

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

APRIL 27, 2023

The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington held a regular quarterly meeting at 2:30 p.m., on April 27, 2023, in the Burney Center. Chair Miller called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their participation. He extended a special welcome to Mr. Cody Brandon and congratulated him on his election as President of the Student Government Association. Mr. Miller read the required statement from the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts or appearances of conflicts were identified.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Lanier, Assistant Secretary, called the roll and established that a quorum was present. Members of the Board in attendance were: Agnes R. Beane; Cody E. Brandon; Earl F. "Hugh" Caison II; Frances "Perry" Chappell; Jeffrey D. Clark; H. Carlton Fisher; Gidget Kidd, Henry E. "Hank" Miller III; Robert S. Rippy; Yousry Sayed; Kevin H. Sills; and Jimmy T. Tate.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Caison and duly carried, the minutes of the quarterly meeting held on January 26, 2023, and of the special called meetings held on February 20, 2023, and on April 13, 2023, were approved as distributed in advance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE

Ms. Kidd, reporting as acting chair of the committee, said that Chief Audit Officer Kelly Mintern provided an overview of progress on the FY2023 audit plan and of the internal audit activities for the past quarter, including engagements with D.C. Virgo Preparatory Academy, IT Resource Management, and facility usage by student organizations. Ms. Kidd said that General Counsel John Scherer presented the annual update on UNCW's coordinated compliance, policy, and ethics program. Acting Chair Kidd summarized the annual update on Information Technology Services, as shared with the committee by Dr. Sharyne Miller and with a focus on governance, risk management, information security, and challenges in the recruitment and retention of IT personnel. Lastly, Ms. Kidd reviewed the highlights of the annual human resources compliance report and the employment of related persons report.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Mr. Clark, chair of the committee, provided a summary of the Natatorium Lighting and Filtration Systems Improvement Project. He said that the committee recommended the selection of CBHF Engineers to serve as the designer. His motion for approval, on behalf of the committee, was duly carried.

Chair Clark reviewed the Wagoner/Hurst/Hamilton Roadway and Stormwater Improvements Project, for which the committee approved the following prioritized list of professional design teams: 1) Timmons Group; 2) Summit Design & Engineering Services; and 3) Richard Catlin & Associates. His motion for approval, on behalf of the committee, was duly carried.

Mr. Clark said that the committee had approved the following prioritized list of design firms for the Galloway Hall Demolition Project: 1) Kimley-Horn and Associates; 2) The Walker Group Architecture; and 3) Tally & Smith Architecture. On behalf of the committee, he moved for Board approval. The motion was duly carried.

Chair Clark reported that Vice Chancellor Miles Lackey shared an overview of the all funds budgeting process and the proposed FY2024 All Funds Budget, which would make important and strategic investments to promote student access and success, attract and retain faculty and staff, and support the formation of the two new colleges. Mr. Clark said that Mr. Lackey discussed sources and uses of various funds, at the university level and for sub-units. On behalf of the committee, he moved approval of

the FY2024 All Funds Budget as presented. The motion was duly carried. Chair Clark said that Mr. Lackey also briefed the committee on personnel actions within Business Affairs and on the meeting of the Endowment Board held on April 25.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMS

Ms. Chappell, chair of the committee, summarized the updates provided by Faculty Senate President Nathan Grove, including work of the Ad Hoc Committee on Reappointment, Promotion, and Tenure, the Senate leadership transition, and planning for the new colleges, as well as two faculty profiles. Chair Chappell said that Provost Winebrake shared updates and highlights from Academic Affairs and that Dr. Cynthia Demetriou, Associate Provost, presented on “Student Success and Retention: The Admissions Process.”

Chair Chappell also highlighted the presentation on the University Learning Center from Vice Chancellor Lowell Davis and others, as well as other activities within Student Affairs. She said that Provost Winebrake volunteered for a “shaving cream pie to the face” from Dr. Grove, as this would be his last meeting as President of the Faculty Senate.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Sills, chair of the committee, welcomed the new Director of Athletics, Mike Oblinger, who had shared with the committee his commitment to the student-athlete experience. Chair Sills reported that Mr. Mark Lanier provided government relations updates, at the federal and state levels, including pursuit of funding for maritime cybersecurity from the federal government. He said that state legislative priorities included the request for \$16 million for “Critical Workforce Programs, Research, and Teaching,” appropriate compensation increases for faculty and staff, and several building renovation projects.

Chair Sills said that Vice Chancellor Eddie Stuart reported that the campaign total currently was \$109,783,756. Mr. Sills stated that Mr. Stuart also shared information on Homecoming, Chancellor Volety’s Installation, the Seahawks Give day of giving, May Commencement, and the upcoming UNC System Advancement Symposium at UNCW.

Mr. Sills reported that Mr. Jarrett Piner, director of IT project management, shared a preview of the redesigned UNCW website, which incorporated feedback from internal and external constituents and was compatible with more devices.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Aswani Voley opened his report by expressing appreciation to everyone who planned, implemented, and attended the recent installation ceremony and related events. He then commented on his first nine months of reconnecting with the campus and the community, spending time with various constituencies, celebrating traditions, and expanding opportunities for students, staff, and faculty. The Chancellor then recognized Mr. Cody Brandon and Ms. Susan Smith for updates and comments from the perspectives of students and staff, respectively.

Chancellor Voley addressed several recent and current initiatives and challenges, including the recent reaffirmation of accreditation visit, mental health and wellness, campus safety, arts, and athletics. He recognized Mr. Oblinger, who introduced the new head coach of women's basketball, Ms. Nicole Woods, and then recognized the coaches and members of the men's and women's swimming and diving teams, who recently won the Colonial Athletic Association championship titles. The Chancellor commented on the continued successes of the Office of International Programs, on the refresh of the university's website, and on the current legislative session and upcoming UNC legislative day.

Dr. Voley reviewed the status of the strategic planning process and the key elements of the strategic plan, including the mission statement and the four strategic pillars. He welcomed Board input now and over the next few months, which would include one or more special called meetings prior to bringing the strategic plan to the Board for approval at the July meetings.

In concluding his report, Chancellor Voley expressed appreciation to former SGA President Hannah Valentina Horowitz, who would be attending graduate school at UNC Charlotte after graduating this May. He also expressed his gratitude for the service of members of the Board who would be leaving the Board before the July meeting, including Ms. Agnes Beane, Ms. Gidget Kidd, and Mr. Hank Miller.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mr. Sills, seconded by Mr. Brandon and duly carried, the Board convened in closed session, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of an

employment contract; and to consult with our attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN SESSION AND ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Ms. Kidd, seconded by Mr. Fisher and duly carried, the Board reconvened in open session. On motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Sills and duly carried, the personnel items were approved as presented and considered in closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Miller reviewed with the Board the status of the Board self-evaluation process, saying that the summary of results had been provided in advance of this meeting, as they were reported to our accrediting body, along with three potential opportunities for improvement based on the survey results. He said that members of the Board also were provided with the summary of the results today. Mr. Miller asked if there were any additional comments from members. In the discussion that followed, the Board agreed to have at least one special session prior to the next quarterly meeting focused on the strategic plan. Members also agreed on the need for a communications plan for the new strategic plan, so that all university constituents have a better understanding of the strategic direction of the university. The Chair also asked for input on what could be done to improve orientation for new trustees. Mr. Lanier welcomed additional feedback on the survey results, the opportunities for improvement, and on the self-evaluation process as a whole.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, Chair Miller reminded the Board that the next regular quarterly meetings of the Board and its committees were scheduled for July 27 and 28, 2023. He said that one or more special called meetings and a session on the strategic plan would be held prior to the July meetings.

Mr. Miller stated that it was his responsibility to appoint the Nominating Committee, which would develop recommendations for the slate of officers for the 2023-24 academic and fiscal year. He said that Mr. Rippey had agreed to serve as Chair of the Nominating Committee, with Ms. Beane and Dr. Sayed as additional members.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair reminded members that the reception at the UNCW aquaculture facility at Wrightsville Beach would be held this evening. There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Chairman

Assistant Secretary