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To: The Tuskegee University Community

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Subject: Summer Meeting of the Board of Trustees / Retreat

The Tuskegee University Board of Trustees (“Board”) held its Summer Meeting/Retreat in Rosslyn, Virginia June 27 – 29, 2019. The summer retreat was hosted by Trustee Tamika Tremaglio, Deloitte LLP Greater Washington Managing Principal. During the retreat, the trustees and the university’s senior leadership discussed the state of the university and issues impacting higher education in today’s global economy.

During sessions held on Friday, June 28, the board focused on student enrollment, retention, and cyber security. A highlight of the day was a cyber-security war-gaming exercise led by Deloitte’s Cyber Services team. Trustees were also updated on the university’s federal lobbying efforts and key successes by the university’s federal consultant Anita Estell, Principal and CEO of the Estell Group.

President McNair praised the efforts of Ms. Estell, who worked closely with U.S. Senator Doug Jones, to secure \$2 million in funding from the Department of Defense for a new Aerospace Education, Research and Innovation Center. The summer meeting concluded with a visit to the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture. The following summarizes other discussion/actions taken during the summer meeting:

1. The Board formally installed new leadership, with Trustee Norma Clayton assuming the role as chair of the board, effective July 1, 2019. Trustees Jonathan Porter ‘95 and Barron Witherspoon ‘85 were installed as first vice chair and second vice chair, respectively. Charles Johnson, the university’s vice president of external affairs and general counsel, will serve as the board secretary.
2. President McNair updated the board on recent hires in the Office of the President. President McNair announced the appointments of Shirley Friar, Ph.D. as chief of staff and Chandra Chambliss as executive assistant/office manager.
3. President McNair provided updates on the searches for a vice president for enrollment management and student success and vice president for advancement. The administration expects to fill both positions by September, 2019.



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4. The “Campaign for Leadership and Excellence”, launched in celebration of President McNair’s investiture, has raised approximately \$1.1 million, exceeding its goal to raise \$1 million to support student scholarships.
5. Executive Vice President and CFO, Dr. Sharron Burnett, provided an overview of FY 2019 operating budget performance and recommended modifications to the FY 2020 preliminary budget, which was approved at the March meeting. The Board approved the administration’s request to provide a two percent salary increase for all employees.
6. The Board voted to award *emerita* status to Dr. Virda K. Lester, who recently retired as professor of education in the School of Education.
7. The Board approved the President’s recommendations for faculty promotion and tenure. Eleven members of the faculty received tenure and fifteen were awarded promotions.
8. Sheena Harris and Kevin Green concluded their terms as Trustees at the conclusion of the summer meeting.