

**The Board of Trustees
of
The University of North Carolina at Asheville**

Special Meeting Minutes
February 3, 2014

The University of North Carolina at Asheville Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on Monday, February 3, 2014, in Phillips Hall Room 117 on the UNC Asheville Campus.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present: Cissie Stevens, Leigh Whittaker.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present by telephone: King Prather, Kennon Briggs, David Cogburn, JW Davis, Doug Orr, Piyush Patel, Pat Smith, Virgil Smith.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were absent: Sue McClinton, Audrey Byrd Mosley, Ron Paulus.

Others in attendance for some or all of the meeting included:

Skip Capone, General Counsel; Christine Riley, Chief of Staff; Debbie Griffith, Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications and Marketing; Steve Plever, Assistant Director of News Services; Christy Williams, Assistant Director of Human Resources; Lynn Spaight, Assistant Secretary to the Board.

Chair King Prather called the meeting to order at 2:04 pm. He reminded trustees of their obligations under the State Ethics Act, and asked trustees to declare if they had conflicts with any items on the agenda. None were mentioned. The Chair then asked everyone present and on the phone to introduce themselves.

Chair Prather reported on the process that the Executive Committee had used to select the proposed members of the search committee. He noted that the committee, in addition to trustees, included members of the faculty as chosen by the faculty senate, members of staff, two students, the chair of the Foundation Board, chair of the National Alumni Council and members of the community. Their goal was to put together a diverse, well-qualified committee to take on this critically important task. Ann Lemmon of UNC General Administration will also be working with the committee.

Doug Orr added that the Executive Committee had an abundance of those wishing to serve and the committee is larger than any of the committees recently formed for UNC system chancellor searches. In the previous search that resulted in Chancellor Ponder's

appointment, there were no community members. This constituency has gained in importance to the University and they were gratified by the number of offers of help.

In response to questions, Chair Prather noted that all the proposed nominees had been asked and had agreed to serve on the committee. The committee will hire a search consultant firm to oversee the process of setting the criteria for candidates, reviewing applications, interviewing applicants and making a recommendation to the Board of Trustees on final candidates.

Skip Capone noted that the UNC Code and policies require that at least two candidates be recommended to President Tom Ross by the Board of Trustees and that President Ross will recommend his choice to the Board of Governors who will elect the next chancellor. President Ross will decide if he wants the committee or the Board to rank candidates in order of preference.

Chair Prather announced that the first meeting of the committee would be held on February 14, 2014. At that meeting President Ross will give the charge to the committee and the committee will interview search firm consultants and select one. The process has a very tight timeline in order to try to find the next chancellor by this summer or early fall.

Chair Prather noted that the proposed slate of Search Committee members (attached) comes from the executive committee and doesn't need a second.

David Cogburn asked to be added to the Search Committee. After discussion, Dr. Cogburn moved that the slate be amended to add his name. Virgil Smith seconded the motion. Chair Prather called for a vote on the motion to amend the slate of committee members as suggested. The motion did not carry.

Dr. Cogburn left the meeting.

Chair Prather then asked for a vote on the slate as originally proposed and that motion passed unanimously.

King Prather then shared a note from Sue McClinton who chaired the previous search committee and was not able to attend today's meeting. Ms McClinton wrote that the previous search was smooth because of search committee members and all constituents who supported the committee and its work. She recommended that trustees support the committee and allows the co-chairs to be the only spokespeople for the search. Doug Orr added that as a co-chair he pledges a transparent and open process that maintains communication with trustees and the university as important news is released. There will be a web site for the search where anyone can check on the progress of the search.

There being no further business to discuss, Chair Prather called for a motion of adjournment. Cissie Stevens moved and Pat Smith seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 2: 38 pm.

Submitted respectfully,

Approved,

Lynn Spaight 3/28/14
Assistant Secretary to the Board Date

N. King Prather 3.28.2014
Chair Date