

Board of Trustees
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina
July 15, 2020

The North Carolina State University Board of Trustees met in regular session via a Zoom Meeting, on Wednesday, July 15, 2020.

Members present:

Thomas E. Cabaniss, Chair
Robert F. Andrews III
Ann B. Goodnight
James A. Harrell, III
Stanhope A. Kelly
Wendell H. Murphy
Ven Poole
Ronald W. Prestage, DVM
Edwin J. Stack, III
Perry Safran
Dewayne N. Washington
Edward I. Weisiger, Jr.
Melanie Flowers, *ex officio*

Chair Tom Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 1:45 p.m. He reminded all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act and inquired as to whether there were any known conflicts of interest or appearances of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the board at this meeting. He also reminded those in attendance that while the full Board meeting is a public meeting, it is not a meeting for public comment and only those on the agenda will be permitted to speak. He then called on Interim Assistant Secretary Maggie Thompson for the roll call.

ROLL CALL

Interim Assistant Secretary Maggie Thompson called roll and certified that a quorum was present.

MINUTES

Mrs. Goodnight made the motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to approve the open and closed session minutes of the April 24, 2020 meeting of the full board and the open session minutes of the June 22, 2020 special meeting. The motion passed.

NOMINATION OF SLATE, ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2020-21 – RON PRESTAGE

Dr. Prestage reported that the nominating committee met on July 15, 2020 and reviewed the Board of Trustees nominating committee guidelines. The nominating committee unanimously voted to recommend the following officers for 2020-2021:

Tom Cabaniss, Chair
Stan Kelly, First Vice Chair
Ed Weisiger, Jr., Second Vice Chair
Ann Goodnight, Secretary
Paula Gentius, Assistant Secretary

Dr. Prestage asked for additional nominations from the floor. Chair Cabaniss nominated Chip Andrews to serve as the fifth member of the executive committee, noting that the Board of Trustees bylaws state it is the responsibility of the chair to appoint the fifth member if the past chair is not eligible to serve on the executive committee.

Dr. Prestage made a motion, seconded by Mr. Poole, to elect the slate of officers for 2020-21 and Chip Andrews as the fifth member of the executive committee. Trustees who were on the slate of officers recused themselves from voting for their position. The vote by roll call was unanimous and the motion passed.

CHAIR'S REPORT- TOM CABANISS

Chair Cabaniss thanked the Board of Trustees for electing him as Chair of the Board for another year. As Chair, Mr. Cabaniss said he will strive to have the Board build upon the university's past successes and expand its

future opportunities for success. Though the university and the Board face many challenges this year, he believes that NC State will be able to continue fulfilling its missions for education, research, and engagement.

Chair Cabaniss welcomed Perry Safran to his first Board of Trustees meeting. Perry Safran was appointed to the NC State Board of Trustees to fill the spot left vacant when Jimmy Clark was appointed to the Board of Governors. Chair Cabaniss also noted that in the past, Superior Court Judge Paul Ridgeway would administer the oath of office to new Trustees at the July meeting. Since the Board is meeting virtually, Mr. Safran and Student Body President Melanie Flowers were sworn in by a Notary Public prior to their first meeting. Chair Cabaniss shared that Judge Ridgeway plans to attend the next in-person meeting to administer the ceremonial oath of office for these trustees.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT – RANDY WOODSON

Chancellor Woodson began his remarks by welcoming Perry Safran and Melanie Flowers to their first regular Board of Trustees meeting. He also introduced Dr. Paula Gentius, the new Chief of Staff and Secretary of the University. Chancellor Woodson shared that Dr. Gentius currently works at Virginia Commonwealth University and will bring years of experience in higher education when she joins NC State on August 3, 2020.

Chancellor Woodson then shared updates from the most recent legislative session. The highlights for NC State included the authorization and appropriation of funds for a new Integrative Sciences Building on Main Campus; \$585,615 for utility infrastructure needs for Fitts-Woolard Hall and the NC State Plant Sciences Building, NC State's projects authorized by the Connect NC Bond referendum; and \$2 million to fund the collaborative Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals effort known as NIIMBL. Highlights for the UNC System as a whole included: \$39.1 million in Repairs and Renovations funding; increasing chancellors' approval authority on small capital projects up to \$600,000; and providing limited immunity from liability for claims based on transmission of COVID-19 as well as for claims related to tuition and fees paid for the spring 2020 semester that arise from alleged acts or omissions taken by the institution in response to COVID-19. The Chancellor noted that this year marks the second in a row that no funds were allocated to support increases in salary for faculty and staff. The university and the state will need to address this issue in the coming years.

Chancellor Woodson then provided year-end updates for research. NC State closed FY20 with \$398.5 million in sponsored project awards and submitted \$1.4 billion in proposals, both numbers showing an increase over FY19. The most recent figures for research expenditures are from FY19 at \$541.1 million, the highest in NC State history. The most recent AUTM rankings show NC State as the third in the country for research-based startups after Purdue and MIT.

Chancellor Woodson also highlighted student and faculty successes from the past year. NC State junior Pippin Payne was one of 55 students in the nation to receive a 2020 Udall Scholarship. He is a double major in mechanical engineering and religious studies with a minor in business administration. Jacob Sebastian, a December 2019 graduate of NC State, has been awarded a Herbert Scoville, Jr. Peace Fellowship. He is one of just three recent college graduates in the nation to earn a spring 2020 fellowship, and he will work for the Nuclear Threat Initiative in Washington, DC. Six NC State University graduate students have received awards through the Fulbright U.S. Student Program and an NC State alumna has been named an alternate for the 2020-21 academic year. Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, these scholars will delay their study programs until January 2021 at the earliest. NC State faculty received a number of prestigious fellowships and scholarships this year, including a Sloan Research Fellowship and nine NSF early career awards. Two faculty members were named American Association for the Advancement of Science Fellows: Carol K. Hall, Camille Dreyfus Distinguished University Professor of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering, and Jacqueline Krim, Distinguished University Professor of Physics.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UNIVERSITY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – CHAIR STAN KELLY

Mr. Kelly reported that the Committee met and approved the minutes of the April 23, 2020 meeting and conferral of tenure to six (6) new faculty members. The committee also recommended approval of the Request to

Establish the Master of Science in Engineering Education, effective spring 2021. The proposed degree will be both campus and online based and is geared toward students who will teach engineering at the post-secondary level (primarily at the community college level). The degree would be the first to combine expertise within NC State's College of Education and College of Engineering.

Mr. Kelly made the motion, seconded by Mr. Poole, to approve the request to establish the Master of Science in Engineering Education. The vote by roll call was unanimous, and the motion passed.

The committee also recommended approval of two policy revisions and a new policy that are a result of the new Title IX regulations. The U.S. Department of Education's new regulations governing campus sexual assault under Title IX were released on May 6, 2020. These regulations are set to go into effect August 14, 2020. The regulations represent significant changes for how universities adjudicate claims of sexual misconduct. To align with the new Title IX requirements, revisions have been made to Policy 04.25.05 – Equal Opportunity, Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action – and Policy 11.35.01 – Code of Student Conduct. A new policy, "Title IX Sexual Harassment Policy," has also been created.

Mr. Kelly made the motion, seconded by Ms. Goodnight, to approve the new policy and policy revisions. The vote by roll call was unanimous, and the motion passed.

The Committee also approved the Department of Athletics Non-Coaching Staff Bonus Structure. The Committee then heard informational reports from Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Warwick Arden. Provost Arden shared academic program updates including the creation of several new graduate certificates and a department name change. The Department of Landscape Architecture is now the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning. This new name better characterizes the academic content of their program and faculty expertise and is reflective of the recent professional shift in the field. Provost Arden also reviewed information pertaining to the 2020-2021 faculty salary ranges.

The committee did not have a need to go into closed session.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Interim Assistant Secretary

Secretary

Approved:

Chair of the Board