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CHAPTER NEWS & INFORMATION



Message from the Chapter President



With the onset of the New Year, it is often a good time to reflect on what you have done and what you plan to do for the New Year.

We are six months into our chapter's fiscal year and we have undergone tremendous change. We have redesigned how we do business by identifying clear goals, objectives and expectations through our strategic plan. We have also fostered an environment where members can draw on their talents and expertise and share them in the various committees. While we have made great strides, our work is done.

As you develop your goals for this year, I ask that you lend us some of your time and talents, and become part of an organization that is on the move.

I want you to know that there is room at the table and all are welcome. Let us put aside any personal differences or bruised feelings from the past and work toward common goals. When we work together, there is nothing that we can't achieve.

I wish for you a very Happy New Year and look forward to your continued or renewed commitment in 2015 to the Raleigh-Wake WSSU alumni chapter.

Ramfully yours,
Stanley N. Harding, '85
Chapter President

Upcoming Chapter Events

Quarterly Worship Service



Malabys Crossroads Missionary Baptist Church
911 Old Knight Road, Knightdale NC 27545
www.malabycrossroads.com

January 25, 2015 at 10 A.M.

Please wear WSSU school colors

All WSSU Rams and Friends are welcome to join us...

Conclusion of Food Drive



“Ram Rage to End Hunger”

February 27, 2015

12 Noon - Meet at Food Bank of Eastern NC
3808 Tarheel Drive, Raleigh NC 27609

Save the Date
March 28, 2015



**Joint Raleigh-Wake WSSU Alumni Chapter and
Raleigh-Durham Wake Alumni Chapter of**

ECSU

Holiday Inn Downtown (formerly Clarion)
320 Hillsborough St, Raleigh NC 27603

Committees at Work



We have been working diligently through our strategic plan to re-organize how our chapter is operated. Listed below are the current committees and the general function of each. The committees meet outside of the monthly chapter meetings and most do so via conference calls. You can participate from the comfort of your home or while traveling. I encourage you to contact the chair of the committee that you wish to join and request information on the next conference call date and time.

Membership – formulate plans to increase the Association’s membership by recruiting individual members as well as national members.

Co-Chair – *Nikki Marshall*

nmarshall4@gmail.com and – *Melody Moore*
mmoore@wcpss.net

Next Committee Meeting – January 6, 2015 at 7 PM
Conference Call Number 712-432-0140, Access Code 385950#

Student Recruitment/Scholarship – shall discover, refer and support high school graduates who may have a good potential for attending WSSU. Oversee the selection and awarding of the annual Luther Johnson Jr. Scholarship and support former scholarship recipients by mentoring and advising as they matriculate through WSSU.

Chair – *Monica Money* – mlmoney44@gmail.com

Social Action – shall promote community activities that will contribute to the betterment of the community and better understanding between the community, university and Association; plan and promote programs that will bring the Association together for business and social purposes and work collectively with other standing committees to carry out said task.

Chair – *Veronica Bitting* – Vbitting@outlook.com

Ways & Means – shall formulate and lead campaigns to raise funds for the Association.

Chair – *Elijah J. Haddock* – ehaddock@nc.rr.com

Public Relations – shall promote the greatness of the Association by distributing to external news, print and social media all pertinent Association activities and developing programs, which include community support.

Chair – Victor Bruinton - vbruinton@nc.rr.com

Chapter Membership



We still need you!!! It is not too late to pay your chapter dues for the year. Please visit www.raleighwakewssu.org to print, complete and mail in your **Membership Application** along with your check. You may also pay your WSSU National Alumni Association annual dues of \$55 and make a donation in any amount to our Luther Johnson Jr. Scholarship fund. We will forward the NAA dues on your behalf.

Looking forward to having you to either renew your membership or become a new member of the Raleigh-Wake WSSU team.

WSSU NEWS & INFORMATION

Is the Long Reach of Art Pope Driving the UNC Board of Governors' Review?

A woman? Young? Poor? African-American? Native American? A UNC Board of Governors working group is scrutinizing centers that focus on you.

For the first time in its history, the BOG is reviewing the UNC System's centers and institutes, narrowing the list to 34 that could face deep funding cuts or be dismantled altogether. And the mission of more than half of these centers could be viewed as counter to the agenda of the Republican-controlled state legislature.

Critics of the review argue that the process is neither as fair nor as objective as the Board of Governors claims, citing the fact that many of the centers under scrutiny focus on issues facing minorities, women and the economically underprivileged. Through budget cuts to social services, education and health care, all of these demographic groups have arguably suffered under Republican control of the legislature and governor's office.

Jim Holmes Jr., a BOG member and the chairman of the working group, said this is a "fair and objective" process aimed to reduce any redundancies in research coming from similar centers.

"A lot of people think this was mandated by the legislature, but that's simply not true," Holmes said. "We have no political agenda."

It's hard to take that statement at face value. In September, the Board of Governors created a working group to review almost 240 centers and institutions in the UNC System's 16 universities ostensibly to streamline it.

That's the same month, both the Pope Foundation and the Civitas Institute called for such a review as a cost-cutting measure.

Both of those groups have a long history of animosity toward the UNC System. The Civitas Institute, a conservative think tank, has long assailed public education, often calling for UNC budget cuts. It is funded by the Pope Foundation, whose chairman is conservative millionaire Art Pope. He chaired the Civitas board until 2012, when Gov. Pat McCrory appointed him state budget director. In that position, Pope rejected the UNC

System budget and sent it back to the BOG for revisions. He resigned as budget director earlier this year.

Even though Pope is officially out of state government, his reach continues. Working group member Steven Long served on the board of the Civitas Institute from 2009–2013.

The results of the review will not be released until January. The Board of Governors could choose to validate these centers, cut their funding, roll them into existing university departments or disband them entirely.

"Will everybody be happy? Will we ever eliminate all of the complaints? No. That will never happen," said Holmes, a Republican appointed to the BOG two years ago by a GOP-controlled House. "But I would ask everyone to hold comment until the final body of work is released. The end result is going to speak for itself. You've got to take away the fear of the unknown and put that aside for a moment."

But that fear is real—and realistic. Though the legislature did not directly mandate the review process, the Board of Governors *is* political. All 32 voting members of the board are appointed by the General Assembly, 16 by the Senate and 16 by the House.

"Once you get to this board, there is no political motivation or bias," Holmes said. "We're all political appointees. That's how you get on the board, but once you get here, that doesn't matter. It has been that way for a hundred years."

One of the institutes under scrutiny is the Juvenile Justice Institute at N.C. Central University, a historically black college in Durham. Since 1999, it has researched how young people wind up in the criminal justice system. Recently, the center has been studying the school-to-prison pipeline and the disproportionately high rates of minority students who face disciplinary action in schools. The institute has an annual budget of about \$214,000.

"I want to try to be open-minded about this, but looking at the centers that are left, I really have to wonder what's motivating them," said director Arnold Dennis. "If the centers that are cut are the ones that deal with minorities, with poverty and

with young people, it sends a message about what our state cares about."

Joseph Jordan, the director of UNC's Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History recognizes the impact that these centers and institutions have on their communities. "It doesn't just give a voice to people, it gives a presence," Jordan said. "The Stone Center interjects a different narrative into the narrative of the campus, and that's where our importance lies."

Established in 1988, the Stone Center received \$254,000 from the state last year. Though Jordan said he doesn't think the center will be defunded, he fears that the review process could undermine confidence in the UNC system.

"It's a little like cutting off your nose to spite your face," Jordan said. "You'd end up hurting yourself more than helping anything. You can't expect anybody to invest in a place that the state itself won't invest in."

Roseanna Belt is director of Western Carolina University's Cherokee Center, which has an budget of \$77,000. It has just two employees. "When I found out that our center had made it this far in the process, I thought, 'Oh my gosh. I cant believe this is happening,'" Belt said. "The fact that we have to wait till January to hear what's going to happen is pretty unnerving."

Belt, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, has been with the center for 12 years. She said she can't imagine why the center is under review, given that it is the only point of contact the UNC System has with the Cherokee community—and cheap to run.

"Just by being here, this center shows that Western has made a commitment to the Cherokee community," Belt said. "Why would the board want to jeopardize the university's relationship with the tribe? "If we were cut, I think the reputation of our university in the tribal community would be ruined. The community will think the university just doesn't care about them."

A [Change.org](https://www.change.org) petition is circulating to end the review process. It has received about 2,500 signatures since Dec. 8.

"Maybe the petition will help," Belt said. "Maybe there will be an epiphany of enlightenment over everybody, but we'd better not hold our breath."

UNC Board of Governor's Working Group

How it was assembled: Board of Governors Chairman John Fennebresque and Jim Holmes Jr. chose the seven members. "There was no rhyme or reason to why we picked them," Holmes said. "There was no real criterion to decide who we picked. I wouldn't read a whole lot into it."

By race: All are white

By political affiliation: Six Republicans, one unaffiliated

By gender: Five men, two women

Members: Jim Holmes, Peter Hans, Steven Long, Mary Ann Maxwell, W. Edwin McMahan, R. Doyle Parrish, Joan Perry

INFO: www.northcarolina.edu/apps/bog/members

Centers and institutes still under review by the UNC Board of Governors

APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY

Brantley Risk and Insurance Center
Center for Economic Research and Policy Analysis
Research Institute for Environment, Energy and Economics

EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Center for Applied Computational Studies
Center for Diversity and Inequality Research
Center for Health Systems Research and Development
Center for Natural Hazards Mitigation Research
N.C. Agromedicine Institute
N.C. Center for Biodiversity
Rural Education Institute

ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY

Drug Information Center

N.C. A&T UNIVERSITY

Center for Cooperative Systems
Center for Human Machine Studies

N.C. CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Institute for Civic Engagement and Social Change
Juvenile Justice Institute

N.C. STATE UNIVERSITY

Institute for Emerging Issues

UNC-CHAPEL HILL

Carolina Center for Public Service
Carolina Women's Center
Center for Faculty Excellence
Center for Law and Government
Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity
James B. Hunt, Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy
Sonja Haynes Stone Center for Black Culture and History
UNC Center for Civil Rights
Institute on Aging

UNC GREENSBORO

Center for Creative Writing in the Arts
Center for Educational Research and Evaluation
Center for New North Carolinians
Center for Social, Community and Health Research and Evaluation

UNC WILMINGTON

Swain Center for Business and Economic Services

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY

Cherokee Center
Public Policy Institute

WINSTON-SALEM STATE UNIVERSITY

Center for Community Safety
Center for Economic Analysis

This article appeared in print with the headline "The politics of scrutiny"

(www.IndyWeek.com)

WSSU SPORTS NEWS & INFORMATION

WSSU's Tonia Walker Appointed to Western Triad Division of The FCA Leadership Board

Winston-Salem State University Director of Athletics, Tonia Walker, has been appointed to Western Triad Division of the FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) Leadership Board.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes is touching millions of lives... one heart at a time. Since 1954, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been challenging coaches and athletes on the professional, college, high school, junior high and youth levels to use the powerful medium of athletics to impact the world for Jesus Christ. FCA is the largest interdenominational, school-based, Christian sports organization in America. FCA focuses on serving local communities by equipping, empowering and encouraging people to make a difference for Christ.

Jeff Barnes, Area Director of Western Triad FCA, along with WSSU football offensive Coordinator, Steed Lobotzke, worked together to bring a WSSU chapter of FCA to the campus this fall.

"Tonia Walker is a welcomed addition to the Leadership Board of Western Triad Fellowship of Christian Athletes. We seek people who love God, love kids and love sports and who have affluence, influence or both", says Jeff Barnes.

"Certainly Mrs. Walker has a passion that suits our needs. The role of a Board member is to Pray, Serve and Give in partnership with FCA. As the Area Director it is my job to develop and nurture FCA in Forsyth, Yadkin and Davie counties. We very much look forward to Tonia's service in our effort to "impact coaches and athletes for Christ (FCA vision)", added Barnes.

"I am honored to serve the FCA Organization as a member of its board. The mission and values of FCA all align with my own personal philosophies and I look forward to our works together to move the vision forward", says Tonia Walker.

On January 7, 2015, WSSU will be hosting the FCA Coaches Appreciation Dinner at the Bowman Gray Field House at 6:30 pm.

(www.wssuRams.com)

WSSU Rams Receive Championship Rings



The Winston-Salem State baseball team received their 2014 Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association Championship rings during their annual alumni banquet at BB&T stadium Nov. 15th.

Winston-Salem State finished the season with a 36-19 overall record, trying for the second most wins in school history (39 in 2013). The Rams claimed the CIAA championship in Petersburg, VA, hosted by Virginia State University. This was their fourth consecutive CIAA conference championship and was followed by the fourth straight trip to the NCAA regional tournament.

Winston-Salem State University has won over 140 games the past four seasons and has had three consecutive 35+ win seasons.

(www.wssuRams.com)

Year in Review: Despite Staff Turnover, WSSU Anticipates Continued Success

Last December, the athletics department at Winston-Salem State was riding high. Under Bill Hayes — the school's veteran athletics director — and dynamic young coaches Connell Maynor (football) and Bobby Collins (men's basketball), the Rams had become a dominant force in the CIAA and were making their presence felt nationally in NCAA Division II competition.

A year later, the people in charge have changed, but the expectations for success at WSSU remain high.

Maynor was the first of the Rams’ leaders to leave. After compiling a 45-6 record in four seasons at WSSU, Maynor, 44, accepted the head-coaching job at Division I Hampton last December.

Two months later, Hayes followed Maynor out the door. Hayes, 70, retired in February after five seasons as AD, leaving the school where he had previously had a long and successful tenure as football coach.

In April, Collins also left, taking the head-coaching job at Division I Maryland-Eastern Shore. Collins, 48, spent eight seasons at WSSU and compiled a 116-114 record — including 79-33 over his last four seasons.

WSSU didn’t have to look far to find replacements. In an effort to maintain its athletics success, the school hired in-house candidates to take the places of Maynor, Hayes and Collins.

Kienus Boulware, who had spent the previous four seasons as defensive coordinator under Maynor, was named football coach in January. Tonia Walker — with 14 years experience at WSSU and two stints as interim AD — was named Hayes’ successor on April 30. In one of her first major decisions, she named James Wilhelmi as men’s basketball coach; Wilhelmi had spent the previous three years as Collins’ top assistant.

Walker said that being part of the winning WSSU tradition should help ease the transition to new leadership.

“Yes, we've had a lot of turnover, and many people say it's a challenge,” Walker said after being named AD.

“But I'm a part of that winning tradition and what we've done in the past. So I see us maintaining, elevating and continuing to grow that winning spirit that's been in everything we've done. Some things we may change, other things we may tweak and try to do better. And we anticipate success to continue in the classroom and on the playing field.”

The early results for the new leadership have been mainly positive.

WSSU’s football team put together a strong season. The Rams had a 9-1 regular-season record,

with the only blemish a narrow loss to national power Valdosta State.

The season ended in disappointment, however, when WSSU suffered a heart-wrenching 21-17 loss to Virginia State in the CIAA championship. The loss helped keep the Rams from making the Division II playoffs.

In men’s basketball, Wilhelmi’s “Shock and Awe” approach has been a success. The Rams compiled a 9-2 record while playing a challenging nonconference schedule; CIAA play will begin next month.

Wilhelmi said that continuity will be a key in continuing WSSU’s tradition of excellence. “We're fortunate that we've recruited some good kids who are doing the right things,” Wilhelmi said after he was named the new head coach.

“We haven't had any distractions, and they've been staying the course and doing things academically, and they are working out and staying in shape. Not a lot has changed, and we are moving forward.”

(Winston-Salem Journal, December 30, 2014)

Alumni All-Star Game During Earl Monroe Legacy Weekend

The proud history of Winston-Salem State University Basketball will be on full display January 16-17, 2015, as the WSSU Department of Athletics is proud to announce The Earl Monroe Legacy Weekend. The Earl Monroe Legacy Weekend will be held in conjunction with the Rams basketball games versus St. Augustine's University. There will also be an Alumni All-Star Game on Friday evening that will feature former WSSU players. If you would like to participate in the Alumni All-Star game, please register using the link below:

[Alumni All-Star Game Registration Link](#)

WSSU ALUMNI NEWS & INFORMATION

2015 WSSU NAA Winter Board Meeting

January 30-31, 2015
Spartanburg, SC

Hotel Information : Holiday Inn and Suites
895 Spartan Blvd.
Spartanburg, SC
864-699-7880

Room Rate: \$95.00 + tax per night (When reserving rooms be sure to ask for the WSSUNAA Block. You must book your room by January 15)

Board of Director’s Meeting January, 31, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Summit Pointe Conference and Events Center
805 Spartan Boulevard
Spartanburg, SC

Continental Breakfast and Lunch will be served.

Attend Event

WSSU National Alumni Association CIAA Basketball Tournament Ticket Package

Thank you for being a loyal supporter of Winston-Salem State University and the WSSU

National Alumni Association. We are currently accepting hotel reservation requests for the 2015 CIAA Basketball Tournament. Our Headquarter Hotel is the Marriott City Center, 100 W. Trade Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202. This year, a three (3) night minimum stay (Thursday 2/26, Friday 2/27, and Saturday 2/28) and a \$100 non-refundable deposit are required. The room rate is \$249/night.

Reservation requests will be processed on a first come, first serve basis, in the order in which they are received. Reservation requests for the WSSU Alumni room block will only be accepted and processed by the WSSU National Alumni Association. No reservations for the WSSU Alumni room block will be accepted directly by the Marriott.

[Make Your CIAA Room Reservation](#)

Once your reservation request has been submitted, it will be reviewed and processed. After your request is processed, you will receive an email confirmation which will contain your confirmation number and room type. Thank you again for your support and GO RAMS!!!

CIAA Old School After Party
Sponsored by the WSSU Foundation & Dept. of Athletics & WSSUNAA
Marriott City Center - Grand Ballroom
Saturday, February 28th from 10:00 pm to 2:30 am
Featuring: Live Band - **EnVision**
DJ Hollywood of Atlanta on the 1's and 2's
\$20.00

[Buy CIAA Tournament Tickets](#)

WSSU National Alumni Association Membership Dues

Are you a member of the Winston-Salem State University National Alumni Association? By joining the WSSU National Alumni Association, you'll become part of a worldwide network of

alumni, students, and friends of loyal WSSU Rams globally! Click here to join today:
<http://www.wssunaa.org/index.php?id=188>

COMMUNITY NEWS & OTHER INFORMATION

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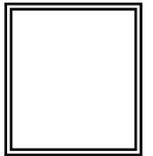
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