

**WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2017
DRAFT PENDING BOARD APPROVAL**

Board Chair William Harris called the meeting to order.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Javonty Hunter, the 2017-2018 SGA President, was sworn in by Mrs. Camille Kluttz-Leach.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT

Dr. Harris 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: Dr. William Harris, Mrs. Coretta Bigelow, Mr. Robert Clark, Mr. Kelvin Farmer, Mrs. Sue Henderson, Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller, Mrs. Debra Miller, Mr. Pradeep Sharma, Mr. J. Mike Shortt, Mr. Osyris Uqoezwa, Mr. Scott Wierman, and Mr. Charles Wright, and Mr. Javonty Hunter.

Members absent: none

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees adopt the current agenda as distributed.

Ms. Henderson moved and Mr. Clark seconded the motion to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting as distributed.

Mrs. Henderson moved and Dr. McNeil-Miller seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the executive session minutes of the March 17, 2017 meeting as distributed.

Mrs. Henderson moved and Mr. Farmer seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the April 28, 2017 called meeting as distributed.

Mrs. Miller moved and Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the May 18, 2017 called meeting as distributed.

Mr. Farmer moved and Mr. Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the consent agenda for June 9, 2017 as distributed.

Dr. McNeil-Miller moved and Mrs. Miller seconded the motion to approve all policies and resolutions presented on the consent agenda. The motion passed.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Robinson provided an update to the board on some things that have transpired since the last board meeting.

1. More than 1200 students graduated during the May 19, 2017 Commencement Ceremony.
2. The university's redesigned website made its debut on June 1, 2017. The website is student-centered; its functionality and navigation have been improved; it reflects the university's new branding; and gives prospective students a better look at what WSSU is all about.

3. WSSU joins the Venture Fund Initiative
 - a. It is a partnership with five other Winston-Salem based colleges and universities whose goal is to build a spirit of entrepreneurship in Winston-Salem.
 - b. Each college/university pledged to incentivize entrepreneurship among their students and alumni through a series of programs based on their areas of focus and unique visions.
 - c. The university could receive over \$100M over a three year period, which would support students and alumni through entrepreneurial efforts that address issues around equity, and other social topics.
 - d. The university has already received a \$50M commitment for the project.
 - e. Through this program, we will be able to leverage the creativity and talents of WSSU students and alumni to help them tackle some of society's biggest challenges.
4. The Donald Julian Reaves Student Activities Center won the National Design Award for the Association of College Unions International Facility Design Awards.
5. The WSSU Annual Golf Classic held on April 28, 2017 raised \$45M for scholarships.
6. The WSSU team won the UNC Staff Assembly Golf Tournament for the 6th consecutive year.
7. Through efforts of Ms. Mona Zahir, former SGA President, and Mr. Jovanty Hunter, current SGA President, WSSU won the \$30M Retool Your School Grant from Home Depot.
8. WSSU's Young Alumni Council recognized its Forty under 40 honorees during their awards gala held in April 2017. The honorees raised \$30m for student scholarships.
9. WSSU was selected to mentor other institutions on student success:
 - a. The Foundation for Student Success selected WSSU as one of seven mentor institutions.
 - b. WSSU is paired with 3 mentees- Savannah State University, Langston University, and the University of Michigan-Flint.
 - c. WSSU received \$50M in discretionary funds to assist in our efforts.
10. The School of Health Sciences received a \$269M grant from United Way.
 - a. Funds will be disbursed over a three year period.
 - b. The grant will create a program titled Project REACHE, or Rams Employment and Community Health Equity.

- c. The program will assist with improving the health of underserved residents in East Winston.

11. Occupational Therapy graduates achieved a 100% pass rate on their state exams.

Chancellor Robinson also mentioned that the university is celebrating its 125 year anniversary and he thanked everyone for all the work that has been done to make WSSU the university that it is.

Chancellor Robinson then turned the floor over to Dr. Brenda Allen for the enrollment report.

Dr. Allen's full presentation can be found in the June 9, 2017 board materials.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Dr. McNeil-Miller.

Please see this report as presented in the Academic Affairs section of the June board book.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Mr. Shortt.

Please see this report as presented in the Finance and Administration section of the June board book.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ENDOWMENT

The committee report was given by Dr. Mills.

Please see this report as presented in the Endowment Committee section of the June board book.

AUDIT RISK AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Dr. McNeil-Miller.

Please see this report as presented in the Internal Audit section of the June board book.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Hunter gave a brief report on SGA activities.

Please see this report as presented in the Student Affairs section of the June board book.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE

The committee report was given by Mr. Farmer.

Please see this report as presented in the University Advancement section of the June board book.

APPROVAL OF ALL REPORTS

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve and adopt all reports as presented.

Mr. Wierman moved and Mr. Clark seconded the motion. The motion passed.

FORMER BUSINESS

Public Comment Session- Mrs. Kluttz-Leach presented the draft guidelines and procedures for the Public Comment Session. A discussion took place and then a motion was put forward.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the Draft Guidelines and Procedures for Board of Trustees Public Comment Session, as distributed.

Dr. McNeil-Miller moved and Mrs. Henderson seconded the motion to approve. The motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Chancellor Robinson and Dr. Harris presented resolutions mounted on plaques to the following board members whose terms had ended.

1. Dr. Karen McNeil-Miller – also received roses
2. Mrs. Debra Miller – also received roses
3. Ms. Mona Zahir – not in attendance - plaque was mailed
4. Mr. Pradeep Sharma – participated via teleconference – plaque was mailed

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees move into executive closed session to consult with our attorney under N.C. Gen. Stat. 143-218.11(a)(3) to protect the attorney-client privilege and to consider and give instructions concerning potential and actual claims, administrative procedures, or judicial actions.

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

The meeting moved into executive (closed) session.
(The complete minutes of the executive session are recorded separately)

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees return to open session.

Ms. Miller moved and Ms. Henderson seconded the motion to come out of executive session. The motion passed.

The public meeting resumed in open session

PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING ACTIONS TAKEN IN EXECUTIVE SESSION

Dr. Harris reported that while in executive session, the board:

1. received advice and counsel from the university attorney;
2. received a public records report from the university attorney;
3. approved the appointment of General Counsel; and
4. received notice regarding the need for the board members to complete the Chancellor's Biennial Assessment; and
5. received information regarding a potential grant award.

Motion: Resolved, that the while in Executive Session the board approved the appointment of the General Counsel position, received advice and counsel from the Interim Chief Counsel to protect attorney client privilege, heard information concerning complaints or grievances, received notice regarding the board completing the Chancellor's Biennial Assessment, and heard information regarding a potential grant award.

Ms. Miller moved and Mr. Farmer seconded. The motion passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting date is September 15, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees adjourn until the next meeting.

By common consent the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Wierman
Secretary