The Tuskegee University Board of Trustees (“Board”) held its summer retreat, June 18 – 19, 2021, in Atlanta, Georgia. This year’s retreat marked the first time the Board had convened for a face to face meeting since the onset of the COVID-19 global pandemic. Chair Clayton kicked off the two-day retreat with greetings and special recognition of Interim President Charlotte Morris, Ph.D., and her leadership team for continuing to successfully guide the university through the global pandemic.

The Board honored members, Arthur Tipton, Ph.D., and Sylvester Hester, who are both concluding their service as state-appointed trustees. In addition, Dr. William Ndi, associate professor of modern languages at Tuskegee University, was recognized for his two-year service on the board as the faculty trustee. Chair Clayton also introduced the newly appointed state trustees, former Alabama Judge, John H. England, Jr. ‘69, and John Douglas Chambers ’71 and ’72, respectfully. Governor Kay Ivey appointed England and Chambers to replace the aforementioned trustees.

The theme of this year’s retreat was the ongoing development of the university’s new Five-Year Strategic Plan. Interim President, Dr. Charlotte Morris offered updates on the strategic plans’ progress, chaired by Dr. Kellei Samuels, associate vice president for institutional effectiveness and SACSCOC liaison and Dr. Clayton Yates, professor of biology and director of biomedical research. A revised draft is scheduled to be presented to the Board of Trustees in September 2021, with a final release to the university community and other stakeholders targeted for December 2021.

The fall meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held September 17 – 18 on the Tuskegee University campus.