

Board of Trustees
North Carolina State University
Raleigh, North Carolina
June 22, 2020

The North Carolina State University Board of Trustees met in special session via Zoom at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, June 22, 2020.

Members present:

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

Chair Tom Cabaniss called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.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.

NAMING MATTER

Chair Cabaniss thanked the Trustees for attending the special meeting and shared that he appreciated their quick response and commitment to NC State. He then called upon Chancellor Woodson to bring a matter before the Board.

Chancellor Woodson explained that Daniels Hall was named for Josephus Daniels because of his support for NC State. He was a member of the Watauga Club, which played a critical role in the founding of NC State, and served as a Board of Trustees member. He was also a strong supporter of the university's engineering programs, particularly electrical engineering, which was housed in that building for many years. For these reasons, the building was named in his honor in 1938.

The Chancellor acknowledged that Josephus Daniels had strong ties to white supremacy and used the platform of the Raleigh News and Observer to promote the values of white supremacy. He noted that a building named in Daniels' honor is in complete opposition with the values of NC State and is contrary to the best interests of the university, as it serves as a constant reminder of this painful chapter in our state history.

Much of Daniels Hall will be unoccupied as the engineering programs housed there move to a new building on Centennial Campus this summer. The building needs extensive renovations before any departments or units can occupy the space, and the university does not currently have funds for the renovation or permanent plans for programs to be housed in the building once renovations are complete. For these reasons, Woodson recommended the removal of the name of "Daniels Hall" from the building and further recommended that the Board defer the selection of a new name until after the needed renovations are complete and the university understands how the space will be used.

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Chancellor Woodson stated that he has spoken with members of the Daniels family and that they understand why this is important to NC State and to our community. Chancellor Woodson wanted the Board to reflect on the more recent history of service of the Daniels family to Raleigh and to the state of North Carolina, as was pointed out in a recent editorial in the News and Observer.

Stan Kelly called for a motion, seconded by Ed Weisiger, to approve the removal of the name Daniels Hall from the building name. During the discussion, Stan Kelly noted that the record should reflect the good work of the past three generations of the Daniels family. He noted their contributions to the arts, education and business across the state of North Carolina. Chair Cabaniss called upon Interim Assistant Secretary Thompson to conduct the vote by roll call. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0.

After the motion passed, Chair Cabaniss asked Chancellor Woodson to share any closing remarks. Chancellor Woodson mentioned that there is a need to update NC State's naming policy. At the request of Board of Trustees and senior leaders at NC State, Chancellor Woodson has asked University Advancement to consider and discuss changes to the current policy in order to provide more clarity and incorporate a more thoughtful pathway for discussing name changes and other naming issues that we may have on campus in the future. The plan is to bring a set of policy updates before the Board in the fall.

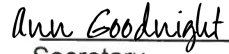
Chair Cabaniss thanked the Board for their service and adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

ADJOURN

Chair Cabaniss adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Interim Assistant Secretary

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Secretary

Approved:


Chair of the Board