

**NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY  
DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES**

**APRIL 24, 2019**

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 Wednesday, April 24, 2019. Chairman Hamilton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**NOTE:** Yesterday, Mr. Brandon Hedgebeth, SGA President and newest member of the NCCU Board of Trustees was sworn in by Ms. Dottie Irving Fuller.

Mr. Hedgebeth is from High Point, NC, and will be a senior in the Fall, majoring in History. He assumed the role of SGA President on March 7, 2019.

Prior to this appointment he served as Student Body Vice President and President of the Student Senate. He brings a wealth of accomplishments to the position, including the reestablishment of the Council of Presidents, student organization funding enhancements and mandatory trainings for all senators.

As Student Body President he will continue to execute the SGA Association's agenda. Some of these major initiatives included SGA elections, NCCU Academic Day and the culminating session of the UNC Association of Student Governments on this campus.

**OPEN SESSION**

**INVOCATION:** Trustee Barbee gave the invocation

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mr. George Hamilton, Mr. John Barbee, Mrs. Karyn Wilkerson, Mrs. Oita Coleman, Mr. Kevin Holloway, Mr. James Walker, Mr. Isaiah Tidwell, Dr. Kenneth Tindall, Mr. John Herrera, Mr. Michael Johnson, Ms. Allyson Siegel (via telephone conference), Dr. John McCubbins (via telephone conference) and Mr. Brandon Hedgebeth

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:** It was moved by Trustee Barbee and properly seconded by Trustee Holloway to approve the minutes dated February 27, 2019. The motion carried.

**CHAIR'S REMARKS:** Chairman Hamilton informed the Board, as Chair, it is his responsibility to remind all members of the Board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees meeting. If any board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the board of trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time. No conflict was presented.

**REPORT OF THE CHANCELLOR:** Chancellor Johnson Akinleye presented the Chancellor's Report.

### **TELEVISION STUDIO OPENING**

Yesterday the new, state-of-the-art television studio was formally opened. Chancellor commended the College of Arts and Sciences and Department of Mass Communication, along with the Title III office, for their work in developing a truly world class educational facility for NCCU's journalism students. As noted on yesterday, the studio will produce job-ready graduates who will one day be award-winning media influencers.

### **SHEPARD BUILDING RENAMING**

Immediately following today's Board of Trustees meeting, there will be a renaming ceremony for the James E. Shepard Administration Building. Chancellor will publicly thank Mr. Davanta Parker for all his efforts helping to spearhead this initiative. He will be recognized for his service on behalf of the Student Body later in this meeting.

### **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM**

As part of The Eagle Promise initiative and in collaboration with the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute, the university hosted the second annual International Symposium on April 17. Nearly 200 students, faculty, staff and guests from area universities participated in the all-day program. The keynote address was given by Mr. Pape Amadou Gaye, President & CEO of IntraHealth International, who spoke about the need for trained global health workers and investments in global health in countries on the continent of Africa and Latin America.

NCCU students also showcased their research during a poster presentation session of the symposium.

### **HONDA CAMPUS ALL-STAR CHALLENGE**

NCCU's Honda Campus All-Star Challenge team made it all the way to the Sweet 16 during the 2019 Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Tournament. Chancellor along with many of NCCU alumni, including Mr. Samuel Cooper, NCCU Alumni Association, Inc. president, attended the competition in Torrance, California, to root on NCCU students who did an excellent job throughout the tournament.

The team consisted of: Deandria Harper, a junior physics major from Durham; Shawn Pressley, a senior psychology major from Charlotte; Shavonna Corprew, a junior history major from Apex; and Malcolm Brown, a junior finance major from Tacoma, Washington. Ms. Harper served as team captain. Of note, Mr. Brown earned an All-Star award for being the player during the course of the tournament who scored the most number of points per game. NCCU plans to formally congratulate and celebrate these talented scholars!

### **133<sup>rd</sup> COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES**

The university is gearing up to award more than 1,160 degrees to NCCU graduates during our 133<sup>rd</sup> Commencement exercises on Friday, May 10, and Saturday, May 11. These combined May ceremonies are on track to be the largest in NCCU's history. We are thrilled to celebrate our graduates, especially our undergraduates, as many will be headed to top-ranked graduate programs or full-time employment.

The speaker for NCCU Graduate and Professional ceremony on Friday, May 10, will be North Carolina Chief Justice The Honorable Cheri Beasley, the first African American chief justice for the state of North Carolina. NCCU alumnus, the Rev. Dr. William Barber II will address students at NCCU's Baccalaureate ceremony on Saturday, May 11.

### **STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: NINA BARRETT**

Ms. Nina Barrett, was invited to come forward. Born in New York and raised in Virginia, Ms. Barrett earned her bachelor's degree in Political Science from William Peace College, and is currently enrolled in the Master of Public Administration program. Last month, she attended the Climate Reality Leadership Training in Atlanta. She was an active participant in the training and was featured in an April 10 Washington

Post article with former Vice President Al Gore speaking about her passion for environmental justice.

Ms. Barrett shared her experiences, career aspirations and how she is a voice for change here at NCCU.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **ACADEMIC AND STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Trustee Tindall presented the Academic and Student Affairs Committee Report. There was one (1) informational item.

### **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Academic Affairs did not present at the April 23, 2019 Academic/Student Affairs Committee Meeting.

### **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Dr. Angela Coleman, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, introduced and recognized Mr. Roderick Heath, Director, NCCU Men's Achievement Center. He shared with the Trustees the importance of making connections and helping students engage in new activities, ultimately resulting in socializing students into the culture of NCCU.

Highlights of his presentation included the following:

- Initiative Program Goals
- Program Objectives
- Four Year Transition Plan
- Retention Highlights
- Ring Ceremony
- Student Accomplishments
- Community Service Award
- Performance Indicators
  - Retention
  - Academics
  - Persistence
  - New Initiative

## **ADVANCEMENT, ATHLETICS AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

Trustee Barbee presented the Advancement, Athletics and External Affairs Committee Report. There were several informational items.

### **ATHLETICS**

Dr. Ingrid Wicker-McCree, Director of Athletics, presentation included the following:

- NCCU Winter Sports – Updates in Basketball and Track and Field
- NCCU Spring Sports – Updates in Baseball, Men and Women’s Tennis
- External Relations and Resource Acquisition
  - Corporate Partner/Sponsor Program
  - New FY 19 Sales and Service Revenue
  - Athletics Ticket Operations Program
  - Athletics Annual Fund

### **ADVANCEMENT**

Dr. Harriet Davis, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement presentation included the following:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Fundraising Report
- Overall Fundraising Goal
- Alumni Giving Goal
- Old Chidley Hall Brick Campaign

Dr. Davis reminded the Trustees of the Dedication of the Marjorie Lee Browne, Ph.D. Lecture Hall in the Mary Townes Science Complex yesterday. She recognized Mr. and Mrs. John Smith for their exceptional and generous contribution.

### **AUDIT**

Chairman Johnson presented the Audit Committee Report. There were several informational items.

Mr. Robert Gaines, Internal Auditor, presented the Planned Internal Audit Activities and Unplanned Internal Audit Activities as of April 23, 2019.

## **FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE**

Trustee Holloway presented the Finance and Facilities Committee Report. There were several informational items.

### **FACILITIES**

Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Dr. Cornelius Wooten presented a Capital Projects Update. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Master Plan Update
- Major Capital Projects Updates
  - P-3 Student Housing
    - George Street Residence Hall
    - Chidley South Residence Hall
    - Lawson Street Residence Hall
  - New Student Center
  - New School of Business
- Minor Capital Projects Updates
  - Repairs/Renovations to Walker PE Building
  - Lee Biology
  - Library Building
  - Outdoor Track Resurfacing
  - Repairs and Renovations
  - In-House Projects

**NOTE:** The Finance and Facilities Committee requested the In-House Projects be prioritized and include an update column for anticipated dates for each project be included in report.

Next Ms. Leah Kraus, Chief Information Officer and Chief of Police Fred Hammett presented a Campus Security Update which included the following:

- Chancellor's Strategic Priority
  - Reinforce and invest in improved security measures to enhance campus safety and well-being
- Integrated Systems Approach
- Campus-wide Access Control

- Case Studies

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

Chairman Hamilton presented the NCCU Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund Report. There were several informational items.

The University's Endowment report was presented to the committee by Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Dr. Cornelius Wooten.

The UNC Management Company Fund had a performance return of 2.94 for Fiscal Year 2019. Piedmont Investment Advisors had a performance return of 5.32%.

The market value of the University's Endowment Fund as of February 28, 2019, was \$37,797,253 compared to \$36,629,410 as of July 1, 2018. This change reflects a market value increase of \$1,167,943 or 3.19% for fiscal year 2019.

## **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Trustee Wilkerson presented the Governance Committee Report. There were several informational items.

In accordance with the NCCU By-laws at the annual meeting which is in June, the NCCU Board of Trustees shall elect a Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary.

The Governance Committee met via telephone conference call on March 27, 2019 to fulfill its responsibility for presenting a recommended slate of nominees to the Board at its April meeting. The Governance Committee's report is included in your April Board of Trustees packet for information only. The Governance Committee's recommended slate is:

- Chairman Kevin Holloway
- Vice Chairman Michael Johnson
- \*Oita Coleman, Secretary

\*Contingent upon the reappointment of Mrs. Coleman by the NC General Assembly. If Mrs. Coleman is not reappointed Mrs. Karyn Wilkerson to be nominated to fill vacancy. At the June meeting prior to the election of officers, nominations from the floor shall be permitted. If none, the Board of Trustees will vote on the slate presented.

**NOTE:** The officers shall be elected at the June meeting for one (1) year and their terms begin July 1st.

The North Carolina General Assembly elected members to serve on the UNC Board of Governors last month. As you recall previous legislation reduced the number which is now 24. Five current members were either not reappointed, did not seek reappointment or resigned.

The UNC Board of Governors voted on March 21, 2019 on the Appointments and Reappointments to the Boards of Trustees. The Board of Governors re-elected Trustee Tidwell and Trustee Johnson. Newly elected appointments include Mr. William (Bill) Bell (former Mayor of Durham) and Mr. Keith Chadwell (Deputy City Manager for Durham). Brief bios are included in your package. The effective date is July 1, 2019 and the terms end June 30, 2023.

The North Carolina General Assembly has yet to act on its appointments to Boards of Trustees.

### **EXECUTIVE/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Chairman Hamilton presented the Executive/Personnel Committee Report. There was one (1) action item for Closed Session yesterday pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(2) to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or similar award and (1) item for Closed Session today.

Chancellor Akinleye presented a candidate for an Honorary Degree. Background materials were provided.

It was moved by Trustee Barbee and properly seconded by Trustee Walker the approval of NC Supreme Court Chief Justice The Honorable Cheri Beasley for an Honorary Degree. The motion carried.

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT:** Mr. Brandon Hedgebeth, SGA President presented a report. A copy of his full report is attached.

Following Mr. Hedgebeth's SGA Report, Chairman Hamilton recognized and presented Trustee Davanta Parker with a Resolution on behalf of the entire NCCU Board of Trustees and thanked him for his service (copy of Resolution attached).



Next, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. Angela Coleman also recognized Mr. Davanta Parker for his service and presented him with an Eagle.

Several trustees expressed a thank you to Mr. Parker for his service and also extended congratulations to Mr. and Miss NCCU and the NCCU Honda Campus All-Star Challenge National Tournament team.

**NATIONAL ALUMNI REPORT:** Mr. Samuel Cooper, President, NCCU National Alumni Association presented a verbal report.

**FACULTY SENATE REPORT:** Dr. Ralph Barrett, Vice Chair, Faculty Senate presented the Faculty Senate Report. A copy of his report is attached.

**STAFF SENATE REPORT.** Ms. Demetria Robinson presented a verbal report of the Staff Senate.

Next, it was moved by Trustee Coleman and properly seconded by Trustee Johnson to convene in Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee and pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(7) to plan, conduct, or hear reports concerning investigations of alleged criminal misconduct. The motion carried.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

Chairman Hamilton recognized Chancellor Akinleye to provide background information.

There being no further business for Closed Session, it was moved by Trustee Coleman and properly seconded by Trustee Walker to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried.

## **OPEN SESSION**

### **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Today is a big day, immediately following this meeting there will be the Renaming of the James E. Shepard Administration Building.

May 10, 2019 Alumni Day

May 10, 2019 Graduate and Professional Commencement  
May 10, 2019 Chancellor's Reception for Graduating Students and Families  
May 11, 2019 Baccalaureate Commencement Ceremony

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

Respectfully submitted:

Dottie Fuller  
Recorder