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To: The Tuskegee University Community

From: John E. Page, Chairman
Tuskegee University Board of Trustees

Subject: Winter Meeting of the Board of Trustees

The Tuskegee University Board of Trustees (“Board”) held its Winter Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia January 25-27, 2018. Held at the Omni Hotel – CNN Center, the Winter Meeting hosted members of the Board of Trustees, the interim president, and the president’s cabinet. Discussions focused on student housing and financial resource development. Members of the president’s cabinet provided updates on the university’s recruitment and retention activities and housing updates planned for summer 2018. Several dormitory/housing facilities were identified for upgrades including Adams Hall and Commons F. The Board of Trustees requested that the administration develop and present a comprehensive housing strategy during the annual meeting in March.

The Development staff also provided updates on the university’s historic and recent fundraising efforts, challenges, and opportunities. In addition to discussing the current fundraising for fiscal year 2018, the staff also updated the Board on the university’s fundraising priorities. In addition to the identified priorities, the Board reviewed and discussed fundraising to increase endowed student scholarships, expand and enhance TU’s existing summer bridge programs for incoming students and support for endowed professorships for each college and school. The board will be engaged in several fundraising and donor engagement sessions to enhance development at the board level over the next several months. The Board’s only action during the meeting was to approve the appointments of the new Vice President for Facilities and Construction and the new Dean of the School of Nursing and Allied Health.

At the conclusion of the Board meeting, the Presidential Search Committee (“PSC”) held its first in person meeting with the executive search firm, Isaacson, Miller. The search firm provided an update on the search status including that over 150 persons were being considered during the process and reviewed all active prospects with members of the PSC. The search firm was instructed to continue its candidate outreach.

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