

**WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 2016**

Board Chair Debra Miller called the meeting to order.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Mrs. Miller read the following statement:

“It is my 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.”

There were no conflicts.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mrs. Debra Miller, Mrs. Coretta Bigelow, Mr. Kyle Brown, Mr. Kelvin Farmer, Dr. William Harris, Mrs. Sue Henderson, Mr. Pradeep Sharma, Mr. Osyris Uqoezwa, Mr. Scott Wierman, and Mr. Charles Wright.

Members absent: Mr. Robert Clark, Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller and Mr. Mike Shortt.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Sharma moved and Mr. Wright seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Mrs. Bigelow moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2015 meeting. The motion passed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Wright moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the motion to go into executive session. The motion passed.

Mrs. Henderson moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the motion to come out of executive session. The motion passed.

PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mrs. Miller reported that while in executive session, the board:

1. consulted with the university general counsel to protect attorney-client privilege;
2. was updated on pending litigation;
3. approved the report of the appeals committee; and
4. approved the report of the personnel and tenure committee.

Mr. Sharma moved and Mr. Wright seconded the motion to approve all actions taken during executive session. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Miller asked the committee chairs if there were any items on the consent agenda that should be removed and discussed during their committee reports. There were no items removed.

Dr. Harris moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to approve the following item:

1. Management Flexibility Annual Summary

The motion passed.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Robinson introduced Ms. Whitney Brown, who is a Chancellor's Scholar. Ms. Brown spoke about her experiences on campus and how much she has appreciated all of the support and the opportunities that she has been given as a result of being a Chancellor's Scholar.

Chancellor Robinson asked RaVonda Dalton-Rann to stand, and then proceeded to thank her for her years of service, hard work and support to WSSU. He also commended her for how valuable she has been to the university and to him during his transition into the position of Chancellor.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Mr. Wright. Please see the Academic Affairs report as presented in this section of the March board book.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Mr. Sharma. Mr. Sharma also brought the Debt Affordability Study Policy to the board for discussion and approval. After discussion, Mr. Harris motioned and Mr. Sharma seconded the motion. The motion passed. Please see this report as presented in the Finance and Administration section of the March book.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ENDOWMENT

The committee report was given by Mrs. Miller. Please see this report as presented in the Endowment Committee section of the March board book.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Mr. Sharma. Please see this report as presented in the Internal Audit section of the March board book.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Dr. Harris. Please see this report as presented in the Student Affairs section of the March board book.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Dr. Harris. Please see this report as presented in the University Advancement section of the March board book.

APPROVAL OF ALL REPORTS

Mr. Wierman moved and Dr. Harris seconded the motion to approve all reports. The motion passed.

FORMER BUSINESS

There were no former business items to discuss.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Brown stated that he would be graduating in May and that he currently has two job offers on the table. He also thanked everyone for their support and encouragement throughout the year. His goal as SGA President was to increase the cultural of student giving and stated that he feels good about what he was able to accomplish. There was a triple digit increase in student giving this year.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Miller presented Mrs. RaVonda Dalton-Rann will a collage that included her office staff, a statue of Simon Green Atkins, and the five chancellors that she has served under during her time at Winston-Salem State University.

Mr. Wright presented Mrs. RaVonda Dalton-Rann with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine service award from Governor Pat McCrory.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is June 10, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Wierman moved and Mr. Brown seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Cession

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