



BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

JULY 27, 2023

The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington held a regular quarterly meeting at 3:00 p.m. on July 27, 2023, in McNeill Hall. Chair Fisher called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for participating in committee meetings. He welcomed the Board's two new members, Ms. Traci Butler and The Honorable Aldona Wos.

The Chair reviewed a packet of materials provided to each Trustee regarding the duties and authority of the Board and the expectations of membership on the Board. He asked that all Trustees review the documents and plan to attend every meeting of the Board and its committees.

Mr. Fisher stated that all new and returning members of the Board were in compliance with the Statement of Economic Interest (SEI) requirements of the State Ethics Act and that there were no conflicts that would prohibit service on this Board. He read the required statement from the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts or appearances of conflicts were identified regarding the agenda for this meeting.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Lanier, Assistant Secretary, called the roll and established that a quorum was present. Members of the Board present were: Cody E. Brandon; Traci L. Butler; Earl F. "Hugh" Caison II; Frances "Perry" Chappell; Malcomb D. Coley; H. Carlton Fisher; Robert S. Rippy; Yousry Sayed; Kevin H. Sills; Jimmy T. Tate; and Aldona Z. Wos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Mr. Coley, seconded by Dr. Sayed and duly carried, the minutes of the quarterly meeting held on April 27, 2023, and of the special called meetings held on May 30, 2023, June 14, 2023, and June 26, 2023, were approved as distributed in advance.



REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE

Dr. Sayed reported that Chief Audit Officer Kelly Minter had provided a summary of the work completed by the Office of Internal Audit for the quarter ending June 30, including five completed engagements, follow-up, and consultative work, and the FY2024 risk assessment as the basis for the annual audit plan. He said that the committee reviewed and approved the audit plan for FY2024. His motion for Board approval of the annual audit plan was duly carried.

Chair Sayed summarized the presentation on enterprise risk management, as shared with the committee by Ms. Kristy Burnette, including both the prevailing categorical risks (employee recruitment and retention, enrollment management, and funding sufficiency) and the top active risk categories (cybersecurity, mental health, safety, and transitional training needs). He said that the committee discussed how mitigations are tracked and how progress is monitored.

Dr. Sayed said that Chief Human Resources Officer Lori Preiss presented UNCW's EEO/AA plan regarding the representation of women, minorities, individuals with disabilities, and protected veteran status. He said that in this reporting period, of the total employee count, 58.40% were female, 21.09% were minorities, 3.31% were individuals with disabilities, and 4.25% were protected veterans.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Mr. Fisher, acting chair of the committee, presented a request for approval of the Wrightsville Beach Aquaculture Storage Building Demolition. On behalf of the committee, he moved for Board approval. The motion was duly carried. Chair Fisher summarized other facilities updates, including the Randall Library Renovation and Expansion, Recreation Fields and Facilities Improvements, other renovation projects, and the Campus Master Plan.

Chair Fisher reported that Mr. Gino Galutera had shared highlights and initiatives from Business Services, including strong utilization of the new E-Bike and E-Scooter programs, improvements in commuter student parking, and new retail dining options. He said that the dining contract RFP process should be complete within the next quarter.



The Chair said that Vice Chancellor Lackey presented a proposed Investment Policy for Institutional Trust Funds that would enhance the university's ability to achieve higher investment returns and match investment distributions to university cash needs. He said the policy would require approval by the UNC System and would be reviewed on a regular basis, with results provided to the Board annually. On behalf of the committee, Mr. Fisher moved approval of the proposed policy. His motion was duly carried.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMS

Ms. Chappell, chair of the committee, provided a summary of the meeting, including the presentation from Faculty Senate President Colleen Reilly, leadership updates and new program development as reported by Provost Winebrake, and the second installment on student success from Dr. Cynthia Demetriou, focused on student engagement and retention. Chair Chappell also shared that Dr. Donyell Roseboro presented the annual diversity, equity, and inclusion report. The Interim Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Dr. William Schafer, provided updates on student housing, orientation, and upcoming fall events.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Sills, chair of the committee, shared highlights from the governmental relations report provided to the committee by Mr. Lanier, including a federal request to support maritime cybersecurity and the status of the state budget bill and other items in the current session of the General Assembly. Chair Sills said that Mr. Lanier also reported on the potential economic development impacts of the return of Brunswick County to the Wilmington Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Chair Sills summarized the comprehensive campaign update provided by Ms. Missy Kennedy. He reported FY2023 fundraising of \$15,473,739, bringing the Like No Other campaign total to \$113,412,823. In other highlights, he shared that the Advancement team hosted over 400 UNC System colleagues at the UNC Advancement Symposium.

The Chair thanked Mr. Bill Kawczynski for his updates from the Office of Military Affairs, which included the opening celebration of Veterans Hall, the strong return of the Student Veterans Organization, new staff, and new benefits for military-affiliated students. In the following discussion, Trustee Fisher suggested that the campus host an "open house" event to bring the community and alumni back to campus to showcase the extraordinary work being done across campus.



CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Volety congratulated and thanked new Trustees, Ms. Butler and Dr. Wos, and new officers, Chair Fisher, Vice Chair Caison, and Secretary Clark. He noted some of the many accomplishments during his first year in office, starting with highlights from the May Commencement and the five conference championships in athletics. He recognized coaches and student-athletes from the men's tennis and baseball teams in attendance.

The Chancellor then called on SGA President Cody Brandon for his report, which included the organization of the new executive board and new SGA representatives, as well as programs in sustainability, recycling, food banks, and a swap shop. Ms. Susan Smith, Staff Senate Chair and UNC Staff Assembly Vice Chair, provided a staff report, including comments regarding the momentum created by the new strategic plan, the caring nature of the Seahawk staff family, the upcoming visit to UNCW by the Staff Assembly, and the need for salary increases through the state budget. Dr. Volety welcomed Dr. Colleen Reilly to the role of Faculty Senate President and thanked Dr. Nathan Grove for his service in that capacity.

Chancellor Volety reviewed many of the highlights from the past year, "which sets the stage for new opportunities in the future," regarding research and innovation, enrollment, the redesigned website, new construction projects, community partnerships, and more. The Chancellor then presented to the Board the components of the new strategic plan, including the proposed mission statement, vision statement, pillars, priorities, and objectives. He said that some of the elements would take time, given that this is a ten-year plan, and that implementation teams would develop the plan further regarding strategies, tactics, metrics, and dashboards. Questions and discussion followed regarding how elements of the plan will be operationalized and prioritized. After discussion, motion was duly made and carried to endorse the strategic plan and to approve the proposed mission statement for transmittal to the UNC System Office.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mr. Coley, seconded by Mr. Caison 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

After duly reconvening in open session, on motion made by Mr. Caison, seconded by Mr. Sills, and duly carried, the personnel items were approved as presented and discussed in closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, Chair Fisher reminded the Board that the next regular quarterly meetings of the Board and its committees, initially planned for October 26, were rescheduled for October 13, 2023. He said that the January regular quarterly meetings would be scheduled in conjunction with a home basketball game and that a special called meeting would be held on December 15, mainly to consider tuition and fees for 2024-25.

Mr. Fisher shared that each Trustee would receive an invitation from the UNC System Office to attend the biannual workshop on trusteeship, which would be held in Greensboro on November 14, 2023. He reminded members of the reception in the Madeline Suite later today to recognize incoming members and members who recently left the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.

Chairman

Assistant Secretary