



Special Called Meeting Minutes

December 13, 2024 | 12:30 p.m. | McNeill Hall Room 1051

The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington held a special called meeting on December 13, 2024, in McNeill Hall Room 1051. Chair H. Carlton Fisher called the meeting to order, welcomed participating members, and read the conflict-of-interest statement in compliance with the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts or appearances of conflict were identified.

ROLL CALL

Assistant Secretary Jennifer Groves called the roll and established that a quorum was present. Members of the Board participating in person were Earl F. “Hugh” Caison; Malcomb D. Coley; H. Carlton Fisher; Yousry Sayed; Kevin H. Sills; and Styler A. Stein. Trustees Traci L. Butler, Frances “Perry” Chappell, Jeffrey D. Clark, Stephen E. Griffin, Jimmy T. Tate, and Aldona Z. Wos participated virtually over Zoom. Trustee Robert S. Rippy was not in attendance.

CHANCELLOR’S UPDATE

Chair Fisher called on Chancellor Volety to give a university update. Chancellor Volety highlighted the year’s accomplishments and shared his gratitude to the board members, faculty, staff, and students for their successful efforts.

POLICY ON THE REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

Chair Fisher then called on Provost Jamie Winebrake. Provost Winebrake shared that in response to the UNC System Office’s approved changes to UNC 400.1, the Office of the Provost worked with academic administrators and Faculty Senate representatives to develop a new institutional policy on academic review, which was endorsed by Faculty Senate in November 2024. He then requested approval of the proposed new UNCW Policy on the Review and

Evaluation of Academic Programs. After discussion, Trustee Coley motioned to approve, and Trustee Stein seconded. On motion duly made and carried, the new policy was approved.

DESIGNER APPROVALS

Chair Fisher called on Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Mark Morgan to present and request approval of a prioritized list of design firms for each of these projects: Student Housing Village Phase III, McNeill Hall renovations, and Suites Residence Halls roofing replacements. On motion made by Trustee Stein and seconded by Trustee Coley, the prioritized list of design firms for the Student Housing Village Phase III project was approved as considered. On motion made by Trustee Sills and seconded by Trustee Coley, the prioritized list of design firms for the McNeill Hall renovations project was approved as considered. On motion made by Trustee Caison and seconded by Trustee Coley, the prioritized list of design firms for the Suites Residence Halls roofing replacements project was approved as considered.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING 2025-2026 TUITION, FEES, ROOM, BOARD, AND OTHER STUDENT COSTS

Chair Fisher called on Vice Chancellor Miles Lackey for a presentation and recommendations, as shared with the Board before the meeting. Chair Fisher recommended that Mr. Lackey complete his entire presentation, and all votes be taken in one action following his conclusion. Without objection to this recommendation, Mr. Lackey began his presentation by sharing the guidance from the UNC System and the requirements of UNC System policy regarding changes in tuition and fees for the 2025-26 academic and fiscal year. He reviewed the process that was followed to develop the recommendation to the Board. He provided the justifications for a proposed increase of 6% in tuition of undergraduate non-resident students, resident graduate, and non-resident graduate students beginning in FY26. Mr. Lackey then shared a campus recreation fee proposal and provided university engagement feedback. He recommended an increase by \$7 (from \$262.55 in FY25 to \$269.55 in FY26) to support inflationary costs of insurance and physical plant repairs. Mr. Lackey requested approval to increase the Commencement Fee by \$8 (from \$32 in FY25 to \$40 in FY26). He explained this increase would support inflationary increases for regalia and unfunded mandatory legislative increases. He then requested approval to adjust the following differential tuition and special fees in FY26: Human Resource Management Certificate differential tuition, Doctor of Nursing Practice differential tuition, and Summer Lab Course field special fee. Mr. Lackey proposed to increase student housing rates at all properties by 6%. He confirmed that this increase includes Plato's Lofts Apartments. He then asked for approval to increase each of the all-access meal plan rates by 5% in FY26. Discussion followed, after which Trustee Coley moved for approval of all the recommended increases. Seconded by Trustee Caison, the motion was duly carried.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion and duly carried, the Board convened in closed session, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiation of the price

and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property; establish or instruct staff or agent concerning the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of an employment contract; and to consult with an attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN SESSION AND ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

On motion and duly carried, the Board reconvened in open session. On motion and duly carried, the Athletics contract, vehicle allowance, lease agreement, and salary increase recommendations were approved as considered.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business was brought to the Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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


Chairman


Assistant Secretary