

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY Board of Trustees: Student Affairs Subcommittee Meeting

307 Thompson Center – Conference Room Thursday, June 11, 2015 10:00 am

MINUTES

Members Present: Mr. Charles Wallington, Miss Olivia Sedwick, Mr. Osyris Uqoezwa, Dr. Bill Harris and Dr. Trae T. Cotton

Incoming SGA President: Mr. Kyle Brown

Members Absent: Mr. Martin Davis

University Staff: Ms. Angela Blue, Recording Secretary

Visitor: Mr. John Hinton representing the Winston-Salem Journal

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 am and roll was called.

Approval of the Revised Agenda

A motion was made to approve the revised agenda. The motion was moved by Dr. Harris and seconded by Miss Sedwick.

Approval of the Minutes-March 19, 2015

A motion was made to approve the minutes. This motion was moved by Miss Sedwick and seconded by Dr. Harris.

Report of the Vice Chancellor - Dr. Trae T. Cotton

Dr. Cotton shared with the Board that the Thompson Student Center has recently received a carpet replacement and new interior paint in effort to preserve and maintain the aesthetic look of the facility in comparable standards to that of the Reaves Center.

Assistant Vice Chancellor & Director of Housing Searches

He also shared that in light of the resignation of Mr. Theo Howard this past spring, the Division is culminating its search for a new Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs-Campus Life with deliberations on four finalists.

The Director of Housing search is also in progress and the Division intends on introducing both new hires at the September board meeting.

Animals on Campus Policy

Next, Dr. Cotton opted to discuss the policy regarding Animals on Campus. He stated that the standing policy, formerly called "Pet Policy" has been renamed and received some additions-namely the provision for emotional support/comfort animals which per ADA requirements allows such animals. In addition, full-time housing staff will have the ability to keep a pet as long as the staff member vets the animal through the list of authorization requirements among which are liability insurance and a pet deposit. A motion was made by Dr. Harris to approve this policy and was seconded by Miss Sedwick.

SGA Constitution Revisions

Dr. Cotton discussed that he along with student leaders Olivia Sedwick, Kyle Brown and Eric Johnson worked side by side in the revision of the SGA Constitution. These revisions allowed for continuity of the language within this document along as well as clarified the ratification process. Yet the most dramatic change was in the reconfiguration of the student senate. Rather than having a student senator representing each campus organization, there will be a minimum of 1 senator for each college, school or faculty. One additional senator will be added for every 1-300 students. This structure will reduce our average number of student senators from over 200 to around 35, thus allowing for a more effective and efficient governing structure. Dr. Harris made a motion to approve these revisions and it was seconded by Miss Sedwick. This new structure will go into effect for the 2015/2016 academic year and the students will be notified by several different modes. Dr. Harris gave special acknowledgement to Olivia Sedwick, Kyle Brown and Eric Johnson for their outstanding work on the SGA Constitution revisions.

Report of the SGA President-Olivia Sedwick:

Miss Sedwick opened by introducing the incoming SGA President for 2015/2016-Mr. Kyle Brown. Mr. Brown is a senior, majoring in political science and is from Kinston, NC. He states his administration will focus on "Cultivating the Culture by implementing "The Greater Than Campaign; The Giving Campaign as well as crafting a 3-5 year strategic plan for SGA.

The Board thanked Miss Sedwick for her exemplary tenure and welcomed Mr. Brown aboard. In addition, Mr. Wallington shared that his membership with the WSSU BOT expires with this meeting. The Committee wished him all the best.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 am.

Date

Angela Blue Recording Secretary

Signature of Chair