



**WINSTON-SALEM**  
STATE UNIVERSITY

**Board of Trustees: Student Affairs Subcommittee Meeting**  
307 Thompson Center – Conference Room  
Thursday, September 15, 2016  
10 am

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Dr. William Harris-Chair, Mrs. Coretta Bigelow, Mr. Osyris Uqoezwa, Mr. Charles Wright, Miss Mona Zahir and Dr. Trae T. Cotton

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

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am and roll was called.

**Approval of the Minutes-June 9, 2016**

A motion was made to approve the minutes. This motion was initiated by Mr. Wright and seconded by Miss Zahir.

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

Dr. Cotton welcomed the Board and staff then provided the following updates:

**Updates:** Dr. Cotton shared with the Committee that Dr. Gloria Laureano-our Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students will be leaving the University as of October 31, 2016 to join Kennesaw State University in Kennesaw, Georgia. The Committee wished her well.

Dr. Cotton debriefed the Committee on the freshman and upper class move-in from this past August. This year the processes proved to be more fluid than prior years, in spite of the challenges of working with ever-changing enrollment numbers and late applications. Although Housing & Residence Life experienced fewer complaints than in recent

years, they continue to deal with issues arising from the placement of some of our students in the local apartment community and off-campus housing site-The Edge. Several questions were fielded from Board members about the process and strategy for dealing with enrollment fluctuations and how it impacts student housing placements. Board members discussed sharing their concerns about the selection of The Edge as an off-campus housing site for our students both before and after move-in. In the wake of the current complaints and continued concerns, Board Members wish to poignantly express the importance and critical need for open and transparent communication with the BOT in order to fully utilize the knowledge, skills and abilities of not only members of the Board but of collaborating departments as well as students. By fully engaging and collaborating with all relevant constituencies and properly evaluating processes and scenarios we can provide the most appropriate, efficient and effective outcomes for our campus community.

**Bylaw Revision:** Dr. Cotton outlined the proposed revision to the Bylaws petitioning that the newly elected SGA President be sworn in as a full Board of Trustee member at the first BOT Meeting that follows the SGA President assuming his/her position. This will allow the new SGA President to function in a full and official capacity upon attending their first BOT Meeting, as opposed to waiting to be sworn in at the September Board Meeting-which is the current protocol. This revision will be voted on by the full Board tomorrow.

**Updates from the Dean of Students:** Dr. Gloria Laureano addressed the board by sharing the mission, values and objectives of the Office of Dean of Students as well as the Office of Student Conduct. She gave a comprehensive synopsis of the type and volume of conduct incidents her office has dealt with this year in comparison to last year, citing trending behaviors among college students as a guide. We experienced a slight increase in the total number of cases per year from 562 to 586 with a 40% increase in drug related cases; however, noting a decrease in alcohol related cases by 19%.

### **Report of the SGA President-Mona Zahir**

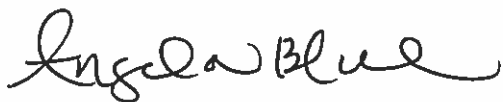
Miss Mona Zahir shared her 2016-2017 agenda with the Board to include but not limited to the following initiatives:

- Addressing the issue/need for new Ram Cards among students each year
- Activating a RAMS Neighborhood Watch
- Collaborating with Campus Life to reinforce Student Leadership Training and SGA Governance
- Student Voter Registration Initiatives (i.e. Voter Registration Block Party planned for September 2016 as well as other prospective organizational drives)
- Preservation of the Commuter Student Lab/Lounge space in Thompson Center for Non-Traditional Students
- Making the SGA Cabinet more accessible to all student populations
- Maximizing student travel opportunities-particularly abroad with a focus on black males
- Participation in the upcoming HBCU Student Summit at Shaw University
- Surveying the current student population to find and execute a desired use for the Salon space in DJR this academic year
- Streamlining Student Senate to become more effective at making change through policy
- Collaborating with departments like the Wellness Center to explore sustainability initiatives and encourage students to utilize their outdoor spaces
- Initiative to combat student homelessness on a national level
- Exercise effective and strategic SGA budget practices in the wake of decreasing budgets
- Promote more inclusive spaces and programing for the diverse student populations that exit
- Continue to promote student giving and philanthropy amongst current students by promoting University awareness and pride

Prior to the close of the meeting, the committee was joined by Chancellor Robinson and UNC Board of Governors member, Mr. Phillip Byers.

**Adjournment**

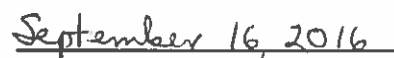
There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 am.



Angela Blue  
Recording Secretary



Signature of Chair



Date