

Winston-Salem State University
Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting Minutes
March 27, 2020

Meeting Held via Zoom

Call to Order:

Chairman Farmer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. The meeting is being held via zoom.

Conflict of Interest:

CONFLICT OF INTEREST STATEMENT- Chairman Farmer read the following statement: All Board Members are reminded 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 noted.

Roll Call:

Ms. Kluttz-Leach called the roll. Members in attendance were Members in attendance: Kelvin Farmer, L'Tanya Bailey, Robert Barr, Coretta Bigelow, Robert Clark, Matthew Cullinan, William Gibson, William Harris, Kathleen Kelly, Brent Moore, Drewry Nostitz, Ricky Sides, and Dave Smith.

Staff Present: Chancellor Elwood Robinson, L'Tanya Afolayan, Carolyn Berry, Ivey Brown, Raisha Cobb, Anthony Graham, Cornelius Graves, Shannon Henry, Jaime Hunt, Camille Kluttz-Leach, Constance Mallette, Melvin Norwood, and Etienne Thomas.

Adoption of Agenda:

Trustees Clark motioned to approve the agenda. Trustee Sides seconded to approve the meeting agenda. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the agenda as presented.

Adoption of the Consent Agenda:

Trustee Harris motioned to approve the consent agenda. Trustee Bailey seconded motion. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve all items listed on the Consent Agenda as listed.

- a. Approval of 9-20-19 Open Session Meeting Minutes
- b. Approval of 11-6-19 Called Meeting Minutes
- c. Approval of 11-21-19 Called Meeting of the Grievance & Appeals Committee Meeting Open Session
- d. Tuition and Fees
- e. Annual Admissions Exceptions Report
- f. Office of Audit, Risk, and Compliance Charter

Approval of the December 12, 2019 Minutes:

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Trustee _____ motioned to approve the December 12, 2019 minutes. Trustee _____ seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the minutes of the December 12, 2019 meeting.

Chancellor's Report:

Chancellor Robinson reported that the university is currently open. Essential staff is currently on campus, and other offices have some staff working with staff also working remotely.

SACS COC was scheduled to be on campus for our accreditation year, however due to the COVID-19 this was cancelled. The on-site visit has been changed to take place in early 2021.

Chancellor Robinson stated that work will continue on a new Strategic Plan.

A campus wide celebration for the Men's CIAA Basketball Team will take place once we are back on campus.

Chancellor Robinson he and the Executive Staff are getting daily assistance from the UNC System's office regarding COVID-19.

Provost Graham gave an update on the status of the WSSU student that is infected with the COVID virus. He stated that the student is in critical condition at this time.

Report of the Board Chair:

1. Chairman Farmer thanked Chancellor Robinson and the Executive Staff members for all that they have been doing.
2. Chairman Farmer thanked Provost Graham specifically for taking time to listen when his daughter came to him with an issue.

3. Chairman Farmer stated that he has been in discussion with Camille regarding why it would be better to have one day sessions for the board meetings. Discussions on how to have better BOT quarterly meetings will take place. Board of Trustee meetings will be held as one day sessions.
4. Chairman Farmer announced and congratulated Chancellor Robinson on being named one of the top 10 most dominate HBCU leaders.
5. Chairman Farmer congratulated Trustee William Gibson and thanked him for his service to the WSSU BOT. Trustee Gibson has been the SGA President for the past two years and he will be graduating in May. Chairman Farmer informed Trustee Gibson that due to the virus, we would mail him something or give it to him at the June meeting.

Chairman Farmer then asked if Chancellor Robinson had any further comments.

Chancellor Robinson stated that he would like to make the board aware that the university may/will lose a lot of students due to students having to take on-line classes. He stated that some students do not succeed well with on-line learning.

Finance and Administration Committee Report:

It was reported that there is still a deficit in Athletics and that the Finance Dept. discussed how it is handling it.

Trustee Clark asked the committee what Raleigh is doing about money for the budget, since money is needed in order to complete and open the new Science Building.

Trustee Nostitz motioned to approve acceptance of the committee report. Trustee Clark seconded. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the acceptance of the committee report.

Motion to Go Into Closed Session:

Trustee Bigelow motioned and Trustee Clark seconded the motion to go into closed session. The motion passed.

Motion: Resolved, that the Winston-Salem State University Board of Trustees approve the motion to go into closed session.