



**WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Board of Trustees: Student Affairs Subcommittee Meeting**  
307 Thompson Center – Conference Room  
Thursday, December 10, 2015  
10:00 am

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Chancellor Elwood Robinson, Dr. William Harris-Chair, Mrs. Coretta Bigelow, Mr. Kyle Brown, Mr. Osyris Uqoezwa, Mr. Charles Wright and Dr. Trae T. Cotton

**Members Absent:**

**University Staff:** Ms. Chantal Bouchereau, Mr. Jamar Banks, Dr. Gloria Laureano, Ms. Beverly Irby, Mr. Timothy Pittman and Ms. Angela Blue, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am and roll was called.

**Approval of the Minutes-September 17, 2015**

A motion was made to approve the minutes. This motion was made by Mr. Charles Wright and seconded by Mrs. Coretta Bigelow.

**Report of the Vice Chancellor – Dr. Trae T. Cotton**

Dr. Cotton opened with a welcome and introductions of the staff then began updating the Board on the progress made on the University's strategic planning process. Although we are several months away from a finished product, committees have been formed and are tasked with objectives related to its completion.

Dr. Cotton also addressed the student shooting incident that took place on campus the week of Homecoming 2015. He outlined the University's response, actions taken and, spoke to the memorial events provided by the campus community as we move through the healing process. He shared how

instrumental the WSSU Wellness Center staff was in providing the necessary services during this critical time.

### **Updates from the WSSU Wellness Center**

Ms. Beverly Irby presented to the Board the integrated services provided by the WSSU Wellness Center as an AAACH Accredited organization. Highlights include:

- Procurement of a \$900K SAMSHA grant to be used over 3 years to prevent and educate surrounding substance abuse, mental health, HIV & Hep C infection;
- Receipt of \$2500 grant to promote a “Smoke Free Campus” & \$500 grant to promote safe sex behaviors;
- Significant increase in service delivery and visit by students, especially with the convenience of the campus Pharmacy (YTD 715 prescriptions filled); and,
- Joined 5 other NC HBCU’s in identifying campus Local Food Ambassador to promote healthy and sustainable eating habits.

Ms. Irby shared the top 10 diagnosis codes presented by students served in the Wellness Center and fielded questions from the Board related to the effectiveness and cost efficiency of the Wellness Center.

Mr. Timothy Pittman shared that he and other staff are responding to an increased service need for students due to stress, anxiety and depression; but; feels that this is in part due to an intentional effort to create a culture of acceptance as it relates to counseling and mental health services among our students. Mr. Pittman further stated that now the Wellness Center, through collaboration with Wake Forest, is able to offer students psychiatric services. He states that more staff is being requested to provide additional areas of support to students.

**Report of the SGA President-Kyle Brown**

Mr. Kyle Brown shared the following highlights from SGA:

- SGA executed its 2015 Homecoming programming successfully, citing the first annual SGA Inauguration. This administration seeks to promote transparency, relatability and accessibility;
- SGA is sponsoring a \$2500 book scholarship for 10 WSSU students to receive \$250 books;
- Increased student engagement in Tuition & Fees meetings;
- Formulation of an all-student committee to provide input on the University Strategic Planning process;
- Political Action Committee is researching impactful speakers for the spring 2016 semester; and,
- Funding push for the Elwood L. & Denise Robinson Scholarship.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:29 am.



Angela Blue  
Recording Secretary



Signature of Chair



Date