FISK UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES NAMES NEW MEMBERS

Nashville, Tenn., May 18, 2015 – The Fisk University Board of Trustees named Patty Litton Delony, Cynthia R. McIntyre, and Rashaun Williams to the Board during its recent meetings.

Patty Litton Delony of Chicago, Illinois was named at the February meeting and was the owner and principal of Delony Associates, an independent consulting firm that specialized in business research, analysis, and writing, for 25 years until her retirement in 2012. Before establishing Delony Associates in 1987, she was a vice president of Sara Lee Corporation, with responsibility, first, for investor relations and, then, for strategic planning and acquisitions for a group of the corporation’s operating divisions. Earlier in her career, she was a securities analyst, portfolio manager, and economist for the investment counseling subsidiary of a major Southeastern bank.

A native of Nashville, Tennessee, Mrs. Delony attended Nashville public schools and Harpeth Hall School. She earned an undergraduate degree in economics from Duke University and an MBA in finance from Georgia State University, where she received an award for the highest academic average. She is a Chartered Financial Analyst and has completed Harvard Business School’s Strategic Marketing Management program.

Mrs. Delony has served on not-for-profit boards, including the Midwest Women’s Center, The Three Arts Club of Chicago, and Arts Bridge. She also served on the board of The Kenwood Funds. Professional memberships include the Chicago Finance Exchange and the Economic Club of Chicago.

Dr. Cynthia R. McIntyre, a theoretical matter physicist, of Washington, DC, was named to the Board at the May meeting. She is Senior Vice President at the Council on Competiveness, a non-partisan, non-governmental organization (NGO) that is dedicated to developing public policy recommendations to enhance American competitiveness by creating new domestic jobs in the U.S. Her responsibilities include leading the High Performance Computing (HPC) Initiative, which involves developing policies to enhance the use of HPC in the private sector for greater economic return and competitive advantage. As a result of these efforts, the Council was asked by the White House to create and lead a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) to help
small and medium-size manufacturers in the Midwest to use HPC modeling and simulation. The PPP is known as the National Digital Engineering and Manufacturing Consortium (NDEMC).

Prior to arriving at the Council, Dr. McIntyre was Chief of Staff to the President and Associate Vice President of Policy and Planning at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, from 1999 to 2007. In that capacity, she had executive oversight and management of Intellectual Property, Technology Transfer, and New Ventures. She grew licensing revenue from $45,000 to $1.2 million in five years, and hopes to work with Fisk faculty and administrators to achieve a similar outcome. She will also help to enhance the University’s domestic and international study and research opportunities.

Dr. McIntyre serves, by invitation of the South Africa Minister of Science and Technology, on the advisory committee for cyberinfrastructure. Previously, she served on the Board of Trustees for Spelman College (2003-2009) and was a member of the Governing Board of the American Physical Society. Currently, she serves on the External Advisory Committee of the National High Magnetic Field Laboratory, at Florida State University. Dr. McIntyre holds a doctorate in physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and was a Bunting Fellow at Harvard University.

Rashaun Williams, a Founding Partner of the venture capital fund, Queensbridge Venture Partners, and of the investment banking firm, VCap Investment Group, was also named a board member at the May meeting. Mr. Williams has spent his career as an investor, investment banker, and institutional salesman in the capital markets departments of bulge bracket firms.

Primarily responsible for bringing capital to emerging, diverse, and alternative markets, he managed clients with assets-under-management of $5 billion or more while at Goldman Sachs, Wachovia Securities, and Deutsche Bank. In 2007, he founded Dixsville Partners, a private equity fund investing in infrastructure development and mineral companies in West Africa. Mr. Williams has successfully started, invested in, and exited several companies internationally. He will utilize his expertise to increase fundraising and the overall financial strength of Fisk University.

He is currently a Registered Securities Principal and Financial Advisor, holding FINRA licenses 3, 7, 24, and 63, enabling him to sell public and private debt and equity to retail and institutional clients. Since 2001, Mr. Williams has also been a founding member of The Kemet Institute, a non-profit whose aim is to provide free financial literacy, entrepreneur, and life-skills classes to under-served communities and schools. Mr. Williams is a summa cum laude graduate of Morehouse College.

About Fisk University:
Founded in 1866, Fisk University is Nashville’s first institution of higher education and currently ranks in the top 20% of all liberal arts institutions in the nation according to The Washington Monthly. According to the American Physical Society, Fisk is the #1 producer of underrepresented minority Master’s in Physics degrees. Fisk is ranked in the top 15 institutions for awarding the Master’s in Physics degree for all students, and tied for fourth place for Master’s degrees awarded to women. Fisk is the fourth highest ranked institution in Tennessee and the highest ranked Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in Forbes magazine’s 2014 edition of “America’s Top Colleges.” Fisk has ranked in Princeton Review’s “Best Southeastern Colleges” publication for 22 consecutive
years. *U.S. News & World Report* ranks Fisk in the elite Tier One liberal arts institutions. Fisk has earned 4 *R&D 100 Awards*, the only HBCU to do so, for work in the creation of radiation detectors developed in collaboration with several national laboratories and corporations. According to the National Science Foundation, Fisk produces more African-Americans who earn doctoral degrees in the natural sciences than any school in the nation. For more information on Fisk University, please visit [www.fisk.edu](http://www.fisk.edu).