

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

MEETING MINUTES

Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees

March 16, 2017

Board members present: Kelvin Farmer, William Harris, Sue Henderson, Mona Zahir, Dr. Brenda Allen, ex-officio. A quorum was present.

University staff and students present:Carolynn Berry, Wanda Brown, Elain Collins-Brown, Ludovic Kovalik, Joel Lee, Derrick Murray, Notis Pagiavlas, Elwood Robinson, Kathy Stitts, Corey Walker, Tonia Walker, and Letitia Wall.

1. William Harris called the meeting to order at 12:01 p.m.
2. Letitia Wall completed the roll call. A quorum was present.
3. Kelvin Farmer motioned and Sue Henderson seconded to approve the revised agenda. The motion was approved.
4. Mr. Henderson motioned and Mr. Farmer seconded the motion to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2016 meeting. The motion was approved.
5. Report of the Faculty Senate Chair: Dr. Kovalik reported that this was his last meeting as chair of the WSSU Faculty Senate. Elections for new officers would take place April 13. This thanked the committee for their attention and support for the faculty during his tenure as senate president. He also reported on revised faculty governance documents coming forward to the board, possibly in June.
6. Report of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: The academic affairs committee's discussion was around the many accomplishments achieved since the launch of the strategic plan in 2016. Highlights included: Successfully recruited over twenty new tenure-stream faculty in the College of Arts, Sciences, Business and Education and School of Health Sciences in 2016, hired Director of the Center of Excellence for Teaching and Learning whose experiences focus on faculty pedagogy, high impact learning, and curriculum development, Exercise Science had 5 students complete an Honor's Thesis, and were the first 5 students to graduate with Honors from the major in May 2016, Showcased faculty expertise via quotes in mainstream news articles through Office of Integrated Marketing Communications, launched an online tutoring interface, began creating a curriculum for a two-semester first year experience course that has a 'big question' approach that utilizes the university's focus on social justice to hone essential skills and work on college transition skills. The course will also strongly rely on co-curricular experiences especially learning communities that tie the residence experience to the classroom to address the course learning outcomes, delivered request for the online transitional Doctor of Physical Therapy degree (t-DPT) to UNC-GA for review.
7. The committee thanked Dr. Ludovic Kovalik for his service as the Chair of the Faculty Senate since March 2014 and appreciate his leadership on the senate and active engagement with the committee members over the years. The committee also thanked Dr. Corey Walker for his leadership as Dean of The College since July 2013 and wished him well as he pursues a higher calling in leadership and administration.

8. Mr. Farmer motioned and Ms. Henderson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Letitia C Wall