Ebony magazine. Chairman Thigpen commended Chancellor Ammons, the faculty and staff on the article in the October issue of Black Enterprise magazine where NCCU was ranked 30th in the country among
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top 50 universities. In 2001, NCCU was ranked number 43. “Next year top 10?” inquired Chairman Thigpen.

Chairman Thigpen informed the Trustees that there are recent news articles in their packet, along with the NCCU annual report, new catalog and a special insert from the Herald-Sun newspaper on the cultural arts at NCCU.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Provost Beverly Jones who was featured as “Tarheel of the Week” in the News and Observer. It was a great story about the Provost and the University’s participation with Southern High School to assist with math and science courses.

Following the meeting the Chautauqua Conference will be held in celebration of the 96th year of enrolling students at the University. The conference will meet in B.N. Duke Auditorium.

Chairman Thigpen will make committee appointments in October. He encourages a telephone call or e-mail from the trustees regarding their committee preference.

Chairman Thigpen commended the volleyball team, undefeated in two tournaments and in the conference; the football team which is now 4-0. “For those of you who did not travel to Southern University you missed a good time.” Chairman Thigpen also commended the NCCU Sound Machine; they were extremely competitive. “They played well, sounded well, and marched well.” He noted the comments from people in Baton Rouge, starting with the flight attendant and hotel, about our well behaved our students. “It is a good reflection upon the university,” noted Chairman Thigpen.

The UNC Disclosure of Interest form is due to the Office of the President by October 1, 2006. Trustees can submit the document online or by mail.

In the committee report from the Office of Institutional Advancement there was a report indicating for the fiscal year 2005 alumni giving had increased from 4% to 10.1%. Chairman Thigpen commended the Office of Institutional Advancement, especially Susan Hester and Katey Assem, for doing a great job of increasing alumni giving. It very important and the goal is to increase from 10% to 25%. “Everybody will have to dig deeper and give more.”

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

The 2005 Homecoming Events Review report was issued July 2006. The Internal Audit Office performed a review of five homecoming events with total ticket sales of $193,541. Two minor findings were noted. The minor findings have been resolved. There will be a follow-up in 90 days.

The second audit report was the Information Technology 90-Day Follow-up Review. This report was issued in July 2006 by the Office of the State Auditors. The Internal Audit Office completed
the required 90-day follow-up review of the major and minor findings identified by the Office of the State Auditor. All audit findings have been resolved or will be resolved by January 2007. There will be a follow-up to this report in 90 days.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Trustee Miller presented the Building Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The committee heard from Mr. Virgil Bryan, Director of Capital Projects. He presented a summary of the Bond Program budget and an update on construction projects. He stated that projects under construction include the Eagleson Residence Hall, the Shepard Library, and the Electrical Infrastructure. Projects in design are the Pearson Cafeteria, the Hoey Administration Building, and the BRITE Center. He also presented the timelines for completing the projects. In addition, he reported that the relocation of the food service program from the Pearson Cafeteria to the temporary dining facility behind the Chidley Residence Hall will take place during the fall break in mid-October.

Additionally, the committee held a roundtable discussion on the trends in the exterior architecture of buildings at colleges and universities. Participants included principals from several local design firms, including Mr. Phil Freelon and Mr. Richard Kuhn from the Freelon Group, Mr. Kevin Montgomery from O’Brien/Atkins Associates, Mr. Scott O’Brien from Lord Aeck and Sargent Architects, and Mr. George Stanziale from HadenStanziale Architects. The designers presented interesting and useful information that will assist the master planning process for the campus.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Stewart presented the Finance Committee Report. There were two (2) items for action (one being in closed session) and two (2) items for information.

Mr. Robert Gaines, Director of Auxiliaries and Business Services, and Ms. Teresa Tate, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Budgets and Financial Planning, presented the 2006-07 Auxiliary Budget report. All auxiliaries reported a positive fund balance. Ms. Tate stated that Residential Life and Food Services represent 35% and 24% respectively, of the total auxiliary budget.

It was moved by Trustee Stewart and properly seconded by Trustee Michaux that the Board of Trustees approve the 2006-2007 auxiliary budgets. The motion carried.

Further, the committee congratulated Chancellor Ammons and the Finance staff for their outstanding work in the auxiliary areas. In previous years, large deficits have threatened the continuation of some auxiliary functions; therefore, the committee commended everyone who contributed to this tremendous positive cash flow.

Ms. Teresa Tate presented the 2006-2007 State budget. She stated that the budget for the current year was $105,451,044. She also noted that the university budget grew from $58,894,541 in 2001-2002 to $105,451,044 in 2006-2007.
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Mr. Greg Marrow, the Chief Information Officer, presented an update on the Banner implementation plan. He stated that three of the five modules have gone live and the other two for Human Resources and Institutional Advancement will be implemented before the academic year ends.

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

The committee heard Katéy Assem, Vice Chancellor of Institutional Advancement, discussed the goals for 2006 – 2007 for the Office of Institutional Advancement. The goals are to create a university-wide culture of philanthropy; implement the silent phase of the NCCU Centennial Campaign; and to increase the Annual Fund by 20%.

Mr. Assem provided an update on the Capital Campaign. The Board of Trustees approved the implementation of the NCCU Centennial Campaign during the June board meeting. The case statement will be revised based on the results of the feasibility study.

Mr. Assem presented a division report which included the giving for fiscal year 2005-2006. He stated that the corporate giving was $1,289,643 and alumni giving was $850,921.

Within the division, other notable activities include:

- Alumni participation increased from 4% to 10.1% for fiscal year 2005 - 2006.
- The Faculty and Staff Leadership Breakfast was held September 20, 2006.
- A Planned Gift was established in the amount of $25,000.
- Corporate and Foundation Relations is working with the Nursing Department to develop a $500,000 grant submission to Blue Cross-Blue Shield.
- Homecoming 2006 will be November 4 and the Durham Marriott will serve as the host hotel. In relation to Homecoming, activities include:
  - The Motivational Task Force Program on November 1 – 2.
  - The Founder’s Day program will occur on November 3rd at 9:00 a.m.
  - The Legacy Gala will occur on November 3rd at 6:30 p.m.
  - The Homecoming game will occur on November 4th versus Johnson C. Smith at 1:30 p.m.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Trustee Thigpen presented the Endowment Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The committee heard from Mrs. Gracie LeSane, Endowment Accountant, who presented the University Endowment report. She stated that the market value of the Endowment Fund as of June 30, 2006, was $15,556,723 compared to $14,800,391 as of June 30, 2005. This change reflects a market value increase of $756,332 for the same period.
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She reported also that on July 1, 2006, $10,200,000 was transferred to UNC Management Company. The market value of the funds as of August 31, 2006, was $10,510,854. This reflects a market value increase of $310,854 for the two-month period.

Mr. William Tate, Associate Director of the NCCU Foundation, presented the NCCU Foundation Endowment Board report. He stated that the value of the Foundation endowments as of June 30, 2006, was $10,306,407 compared to $7,411,497 as of June 30, 2005. This change reflects an increase of $2,894,910.

The committee deferred the asset allocation of Domestic Equity decision to the Executive Committee pending receipt of additional information from Piedmont Investment Advisors.

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

Dr. Mildred Pointer outlined the proposal to revise Policy on Responding to Allegations of Scientific Misconduct. She highlighted the sections of the policy and including consequence of misconduct and the process for investigating allegations. It was noted that an explicit appeals process should be added to the document.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Michaux that the Board approve the Proposal to Revise the Policy on Responding to Allegations of Scientific Misconduct with the condition of including a clear appeals process and a final review and approval by the NCCU University General Counsel. The motion passed.

Dr. Janice Harper, Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Programs, presented information on the NCCU campus Institutional Centers and Institutes. Her powerpoint presentation highlighted the centers and institutes purposes, funding, a list of the centers and institutes and the types of centers and institutes currently on the campus.

Dr. Dorothy Singleton, Director, for the Institute for the Study of Minority Issues, provided a powerpoint walk through of the Institute. She called attention to several aspects of the Institute’s operations including events that the Institute has sponsored several programs. She reported that members of the NCCU faculty along with members from Dillard University and Michigan State University faculty will contribute to a book titled, The Aftermath of Hurricane Katrina: Educating Traumatized Children,” to be published by Corwin Press in the Spring 2007.

Dr. Bijoy Sahoo, Interim Dean, School of Business, provided an update on the AACS (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation visit. In closing, he presented a School of Business video featuring faculty and students touting the School and what it offers.
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Dr. Lorna Harris, Chair of the Department of Nursing, provided a status report on nursing student graduates. She reported that of the thirty-five students who graduated from the nursing program in spring 2006, thirty-one students took the nursing examination. Of that number, thirty students passed and one student failed the examination. The remaining students are anticipated to take the test in the near future.

Provost Beverly Jones highlighted two items from the Academic Affairs Department report. She introduced the two interim deans serving as a result of the College of Arts and Sciences reorganization. Dr. Elwood Robinson, Interim Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences and Dr. Linda Norfleet, Interim Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Provost Jones recognized Dean Caesar Jackson, College of Science and Technology and Dean Cecelia Steppe-Jones, School of Education for deploying faculty to Southern High School to assist with Math and Science courses.

Trustee Thomas on behalf of the Board recognized and commended and applauded the Provost and all the Academic Divisions for all the accomplishments made during the year.

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

The committee heard from Vice Chancellor Roland Gaines, who summarized several initiatives underway in the division. The preliminary fall enrollment figure is 8,675 undergraduate and graduate students. Four students provided a summary of the itinerary and fundraising efforts for the 2006 proposed Cultural Immersion Alternative Spring Break trip to China. Further, the committee received a listing of the August and September Program and Service highlights within the Division of Student Affairs as well as copies of the 2005-06 Student Affairs Annual Report.

Mr. Mukhtar Raqib, Student Government Association (SGA) President, highlighted some of the 2006-07 initiatives, activities, and programs he had outlined in a power point presentation. These include:

- The 2006-07 SGA Mission Statement.
- The 2006-07 Strategic Plan, which is composed of Community Relations efforts, Senate Initiatives and SGA Unity and Progress Week activities.

EMERITI STATUS REPORT: Trustee Michaux presented the Emeriti Status Report. The Committee on Emeriti Status met via telephone conference call and discussed information contained in a memorandum that each trustee received. This memorandum provided background information on the criteria and process for nominating former trustees to receive the title “Trustee Emeriti.”

Further, this information provided a comprehensive list of all the trustees who have received this title over the years. During the committee’s deliberations, numerous trustees who have rendered “notable service” to the university were discussed. Trustee Michaux will present the slate of
candidates during the closed session; however, he wanted to provide information during the open session on two aspects of the work.

Several former trustees of this board have become members of the North Carolina General Assembly and the UNC Board of Governors. Although the title of emeriti is a honorary one, the committee received information from Ms. Leslie Winner, Legal Counsel at General Administration that informs us that Board of Governors Policy 200.1, paragraph 1 “encourage” members of the Board of Governors to decline any invitation to serve as members of any constituent board of trustees. Trustee Michaux noted that it is interesting that such an opinion permeates a little further saying that “even if our honorable chairman is elected to emeriti status after his tenure here on this board; he can’t go on the Board of Governors or serve in the General Assembly. He has to resign one or the other.” Trustee Michaux thought that the law cited is actually contrary to the whole purpose of having honorary status. “An emeriti member selected by this board has no status on this board or either has status and would have to appointed by the General Assembly, by the Board of Governors or have to be appointed by somebody. In this critical time, with respect to this University, we need all the help we can going out on the Centennial Campaign.” Trustee Michaux opines that if we can get people in emeriti status we can utilize their services to assist this University in many aspects and endeavors.

Further, Ms. Winner’s response notes that pursuant to General Statute 116-31(h), no member of the General Assembly shall be eligible for election or appointment as a trustee. One might consider this a very conservative interpretation of the policy and the statute; however, our bylaws required that we do not act in conflict with these policies and statutes. Therefore, despite notable service by such former NCCU trustees, this committee will not bring such names for consideration today.

“However, this does afford me the opportunity to remind this board and future board members that the annual meeting is a time to consider the notable service of former board members. The committee agreed that it is important for the Board of Trustees to note that it is a significant honor to bestow this title upon former Board members. Such an honor is worthy of thoughtful consideration at each annual meeting and it is hoped that this committee’s action will encourage future boards to review the list of trustees and make such recommendations,” noted Trustee Michaux.

Trustee Porter questioned if NCCU Board of Trustees ever considered a Board of Visitors as an alternative. Other institutions have Boards of Visitors, within the university system. Trustee Porter recommends that thought.

Chairman Thigpen reiterates the idea of a Board of Visitors should be considered and Chancellor Ammons indicated the administration is looking into this type of body for the university. It will not be a governing body, therefore some of these restrictions will not exist. Chancellor Ammons will converse with the Chair and the board once the work is completed.
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CHANCELLOR’S REPORT: Chancellor Ammons introduced Janell Byrd-Chichester, Charles Hamilton Houston Endowed Professor, School of Law; John Duncan, Jr., RJR Nabisco Endowed Professor, School of Law; Dennis Kimbro, Duke Power Endowed Chair, School of Business; Diane Wormsley, Brenda Brodie Endowed Professor and Katey Assem, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement.

As a point of personal privilege, Trustee Michaux noted that he knows Mr. John Duncan personally who had a tremendous record of service in the US Air Force JAG Corps and is also on the advisory board in the US Air Force JAG School. Trustee Michaux too served on this board for a number of years with Mr. Duncan also and strongly supports this as an excellent appointment.

Chancellor Ammons also publicly congratulated the new Interim Deans and also the Provost for getting the Colleges of Arts and Sciences reorganized. Chancellor recognized, congratulated and welcomed to their new positions Dr. Linda Norrlet, Interim Dean for the College of Arts, Dr. Elwood Robinson, Interim Dean for the College of Behavioral Sciences and Social Studies and Dr. Caesar Jackson, former Dean of College of Arts, and new Dean of the College of Science and Technology.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS:  

Black Enterprise magazine has named North Carolina Central University as one of the Top 50 Colleges for African Americans in the nation in its September 2006 edition. NCCU is ranked No. 30. To develop the 2006 list, Black Enterprise surveyed more than 500 African American higher education professionals including presidents, chancellors, and directors of student affairs for their assessments of the social and academic environments for African American students at the nation’s colleges and universities.

BRITE – NCCU has received $2.3 million from the Golden LEAF Foundation for additional support for the construction of the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) Center for Excellence, a program designed to help North Carolina build its work force in biotechnology. This award brings the grand total of funding for the BRITE project from the Golden LEAF Foundation to $21.6 million. In the fall of 2006, more than 35 students enrolled in the BRITE program which is designed to award a bachelor’s degree in biology, chemistry and physics with a concentration in pharmaceutical science. The curriculum trains students in the scientific competencies required in the pharmaceutical, biomanufacturing and biotechnology industries.

PACE – The President’s Advisory Committee on Efficiency and Effectiveness (PACE) authorized by President Bowles and wants this project to review our stewardship with state and non-state funds in order to speak with members of the General Assembly and our donors about our efficient use of these funds. This activity will permit NCCU to take a realistic view of our
administrative functions and discover any concerns. Further, it permits NCCU to make some hard decisions to discontinue old processes and implement new technologies that will enhance our overall effectiveness.

GHANA INITIATIVE – NCCU - has agreed to partner with His Majesty Nene Adamtey I (Fletcher Kingsley) to assist in developing an educational partnership in the Shai State of Ghana that will provide social and economic development. NCCU plans to accomplish this by developing primary and secondary education programs, a health education and nutrition program, and by establishing an educational and cultural exchange program between the faculty and students at NCCU and Ghanian students and faculty.

HIP HOP INITIATIVE - NCCU launched a new Hip Hop Initiative which offers a scholarly approach to the music form that university officials believe could provide new opportunities to at risk youth, better prepare students for industry careers and serve as a vehicle for creating successful experiences in educating youth. The initiative, which is directed by Kawachi Clemons, coordinator of NCCU’s music industry program, currently, has four components — a class called “Hip Hop in Context” and a lecture series; a Hip Hop Summit scheduled for February 9 and 10, 2007; establishing Eagle Records; and providing continuing education courses. A highlight of the initiative is the course taught by new artists-in-residence, and successful recording stars and producers 9th Wonder and Christopher Martin better known as “Play” from the rap and acting duo, Kid ‘n Play.

SCHOOL OF LAW - North Carolina Central University’s Law School is one of the nation’s top law schools, according to The Princeton Review. The New York-based education services company chose the school for inclusion in the new 2007 edition of its annual book, Best 170 Law Schools, available in bookstores in October 2006. North Carolina Central University’s Law School is one of 11 law schools that The Princeton Review is adding to its annual "best law schools" guidebook this year.

The School of Law has posted its third consecutive year of an increase in its July bar passage rate. In July 2006, 86% of the law school graduates passed the NC bar exam on the first attempt. The rate is higher than the passage rate of all historically black law schools in the U.S. and is comparable with law schools in the state. The only other public law schools in the state, UNC Chapel Hill, had a 87% rate and the nationally ranked top tier, Wake Forest School of Law, passage rate was 88%. Chancellor Ammons congratulated Dean Pierce, faculty and staff.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE - Accreditation for the Department of Criminal Justice was renewed for another 10 years until the year 2016 by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission. The department’s accreditation documentation reveals a pronounced emphasis on faculty mentoring of students concerning their academic and career paths, as well as life-style issues as they pertain to a career in criminal justice. Committee member Mark R. Deary pointed to this factor in the decision to renew NCCU’s accreditation. Chancellor Ammons congratulated Dr. McMurray, faculty and staff.
SCHOOL OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION SCIENCES - The School of Library and Information Sciences, under the leadership of Dr. Irene Owens, received a total of $756,142, which includes a matching grant from NCCU in the amount of $316,454, for a project aimed at strengthening the expertise of minorities in library science in a five-county area. The grant was awarded to NCCU as part of First Lady Laura Bush’s initiative titled the 2006 Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program which offered grants from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services. Of the 111 grant applications submitted to the institute, 35 proposals were funded. The school will partner with public and school library systems from five counties in central North Carolina to recruit the 16 minority students to earn a master’s degree in library and information science. This award was highlighted in Diverse Issues in Higher Education magazine.

KENYA TRIP - Thirteen (13) Teaching Fellows and eleven (11) faculty members visited Kenya, Africa this summer to study the culture and visit Kenyatta University and other schools. The NCCU School of Education students taught in the local public schools and lived with a host family while NCCU faculty worked to establish a partnership with Kenyatta University. Chancellor Ammons thanked Dean Steppe-Jones for her leadership in providing this opportunity for the Teaching Fellows.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS:

HIS EXCELLENCY BENJAMIN MKAPA - NCCU hosted a lecture featuring His Excellency Benjamin Mkapa, former President of the Republic of Tanzania. His Excellency Mkapa’s topic of discussion was “Education and Sustainable Development in Tanzania.”

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - NCCU students were asked to bring gardening tools, hammers, and closed-toed shoes to participate in a project for Durham’s Habitat for Humanity coordinated through the Academic Community Service Learning Program led by Dr. Jarvis Hall. The housing organization held a volunteer day recently in which the new property of one Durham single mother was landscaped and the home of another received roofing and siding. NCCU provided 12 volunteers who participated in the Habitat Volunteer Day. They were divided up with some turning their hands to landscaping while the others were made busy with the hammers, roofing and siding on a second home project.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS:

RENOVATIONS/CONSTRUCTION - The Division of Financial Affairs is making progress in the management of construction and renovations. Projects underway include the following: the renovation of Eagleson Residence Hall, $9.7 million; the upgrade of the electrical Infrastructure, $5.8 million; and the renovation of Shepard Library. Projects currently in the design phase include: the Pearson Cafeteria, $11 million; the Hoey Administration Building, $4.6 million and the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE), $20.1 million.
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TEMPORARY CAFETERIA - Recently, the administrative personnel met with students to discuss the proposed plan for transitioning the food service program from the Pearson Cafeteria to the temporary dining and kitchen trailers behind the Chidley Residence Hall. The temporary facility will be ready for use following the fall break in October.

STUDENT AFFAIRS:

The Office of Student Affairs experienced a 5.54% increase in enrollment – 8,219 from fall 2005 to 8,675 in fall 2006. Chancellor thanked the Provost and Deans for their work in making this happen. Dean Murray, with the Graduate School enrollment, probably has the highest graduate school enrollment in the history of NCCU and Dean Pierce, the law school has 532 students, the largest enrollment in the history of the law school. Chancellor also thanked Vice Chancellor Gaines, Ms. Joceilyn Foy and all recruiters on the admissions staff who hit the road to help achieve this milestone in the University’s history. In the last six years, NCCU enrollment has grown by 58 percent.

This office also hosted a “meet and greet” for freshman women with campus administrators, faculty and staff.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT:

CASTLE AND COOKE, INC. - NCCU is a part of the Kannapolis Project which is funded by David Murdock, owner of Dole Foods. Castle and Cook is the business enterprise for Dole Foods. Clyde Higgs, vice president for business development, made a recent visit to NCCU to look at our institutional capacity. The faculty from the BBRI, BRITE, School of Law and School of Business made presentations. He toured both BRITE and the BBRI.

INFORMATION AND TECHNOLOGY:

COMPUTER LABORATORY - The James E. Shepard Library Mega Computer Lab is now officially open. This lab is equipped with our new Control Printing technology. The 100 seat desk top and lap top computer lab is one of 10 such labs on campus opened to students. The lab is open until 2 a.m. daily.

WEB REDESIGNED – The IT Department is working in conjunction with Public Relations to redesign the website. The 80/20 Group has been hired to redesign the site and is working with a university-wide committee on the project. The new site is scheduled to launch in January 2008.

PUBLIC RELATIONS:

INTEGRATED MARKETING AND COMMUNICATION PLAN – Chancellor Ammons has appointed a committee chaired by Dr. Freddie Parker, chair of the Faculty Senate, and Dr. Bijoy Sahoo, interim dean of the School of Business that includes a representative from
all of NCCU stakeholders. Through this committee we plan to develop a tag line and they will make sure all of our stakeholders have a good sense of what strengthens the NCCU story. The committee plans to work in conjunction with the Office of Public Relations to launch a branding campaign in January. The Public Relations Office is also working in conjunction with the Division of Institutional Advancement on this project.

**NEW CATALOG** - We recently released the new catalog which will be in effect until 2008. The catalog was updated by the Division of Academic Affairs and the layout and design was completed in house through the Office of Public Relations.

**CHANCELLOR’S ANNUAL REPORT** - Chancellor’s Annual Report outlined the accomplishments for the 2005-2006 academic year was distributed to the trustees.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- September 27 – The 96th Anniversary Chautauqua, B.N. Duke Auditorium, 11:00 a.m.
- September 29 – Fall Convocation, McLendon-McDougald Gym, 10:15 a.m.
- September 29 – Open House for the Shepard House immediately following Convocation

- October 5 – The NCCU Career Fair, LeRoy T. Walker Complex, 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- October 20 – Athletic Hall of Fame, Millennium Hotel, 7:00 p.m.
- October 21 – Fall Open House, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 P.M.

- November 3 – Founder’s Day, McLendon-McDougald Gym, 9:00 a.m.
- November 4 – Homecoming, NCCU vs. Johnson C. Smith

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT:** The Student Government Report was presented by Trustee Mukhtar Raqib. Trustee Raqib recognized Sophomore Class President Mr. Jerry Blackwell. The full report is attached.

Trustee Porter commended the NCCU student body. “The unity/reaching out with the Duke University students during a time of real tension in this community in connection with the incident involving the Duke lacrosse team was a stroke of real maturity and leadership throughout the community which is badly needed.” He commended the student body and their advisors.

**NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:** Mr. Richard Smith presented the National Alumni Association Report and it is attached.

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

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Trustee Baron announced that the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund is having its annual dinner in Charlotte in October. Chairman Thigpen will be
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recognized as an honoree for having provided outstanding legal services to the community. The Board of Trustees extended their congratulations to Chairman Thigpen.

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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 met and heard presentations from Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Beverly Jones regarding personnel matters and Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs Charles O’Duor on a property matter and from Trustee Eric Michaux on the slate of candidates from Emeriti Status. The latter two matters were approved in closed session.

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

OPEN SESSION

Trustee Williams moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Thomas to approve the personnel matters discussed during closed session. The motion carried.

There being no additional business, Trustee Thomas moved and it was properly seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Assistant Secretary