

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

MEETING MINUTES

Academic Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees

March 15, 2018

Board members present: Susan Henderson (chair), William Harris, Kenneth Raymond, Scott Wierman, Javonty Hunter. A quorum was present.

University staff and students present:Carolynn Berry, Elaine Collins-Brown, Wanda Brown, Austin Grier, Shannon Henry, Jaime Hunt, Ashlea Jones, Joel Lee, Michael McKenzie, Derrick Murray, Notis Pagiavlas, Elwood Robinson, Kathy Stitts, Tonia Walker, and Letitia Wall.

1. Sue Henderson called the meeting to order at 12:11 p.m.
2. Letitia Wall completed the roll call. A quorum was present.
3. William Harris motioned and Scott Wierman seconded to approve the revised agenda. The motion was approved.
4. Kenneth Raymond motioned and Dr. Harris seconded the motion recommending approval of the policies for the consent agenda. There were two policies, Acceptable Use of Computing and Information Resources Policy, and the Information Resource Security Policy. The motion was approved.
5. Report of the Faculty Senate Chair: There was not report of the Faculty Senate. The committee sent congratulations to Dr. Stackhouse for this birth of his twin grandchildren.
6. Report of the Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs: Interim Provost, Dr. Berry updated the committee on the progress of the interinstitutional Center for Design Innovation (CDI). This center is a partnership between Winston-Salem State University, UNC School of the Arts, and Forsyth Technical Community College. The new concept of design studios at CDI reflects strategic plans of each institution and establishes and sustains interinstitutional, interdisciplinary, and inter-sectoral programs that bring faculty and students of all ages and disciplines into diverse experiences to develop meaningful solutions to compelling, relevant contemporary challenges by addressing the through innovative thinking and research. The university is excited about this direction and will continue to update the BOT about progress there.

Mr. Joel Lee, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management provided a presentation highlighting key elements of the plan. The committee had a great discussion of the factors impacting enrollment at the university and increased scholarship dollars, continued university marketing and branding, and investments in modernized technology will help the university to meet its enrollment goals.

Ms. Letitia Wall and Dr. Michael McKenzie updated the committee on the Student Success Collaborative Initiative through a partnership with EAB to implement a robust student engagement tool that will significantly improve retention and graduation rates using a holistic approach to student success. They reported that this tool has shown such success that the UNC system is looking at a system-wide approach to leverage campus memberships for this tool. There is an 18 month implementation time table and the leadership teams are diligently working to meet incremental milestones.

Dr. Berry updated the committee on continued conversations in academic and student affairs around organizational alignments as well as updated the committee on the searches for the provost and the dean. Both are going well and finalist candidates will be on campus in late March and early April.

7. Mr. Hunter motioned and Mr. Wierman seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Letitia C Wall