

Tidewater Chapter NCA&TSU Alumni Association, Inc.
Full Body Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2010

Total Attendance: 19

Call to Order: President Peppers called the meeting to order and Chaplain Mckie opened the meeting with prayer at 7:10 PM. The motion to accept the agenda with amendments was approved and carried.

President Peppers welcomed all members and visitors.

The following correspondence was read by Secretary Kent.

From Deloris C. Chisley '73, Interim Executive Director NCA&TSU Alumni Association, Inc.

1. The Twenty-Fourth Anniversary of the Challenger Explosion - Honoring the Late Dr. Ronald E. McNair was held Thursday, January 28 marking the 24th Anniversary of the Challenger Explosion that killed Dr. Ronald E. McNair and his 6 colleagues. For information about the DREME Foundation, founded by Mrs. McNair to honor his dream of promoting education in science, technology and math, go to this link:

<http://www.dremefoundation.org/>

2. School of Business and Economics Interdisciplinary Center for Entrepreneurship and E-business (ICEEB) cordially invites you to the 2010 Entrepreneurship Week Opening Program on Monday, February 22, 2010; 10:00 AM to noon in Merrick Hall Auditorium School of Business and Economics the Keynote Speaker will be Mr. Ralph Shelton President of the Southeast Fuels, Inc.

3. The February 15, 2010 deadline for submission of the National Alumni Scholars application has been extended to February 28, 2010 due to recent inclement weather in the area. The submission of the Dowdy Scholarship is still stated as March 1, 2010.

4. "OPERATION AGGIE SHIELD" All Day Emergency Mock Shooter Exercise will be on Friday, March 26, 2010. The purpose of this mock exercise is to provide participants an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts for a response to an active shooter event on the campus of NCA&T.

5. The Official Installation of the 12th Chancellor of this University and our first ever Alumnus will be on April 23, 2010.

6. NC Governor Bev Perdue requested all state agencies develop budget reduction scenarios to further reduce appropriations by five percent for 2010-11 budget deliberations. A five percent reduction equates to \$4,834,711 for A&T. Prospective reduction scenarios will be guided by the university's previous core principles, where A&T will:

- 1) Protect the classroom and core functions to the greatest extent possible;
- 2) Protect essential student services including security and financial aid;
- 3) Continue to strive for university excellence through the efficient and effective use of all available resources.

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A copy of the memo is available for review.

7. Drs. Velma Speight Buford and Shirley T. Frye, co-host a 30-minute talk show every Tuesday at 5 PM on WNAA 90.1 FM. To join in the conversation call 336.334.7952 or hear the show via internet at www.aggienewsonline.com.

8. The *Aggie Family Info* link on the A&T homepage will help strengthen internal communications for A&T students, faculty and staff. Please check out this link daily to find Aggie Announcements, Aggie Invites, Aggie Condolences, or other university material related to A&T: <http://www.ncat.edu/~univrel/>. The *Aggie Family Info* link is updated each afternoon so send your information before 2 PM to mables@ncat.edu.

9. Access current and past editions of *A&T Today*, *The Aggie Report*, *Style Manual*, *Chancellor's Report* *AGGIeNEWS* eletter, and policies on the University website. <http://www.ncat.edu/~univrel/publications.html>.

President Peppers announced that the Agenda & Minutes of all meetings would be posted on Alumni website. Please read prior to the meetings. **Aggies Going Green!** The motion to approve the minutes was carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Harper distributed a copy of the Treasurer's report to all dues paid members present. The motion to accept the Treasurer's report pending audit was carried.

Committee Reports:

Annual Fund: President Peppers reported that the Chapter is in need of a chairperson to lead this committee. As of February 6, 2010 the total amount of giving is \$900.00; donation application will be included in next month mailings to members without computer access. President Peppers will contact to Dr. Kiehl to follow up on how donations to the University are being accounted.

Community Service: Chairperson Jones reported that the HBCU Blood Drive will take place on Saturday, February 20th 10 AM – 3 PM at the Pembroke Donation Center in Virginia Beach, VA., and 44 donors have registered. Special thanks to Lewis Brame for appearing on WAVY-TV's "The Bottom Line" on Sunday, February 14th to publicize the Blood Drive. WTKR highlighted the Blood Drive on their morning show on February 18th. Volunteers are needed for three shifts for the registration table and canteen area. The Red Cross will give red blankets to each donor to commemorate Black History Month.

Fundraising: President Peppers reported for Chairperson Summerville that the "Spirit Cups" fundraiser was extended until February 18th. Two cruise options for the fall were discussed. It was suggested that the Fundraising Committee contact each dues paid member to get their commitment to support a cruise on the Ms. Hampton Cruise Line will be September 18, 2010 after the A & T vs. HU football game and report on this at the next meeting. The Hampton Jazz Festival raffle tickets will be available at the next meeting.

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Constitution and Bylaws Special Committee: Chairperson Ross Boone and the committee proposed the following updates to the Constitution and Bylaws.

- a. Honorary membership added to Article 3
- b. A 2nd Vice President added to Article 5
- c. New officers installed in July
- d. Awards added to standard committee
- e. Election will take place every two years in Article 6.
- f. Meeting dates extended until July.
- g. Travel Expenditures will be discussed and voted on by Executive Members and be brought back to the body.

New Business:

- President Peppers proposed that the Chapter meet every other month due to lack of participation. The motion to continue to meet monthly was carried. The Membership chairperson will follow up with members and new members on their attendance of the monthly meetings. President Peppers asked what can be done to enhance our membership and the fellowship activities. Several members chose a month to plan a fellowship activity for the entire body. February was planned by Mrs. Helen Griggs with the annual church fellowship to Shiloh Baptist Church on February 28th to see New Horizons at 4 PM. Chaplain Mckie purchased a full page ad to be placed in their program for our Chapter. Ross Boone, Leroy Sharpe and Yvonne Jones will plan the remainder of our fellowships each quarter for the year, respectively.
- The Chapter voted to donate \$100.00 to the Yele Haiti Foundation to assist with the recovery of the Haiti earthquake victims.
- The NCA&T Alumni Gospel Choir is marketing their CD and DVD entitled "Celebrate". Orders are being accepted until April 1, 2010 and point of contact is Ms. Linda Inman (Treasurer), 1004 Piney Grove Rd., Kernersville, NC 27284. CD's are \$15.00 and DVD's are \$10.00. Proceeds benefit scholarships for current Gospel Choir members and musicians.

Announcements:

- Parliamentarian Boone thanked all members for their support with his daughter, Shelli Boone's "Out West: Women of the Plains" One-Woman Show on Friday, February 5th.
- The Williamsburg-Peninsula Alumni Chapter's Annual Scholarship Dance will be April 10, 2010 from 9 PM to 1 AM at the Les Hommes Social Club, 3201 NASA Drive, Hampton, VA. The cost is \$25.00. Contact: Arthur Keyes 596-7746, Hubert Wagstaff 273-0923, John Haywood 247-2370 for additional information.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.