



Quarterly Meeting

February 9, 2024 | 9:30 a.m. | Burney Center Ballroom A

AGENDA

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| (1) | Call to Order | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| (2) | Statement from State Government Ethics Act | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| (3) | Approval of Minutes | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| | a. Quarterly Meeting, October 13, 2023, | |
| | b. Special Called Meeting, November 10, 2023 | |
| | c. Special Called Meeting, December 13, 2023 | |
| (4) | Reports of Standing Committees | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| | a. Audit, Risk and Compliance | |
| | b. Business Affairs | |
| | c. Educational Planning and Programs | |
| (5) | University Advancement Campaign Update | Vice Chancellor Eddie Stuart |
| (6) | Chancellor's Report | Chancellor Aswani Voley |
| (7) | Closed Session | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| (8) | Resumption of Open Session and Action on
Items from Closed Session | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| (9) | Old Business | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| (10) | New Business | Chair Carlton Fisher |
| (11) | Adjournment | Chair Carlton Fisher |

AGENDA ITEM

Approval of Minutes from October 13, 2023

Situation:

Approval of the minutes from the October 13, 2023 Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Background:

N/A

Assessment:

N/A

Action:

This item requires a vote by the Board.

Supporting Documentation:

Draft Minutes from the October 13, 2023 Quarterly Meeting of the Board of Trustees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

OCTOBER 13, 2023

The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington held a regular quarterly meeting at 2:00 p.m., on October 13, 2023, in the Burney Center. Chair Fisher called the meeting to order and thanked everyone for their participation. He extended a special welcome to Mr. Steve Griffin, the most recent addition to the Board of Trustees, through appointment by the North Carolina General Assembly at the recommendation of the Speaker of the House. Mr. Fisher 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: Cody E. Brandon; Traci L. Butler; Earl F. "Hugh" Caison II; Jeffrey D. Clark; H. Carlton Fisher; Stephen E. Griffin; Robert S. Rippy; Yousry Sayed; Kevin H. Sills; Jimmy T. Tate; and Aldona Z. Wos.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Caison and duly carried, the minutes of the quarterly meeting held on July 27, 2023, and of the special called meeting held on September 25, 2023, were approved as distributed in advance.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT, RISK, AND COMPLIANCE

Dr. Sayed, chair of the committee, reported that Chief Audit Officer Mintern reviewed with the committee the Audit, Risk, and Compliance Committee Charter, including the responsibilities of the committee. On behalf of the committee, Chair Sayed moved for Board approval of the Charter. The motion was duly carried.

Chair Sayed said that Ms. Mintern also reviewed the Charter for the Office of Internal Audit and its responsibilities. On behalf of the committee, Dr. Sayed moved for approval of the Charter. The motion was duly carried.

Chair Sayed provided a summary of other presentations to the committee, including: the annual report from Internal Audit for the 2023 fiscal year; the audit activity report for the quarter that ended September 30, 2023; and UNCW's 2023 Annual Security and Fire Safety Reports. He said that the committee discussed specific crime statistics, how they compared to prior years and to other institutions, and the prevention and education measures in place for students.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Mr. Clark, chair of the committee, stated that Vice Chancellor Lackey briefed the committee on the composition and purpose of the Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund for UNCW (*aka* Endowment Board) and that the committee recommended the reappointment of Mr. Malcomb Coley to serve on the Endowment Board for an additional three-year term, 2024-2026. Chair Clark's motion for approval, on behalf of the committee, was duly carried.

Chair Clark said that Chief Information Officer Miller shared with the committee an overview of integrated educational technologies in UNCW's classrooms, efforts to enhance cybersecurity throughout campus, and a partnership with North Carolina State University to provide high-performance computing resources to UNCW researchers in a financially viable manner. Mr. Clark reported that Mr. Morgan provided the capital facilities update to the committee and that Mr. Lackey provided updates on both the tuition and fee setting process and alcohol sales at athletic events, both of which were in the meeting materials provided to all Board members.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMS

Vice Chair Caison, reporting as acting chair of the committee, share highlights from the Faculty Senate report provided by President Colleen Reilly and the faculty spotlight from Dr. Edzordi Agbozo, Department of English. He said that Associate Provost Demetriou shared fall enrollment data and other divisional highlights from Academic Affairs, followed by Career Center Director Nadira Pippen and Alumni Association Executive Director Lindsey Leroy, who co-presented on "Student Success: Soaring Beyond UNCW." Mr. Caison also mentioned updates given to the committee by Interim Vice Chancellor Bill Schafer on campus housing and other items from Student Affairs.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. Sills, chair of the committee, said that Mr. Lanier provided a brief report on federal government relations and recent actions in Congress, followed by The Honorable Marion Warren's report on the General Assembly's regular session and the state budget bill. Chair Sills recapped the update from Vice Chancellor Stuart on fundraising, the grant application process for the New Hanover Community Endowment, new hires within the Advancement division, and various recent events. Mr. Sills reviewed a presentation from Director of Athletics Oblinger on the NCAA's holistic model, to be implemented by August 2024, and on the Seahawk Exchange, the NIL connection for UNCW student-athletes. He said that there was one item from the committee for closed session.

CHANCELLOR'S REPORT

Chancellor Volety shared highlights regarding the record-setting class of first-year students, Welcome Week, and Family Weekend. He welcomed Trustee Griffin to the Board, then recognized Trustee Brandon for his report from the Student Government Association. The Chancellor called on some of UNCW's outstanding faculty and students who work together on research projects, including Dr. Karl Ricanek and computer science major, Mr. Auris Comron Nasser, followed by Dr. Matthew McLean and graduate student, Mr. Jared Oviatt. At the request of Chancellor Volety, Ms. Susan Smith provided updates from the Staff Senate.

The Chancellor congratulated faculty research award recipients, provided updates from athletics, shared details of the campus master planning process, and highlighted recent community engagement initiatives. He provided information on upcoming cultural arts events and on the Chancellor's initial Dare to Learn Lecture, featuring Donna Brazile and Karl Rove.

After briefly summarizing and expressing appreciation for state legislative successes during the 2023 session, Dr. Volety addressed the implementation of the new UNCW strategic plan, including priorities for the first three years and metrics that will be used to monitor progress. He emphasized that seven of the ten metrics overlap significantly with metrics in the UNC System strategic plan and showed as examples UNCW's recent success in reducing student debt at graduation and in increasing revenues from sponsored research and licensing.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Caison and duly carried, the Board convened in closed session, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award or scholarship; 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 Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Caison and duly carried, the Board reconvened in open session. On motion by Dr. Tate, seconded by Mr. Caison and duly carried, the personnel items were approved as presented and considered in closed session. On motion by Mr. Caison, seconded by Dr. Tate, and passed by acclamation at the request of Mr. Sills, the honorary award was approved as considered in closed session.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, Chair Fisher reminded members that meeting materials shared in advance included a proposed resolution that was similar to resolutions passed by the boards at several UNC System campuses, including UNC Chapel Hill, East Carolina, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, and Appalachian State. He said that the resolutions affirm the commitment to academic freedom and freedom of expression, consistent with The Code and policies of the Board of Governors and with the North Carolina General Statutes. On motion made by Mr. Caison, seconded by Mr. Sills and duly carried, the UNCW resolution was adopted (Appendix A).

Chair Fisher also reminded the Board about the biennial workshop for boards of trustees to be held in Greensboro on November 14 and the next meeting of this Board on December 15. He encouraged members to plan to attend Commencement ceremonies, on December 15 and 16, and celebrate with the students, families, faculty, and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman

Assistant Secretary

MINUTES OF THE CLOSED SESSION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON
OCTOBER 13, 2023

Chair Fisher called on Dean Rob Burrus, acting on behalf of Provost Winebrake, for presentation of the personnel recommendations from Academic Affairs. General Counsel Scherer provided updates on various legal and personnel issues and addressed questions from the Board. Chief of Staff Ballou and Vice Chancellor Stuart presented a recommendation for an honorific naming. There being no further business for closed session, the Board duly reconvened in open session.

AGENDA ITEM

Approval of Minutes from November 10, 2023

Situation:

Approval of the minutes from the November 10, 2023 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Background:

N/A

Assessment:

N/A

Action:

This item requires a vote by the Board.

Supporting Documentation:

Draft Minutes from the November 10, 2023 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees

AGENDA ITEM

Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2023

Situation:

Approval of the minutes from the December 15, 2023 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Background:

N/A

Assessment:

N/A

Action:

This item requires a vote by the Board.

Supporting Documentation:

Draft Minutes from the December 15, 2023 Special Called Meeting of the Board of Trustees

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON

DECEMBER 15, 2023

The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington held a special called meeting on December 15, 2023, in McNeill Hall. Chair Carlton Fisher called the meeting to order, welcomed participating members, and read the required statement from the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts or appearances of conflict were identified.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Jennifer Groves, assistant secretary, called the roll and established that a quorum was present. Members of the Board participating were: Cody E. Brandon; Earl F. “Hugh” Caison; Frances “Perry” Chappell; Jeffrey D. Clark; Malcomb D. Coley; H. Carlton Fisher; Stephen E. Griffin; Yousry Sayed; Kevin H. Sills; and Aldona Z. Vos.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Volety gave a university update. He shared that the SACSCOC accreditation was reaffirmed. In Admissions, undergraduate headcount and student credit hours have increased since last year. The Return on Investment study showed that UNCW is a good bargain for students, their families, and the State of NC. UNCW Department of Earth and Ocean Sciences Professor Joanne Halls co-authored a paper published in the journal “Science.” Chemistry Professor Nathan Grove, director of the Center for the Support of Undergraduate Research and Fellowships, was recently selected as a 2024 UNC System Faculty Fellow. The Men’s Basketball team defeated Kentucky. This weekend is Commencement, with three ceremonies for about 2,550 graduates.

Chancellor Volety then called on Provost Jamie Winebrake, who presented proposed changes to the DeLoach Distinguished Professorship. He also shared that the Carl Baxter Brown Distinguished Professorship, now vacant, would be filled without modification to the existing plan. After discussion, on motion duly made and carried, the plans for the distinguished professorships were approved.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING 2024-2025 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. Mr. Lackey shared the guidance from the UNC System and the requirements of UNC System policy regarding changes in tuition and fees for the 2024-25 academic and fiscal year. He reviewed the process that was followed to develop the recommendation to the Board. He provided the justifications for an increase of 5% in

tuition of undergraduate non-resident students and graduate resident and non-resident students. He outlined the proposed uses of the increased tuition revenues: to support a new Academic Advising model, funding for workforce programs, and funds for the Counseling Center. During the discussion, Trustee Wos suggested raising the tuition by 6%, and Trustee Chappell expressed hesitancy to raise tuition for any resident students. Trustee Caison motioned to approve a 6% increase for non-resident undergraduate and all graduate students. Seconded by Trustee Griffin, the motion was duly carried.

Vice Chancellor Lackey shared a campus recreation fee proposal and recommended an increase by \$12 to support student wage adjustments and operational expenditures. He provided comparisons within UNC system campuses and university engagement feedback.

Vice Chancellor Lackey also requested approval to increase the Education and Technology fee by \$51.78. He explained this increase would provide funding for wage increases, software license increases, the Classroom Technology Plan, and educational supplies. He also requested approval to increase the MS Computer Science & Information Systems differential tuition and the Software Engineering Program fee.

Vice Chancellor Lackey proposed to increase student housing rates at all properties (excluding Seahawk Crossing) by 6% and increase Seahawk Crossing by 7%. He then asked for approval to increase each of the all-access meal plan rates by 5.4%. Discussion followed, after which Trustee Clark moved approval of the recommended increases. Seconded by Trustee Caison, the motion was duly carried.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was brought to the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Fisher proposed electing two new Assistant Secretaries to the Board in addition to Ms. Groves: Mr. Bradley Ballou and Ms. Tiffany Tramontozzi. Trustee Caison moved approval and Trustee Griffin seconded. The motion was duly carried.

Chair Fisher called on Vice Chancellor Miles Lackey, who introduced Mr. Mark Morgan, associate vice chancellor for business affairs- facilities. He requested the Board's approval of professional design firms to lead the Brooks Field Refurbishment project in priority order: CHA Consulting, Inc., McAdams Co., and Timmons Group, Inc. Trustee Clark moved approval of the recommendation. Seconded by Trustee Brandon, the motion duly carried.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion and duly carried, the Board convened in closed session, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary award or scholarship, 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; consider the qualifications, competence, performance, and condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee; 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 honorary naming was approved as considered. On motion and duly carried, the property lease was approved as considered.

Chair Fisher offered recognition to Mr. Mark Lanier, who is retiring after 32 years of service. He reminded the Board that Commencement ceremonies would be held in Trask Coliseum this weekend, and the quarterly meetings are February 8-9, 2024. The Board will attend a pre-game reception and men's basketball game on the night of February 8th.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Chairman

Assistant Secretary