

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

Tuesday July 7, 2009

MINUTES

The University of North Carolina at Asheville Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, July 7 in room 117 of Phillips Hall on the UNC Asheville campus.

Before the meeting, Bruce Peterson and Pat Smith were sworn in as new members.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present for the entire meeting: Vice Chair and Acting Chair Pam Turner, James Buckner, Audrey Byrd Mosley (by conference call), Virgil Smith (by conference call), Bruce Peterson, Pat Smith, Phil Carson (by conference call), and Cortland Mercer, Student Government Association President.

The following member of the Board of Trustees was present for a portion of the meeting as described below:

David Cogburn joined by conference call at approximately 3:50 pm
Sue McClinton joined by conference call at approximately 3:45 pm

Trustees absent: Doug Orr, and Joe Damore. (Note: Nathan Ramsey had been appointed by the Board of Governors, but not yet sworn in.)

Others in attendance included: Anne Ponder, Chancellor; Merianne Epstein, Director of News Services; Tom Lawton, University General Counsel; John Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Operations; Christine Riley, Chief of Staff; and Elizabeth Becker, Assistant in the Chancellor's Office.

Acting Chair Turner called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m. She welcomed the newly appointed board members. She reminded everyone of the State Ethics Act and asked if there were matters to come before the board that would represent a conflict of interest. None was stated.

Acting Chair Turner announced the slate of officers that were submitted before the board at the June 18th meeting:

James Buckner as Chair
Joe Damore as Vice-Chair
Audrey Byrd Mosley as Secretary

Acting Chair Turner asked if there were any additional nominations. There being none, Acting Chair Turner asked for a motion to close nominations and approve the slate of officers as named. **Bruce Peterson moved that the nominated candidates be elected for the 2009-10 year. Cortland Mercer seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.**

Acting Chair Turner turned the meeting over to newly-elected Chair Buckner. Chair Buckner publicly thanked outgoing Chair Al Whitesides for his service and for the guidance that he has provided.

Chair Buckner recognized Chancellor Ponder for a budget update.

Chancellor Ponder provided an update on the State budget situation. The Legislature expects to complete the budget by the end of July.

UNC General Administration has instructed all campuses to plan for a 10% permanent cut (\$4 million for UNC Asheville). This could well be followed by a higher percentage next year. Our campus prioritized plan for this 10% cut is due to UNC General Administration by July 17. UNC President Erskine Bowles has indicated that once the final State budget has been decided, the actual cuts for the individual campuses would not be across the board, but would vary by campus. He will use the prioritized plan to determine the cuts for each campus.

Because 84% of the campus' budget is personnel, the cut will affect jobs and people. After consultations with a wide variety of constituent groups on campus, and with a focus on core academic mission, the campus plan includes the elimination of 49 full-time staff positions. Of those 49 positions, 26 are vacant. Six of those vacant positions will be left vacant with the option of filling the position in the future. Seventeen positions with people will be eliminated. Of those 17 positions with people in them, nine people will be transferred to another position on campus, and, eight people will be released through a Reduction In Force (RIF).

The Chancellor responded to Trustee questions about the University's plans to meet the budget cuts and to communicate with the campus about these difficult decisions.

Chair Buckner thanked the Chancellor for the difficult decisions that had to be made, and commended her for the manner in which she had led the campus in addressing the issue.

Chancellor Ponder brought two other matters to the board's attention:

The City of Asheville and UNC Asheville have been working towards a draft memorandum of understanding regarding planned collaborations. Chancellor Ponder will send the MOU to board members to review submit feedback by email or by phone.

The US Postal Service has contacted the university with the suggestion that the road between Pisgah House and the Forest Service building be named Chancellor's Drive. The Chancellor asked for feedback from Trustees. Discussion ensued. **Phil Carson moved to proceed with the naming as submitted. David Cogburn seconded the motion.** It was approved unanimously.

Chair Buckner asked if there was any further business. There being none, he asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Pam Turner moved for adjournment and Audrey Byrd Mosley seconded the motion.** It was approved unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted respectfully,



Elizabeth Becker
Assistant in Chancellor's Office

9/11/09
Date

Approved,



James Buckner
Chair

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Date