

The Board of Trustees
of
The University of North Carolina at Asheville
Special Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2008

The University of North Carolina at Asheville Board of Trustees met on Thursday, July 10, 2008 in Owen Conference Center, UNC Asheville Campus.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present in person: Janice Brumit, *Phil Carson,* David Cogburn, Cissie Stevens, Pam Turner, Al Whitesides, Jr. Members who attended via telephone: Jim Buckner, Joe Damore, and Audrey Byrd Mosley. Members absent: Sue McClinton, Doug Orr, Virgil Smith, and Nicholas Ladd.

Also in attendance, Chancellor Anne Ponder; Christine Riley, Chief of Staff; Merianne Epstein, Public Information Officer; Tom Lawton, University General Counsel; Bill Massey, Vice Chancellor for Alumni and Development; Patrice Mitchell, Dean of Admissions; Wilma Sherrill, Special Assistant to the Chancellor; Lynn Spaight, Assistant Secretary to the Board.

Chair Janice Brumit called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. After introductions, she reminded those present of the North Carolina State Ethics Commission Act and asked if there were any conflicts of interest to declare. Hearing none, she announced the first item of business to be election of officers.

The chair announced the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee: Chairman, Alfred Whitesides, Jr.; Vice Chairman, Pamela Turner; Secretary, David Cogburn. She asked if there were nominations from the floor. Phil Carson made a motion to close nominations and approve the slate of officers as announced. Cissie Stevens seconded the motion and it was approved. Chair Brumit stated that it had been a privilege to serve as chair and work with the trustees, Chancellor Ponder, faculty and staff and she looks forward to serving out her last year as trustee. She congratulated the new officers and turned the gavel to Mr. Whitesides, who then presided during the remainder of the meeting.

Chair Whitesides thanked Ms. Brumit for her leadership in service to the university and the board of trustees and stated that he looked forward to serving as chair during the next year. He called on Chancellor Ponder for her report.

Chancellor Ponder reported that the Strategic Plan brochure had been distributed widely and had received several comments on its professional, beautiful appearance and content. She thanked Bill Massey and the staff members who created the brochure. She will be taking copies of the brochure to meetings of civic organizations in the area and sharing its contents with those citizens.

Chancellor Ponder reported on the state budget recently passed by the North Carolina legislature. The budget includes a recurring special appropriation of \$750,000 for UNC Asheville in support of its unique mission. The budget also includes funding of \$1.1 million for the planning phase to replace Carmichael Hall and the Humanities Lecture Hall, both of which are needed to expand the capacity of our academic offerings. While the funding is not enough to complete the design phase of a new building, the State has never abandoned a construction project for which it has allocated planning money. Other priorities of the UNC system that were funded include money for faculty salaries, matching funds for Spangler chairs, funding for campus safety initiatives and land acquisitions. There was, however, a \$16 million budget cut for UNC which will affect funding for UNC Asheville; our portion will be \$230,532. Chancellor Ponder thanked trustees for their assistance in attaining positive results for UNC Asheville. She also thanked Wilma Sherrill for "bulldogging" the process.

Chancellor Ponder reported that UNC Asheville will be receiving a grant from GlaxoSmithKline Foundation in the amount of \$250,000 to match funds for the Spangler Endowed Professorship in Molecular and Chemical Biology. These funds will be matched by money from the State and from the Spangler Foundation for a total investment in salaries of \$1 million.

Chair Whitesides called for a motion to go into closed session for the following reason:

To consider the qualifications, competence, performance or condition of appointment of a public officer or employee as allowed by section 143-318.11(a)(6) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

Cissie Stevens made the motion, it was seconded by Pam Turner and was approved unanimously.

At 1:45 PM, the meeting returned to Open Session.

David Cogburn made a motion to approve the appointment of John G. Pierce as Vice Chancellor for Finance and Campus Operations. Phil Carson, seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

Jim Buckner left the meeting at 1:46 PM

Chair Whitesides called on Bill Massey to report on Foundation activities. Mr. Massey reported on possible bridge loan funding for two construction projects: Pisgah House and the North Carolina Center for Health and Wellness. The Foundation would enter into agreements for loans, using pledges as collateral for those loans. They have solicited proposals from several local banks for each of these projects. As banks submit these proposals, they will be reviewed by our Finance Office and Bill Massey. A recommendation will be made to the UNC Asheville Foundation Board and any action

they take will be reported to the Board of Trustees and to the Vice President for Finance at UNC General Administration. Mr. Massey responded to questions, that the collateral for the loans will be only the pledges and cash gifts set aside for these individual projects, and will not be attached to any other Foundation funds. The loans will be paid back with cash received from the pledge gifts as they are received.

Chair Whitesides asked if there was other business to consider.

Janice Brumit reported that the Craft Campus Design Committee had met to determine who they would want to recommend for that project. The committee is reviewing their choices and will be ready to make a recommendation in the near future. She suggested that a special meeting of the Board of Trustees might need to be called in order to approve the choice.


Chair Whitesides reported that there would be a special ceremony to dedicate the AC Reynolds Green during the September 18 Board of Trustees meeting. Erskine Bowles, President of UNC has been invited to make some remarks at that dedication and to attend the board meeting.

There being no other business, Cissie Stevens moved adjournment, David Cogburn seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM

Submitted respectfully,

Approved,



Lynn Spaight
Assistant Secretary to the Board



Al Whitesides
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