

**Minutes of the Meeting of the University of North Carolina at Asheville  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Thursday, August 24, 2017  
Reuter Center, Manheimer Room**

**The following Trustees were present:**

Kennon Briggs, Chair  
Richard Lutovsky, Vice Chair  
Wilma Sherrill, Secretary  
Karen K. Brown  
JW Davis  
Tim Hussey, Student Trustee  
Bob Long, Jr.  
Ron Paulus  
Jim Peterson  
King Prather  
Robby Russell  
Cissie Stevens  
Oscar Wong

**Others present:**

Mary Grant, Chancellor  
Joseph Urgo, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs  
Suzanne Bryson, Internal Auditor  
Sarah Broberg, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Communication and Marketing  
Chelsey Burke, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor  
Eric Boyce, Assistant Chancellor for Public Safety  
Marietta Cameron, Associate Professor and Chair of Computer Science and Vice Chair of Faculty Senate  
Janet Cone, Senior Administrator for University Enterprises / Athletics Director  
Shannon Earle, Chief of Staff  
Clayton Fogg, Director of Budget  
Michael Gass, Director of Institutional Research  
Anthony Girelli, Information Technology Services  
William Haggard, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs  
Laura Herndon, Associate Vice Chancellor of External Relations  
Sarah Humphries, Executive Assistant  
Stacey Millett, Executive Director of Community Engagement  
Alex Mitchell, Information Technology Services  
Nicole Norian, Associate Vice Chancellor of Human Resources  
John Pierce, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance  
Jessica Stowell, Associate Director of Institutional Research  
Elizabeth Underwood, Senior Director of Alumni Relations  
Darin Waters, Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Community Outreach  
Bill Webb, Board of Governors  
Clifton Williams, General Counsel  
Carla Willis, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement

The meeting was called to order by Chair Briggs at 11:30 a.m. Chair Briggs amended the agenda, moving Closed Session to the end of the meeting.

Chair Briggs thanked Governor Bill Webb for being with the trustees today.

### **Ethics Reminder and Oath of Office**

Chair Briggs reminded the Board of the duty, imposed by the State Government Ethics Act, to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict, and allowed members to declare any conflicts. No conflicts stated.

The following trustees were sworn in by General Counsel Clifton Williams: Kennon Briggs (2<sup>nd</sup> Term), Karen K. Brown (1<sup>st</sup> Term), JW Davis (2<sup>nd</sup> Term), Ron Paulus (2<sup>nd</sup> Term), Jim Peterson (1<sup>st</sup> Term), and Cissie Stevens (2<sup>nd</sup> Term).

### **Re-affirm the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees**

At the Board of Trustees Meeting in June, the nominating committee recommended Trustee Kennon Briggs to serve as Chair, Trustee Rick Lutovsky to serve as Vice Chair, and Trustee Wilma Sherrill to serve as Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

**VOTED:** To reaffirm the executive committee.

### **Approval of the Minutes of the June 2017, Committee Meetings and the Meeting of the Board of Trustees**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To approve the June committee meeting minutes and Board Meeting minutes, and all action contained therein.

### **State Budget Update**

Vice Chancellor John Pierce updated the Trustees on the final State Budget. Vice Chancellor Pierce discussed NC Promise, modernizing data systems, employee compensation, full funding of enrollment change, and retiree and health care benefits.

Enrollment will now be funded on an actual enrollment, instead of a predicted enrollment basis. An enrollment task force, which Chair Briggs is a member of, has been formed and will be reviewing how enrollment growth is funded in the UNC System.

The Western School of Medicine was provided an appropriation of \$8M, which will help to continue the collaboration of UNC Asheville, the Gillings School of Public Health at Chapel Hill, MAHEC, and Mission Hospital. State funding is critical for the establishment of a Masters of Public Health Program in Western North Carolina.

There were many discussions on Management Flex Reduction. Universities which have less than 1.5% of the total state appropriation for the UNC System, were held harmless from the \$7M cut. UNC Asheville state appropriation is 1.4% of the UNC System's total appropriation.

Chair Briggs thanked Chancellor Grant and her team for their leadership during this process.

Overall there was a 5.2% increase in state funding to the UNC System budget. President Spellings noted in her op-ed that this budget was the best in a decade for the UNC System. The importance of enrollment funding and the work of the task force is critical as we look ahead to future state budgets.

## **Chancellor's Report**

Chancellor Grant thanked Governor Bill Webb for joining us. Governor Webb thanked Chancellor Grant and the Board for making him feel so welcome. He noted the success of our students and how UNC Asheville is the jewel in the system and across the nation. When the opportunity came for him to be a Board of Governors liaison to one of the institutions – UNC Asheville was top on his list.

Chief Eric Boyce presented the Clery Report. The Clery Act requires us to count, classify, and publish a report on the crime statistics that happen on our campus. This is an annual report that is posted to our webpage on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Overall, our crime statistics remained consistent from last year.

On July 19, UNC Asheville, the City of Asheville emergency services and Mission Health partnered to run a full scale campus emergency planning exercise. This exercise allowed members of all emergency crews and our senior leadership team to undergo an active shooter incident drill, and for the teams to respond to each situation to see how we can better improve our systems. Mission Health also wanted to evaluate how their emergency room could handle a surge of 65 people coming in for a single incident. The participants are reviewing the drill and accessing current protocol. Chancellor Grant thanked Chief Boyce and David Weldon for their work on planning this exercise.

Dr. Jessica Stowell, Associate Director of Institutional Research, presented an update on our SACSCOC 5<sup>th</sup> Year Review Process, due March 2018. The SACSCOC Board of Trustees implemented nine additional standards that we will respond to in our report. Dr. Stowell briefly explained the additional standards, and how UNC Asheville is responding.

Chancellor Grant noted the importance of the SACSCOC Review and how the reports and visits allow campuses to take a deep dive into important aspects of campus. Chancellor Grant thanked Jessica for her work on the five year review.

## **Chair's Report**

Chair Briggs thanked the trustees serving as committee chairs this year: Trustee Ron Paulus (Academic Affairs), Trustee JW Davis (Audit), Trustee Robby Russell (Administration and Finance), Trustee Rick Lutovksy (Advancement), and Trustee Wilma Sherrill (Athletics). The committee structure will remain the same as last year. Trustees will have the opportunity to go to all committee meetings if their schedule allows. Chair Briggs thanked Chancellor Grant for this type of board schedule.

Chair Briggs encouraged all trustees to attend the UNC System Trustee Workshop, which will be held on Wednesday, November 1 in Chapel Hill.

The Endowment Fund Board met for the first time in July. The members are currently organizing the structure and are meeting again before the October Board Meeting. Chair Briggs will give an update at the next meeting.

## **Approval to go into Closed Session**

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was

**VOTED:** To go into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to G.S. § 143.318.10 as allowed by sections G.S. § 143-318.11 (a) (1) of the North Carolina General Statutes.

*Closed Session began at 12:21 p.m.*

*Closed Session ended at 12:40 p.m.*

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:41 p.m.

Submitted Respectfully,



Chelsey Burke

Date



Kennon Briggs, Chair

Date