

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
Office of the Provost
Academic Affairs Division

MEETING MINUTES

Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees

March 18, 2016

Committee members present: Mr. Kyle Brown, Mr. Kelvin Farmer, Mrs. Sue Henderson, Mr. Scott Wierman, Mr. Charles Wright, Dr. Brenda Allen, ex-officio. A quorum was present.

Staff members present: Dr.Carolynn Berry, Dr. Ludovic Kovalik, Mr. Derrick Murray, Dr. Notis Pagiavlas, Dr. Elwood Robinson, Ms. Silvia Ramos, Dr. Kathy Stitts, Dr. Peggy Valentine, Dr. Corey D.B. Walker, Ms. Tonia Walker, and Ms. Letitia Wall.

1. Mr. Charles Wright called the meeting to order at 11:59AM.
2. Ms. Letitia Wall completed the roll call. A quorum was present.
3. Mrs. Henderson motioned and Mr. Farmer seconded the motion to approve the revised agenda. The motion was approved.
4. Mrs. Henderson motioned and Mr. Farmer seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 10, 2015 meeting. The motion was approved.
5. Report of the Faculty Senate
Dr. Kovalik reported on the activities of the WSSU Faculty Senate. Dr. Kovalik invited any board member on the committee to attend the monthly meetings of the faculty as their schedules allow. The faculty senate meets the second Thursday of each month and the general faculty meets the fourth Thursday of each month, except the summer months. Dr. Kovalik also shared that the faculty senate campus culture committee is considering adopting a survey instrument to measure what the faculty thinks about the university around culture and leadership. There was discussion around managing the results of the instrument, partnering with Institutional Assessment and Research to ensure that the survey is constructive and leads to strategic impact.
6. Academic Affairs Report
The committee received an update on the status of the SACS Fifth Year Interim report as well as updates from The College, University College and Athletics about their unit activities working towards implementation of the 2016-2021 strategic plan. It was reported to the committee that WSSU was one of 44 state colleges and universities selected by the American Association of State colleges and Universities to participate in a collaborative, cross-unit, three year Re-imagining the First Year of College initiative.

Provost Allen discussed the importance of structure for achieving the mission and strategic goals at WSSU. She discussed how there will have to be a more cohesive alignment of functions in order to meet both the curricular and co-curricular requirements that WSSU students will need to get the experiences grounded in liberal education that is promised in our mission. Alignment of structures allows movement from traditional organizational structures towards a “team of teams” structure that practically requires collaboration across units in order to meet success indicators in the strategic plan.

She concluded with informing the committee that there is a strategic working group reviewing structures as part of objective 5.7 in the strategic plan and will make recommendations to this body at a later date.

7. Mr. Farmer motioned and Mr. Wierman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Letitia C. Wall