Members Present:
Randy Woodson, Warwick Arden, Tyler Allen, Carolyn Argentati, Brad Bohlander, Jeffrey Braden, Nancy Burgart, Mary Ann Danowitz, William Ditto, Cathi Dunnagan, Eileen Goldgeier, Jacqueline Gonzalez, Marc Hoit, Mark Hoversten, Ellen Klingler, Duane Larick, Richard Linton, Paul Lunn, Louis Martin-Vega, Mitchell Moravac, Barbara Moses, Mike Mullen, Annette Ranft, Alan Rebar, Brian Sischo, Linda McCabe Smith, Sarah Stone, PJ Teal, Mary Watzin, Marie Williams, Debbie Yow.

Chancellor Woodson called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Announcements
After reflecting on the events in Charlottesville, Virginia and underscoring North Carolina State University’s commitment to diversity and free speech, the Chancellor shared that he was greeting incoming students at Convocation and the Legacy Luncheon.

The Chancellor then greeted and introduced new members of University Council: Cathi Dunnagan, Staff Senate Chair; Sarah Stone, Assistant to the Chancellor for External Affairs; Jacqueline Gonzalez, Student Body President; and Mitchell Moravac, Student Senate President. He also welcomed absent members: Carolyn Bird, Faculty Senate Chair; and Jason Painter, Staff Senate Chair-Elect.

The Chancellor reported on a successful conclusion of the 2016-17 academic year. NC State’s Think and Do the Extraordinary campaign’s progress reached $1.116 billion in gifts and commitments, with $145 million in cash receipts. The year ended with a record $405 million in external research funding. In addition, more than 10,000 degrees were awarded at December and May graduations, an all-time high for the university. Degrees conferred and graduation rates have increased, in accordance with the university’s strategic plan, and more information is provided in the Student Success report. As a result of these and other metrics, NC State was ranked as the best college for the money in North Carolina, according to Money magazine.

The new class is one of the largest and academically-strongest classes that NC State has seen, according to the Chancellor, with just under 4,800 freshmen. He stated that this year included the first spring undergraduate enrollment and required housing for freshmen, and he thanked Student Services and DASA for their work to make these new initiatives successful. The Chancellor announced upcoming events including Packapalooza (August 19) and the Gregg Museum of Art and Design public opening (August 26).

Provost Warwick A. Arden echoed the Chancellor’s remarks regarding NC State’s commitment to free speech and diversity, and recognized the strong student leadership. He announced that the University Research Center was investing in another Molecular Characterization Center.
Information:
Policies / Regulations / Programs enacted since March 13, 2017, University Council Meeting
https://generalcounsel.ncsu.edu/legal-resources/policies-and-regulations/prrs-recently-enactedapproved/
https://provost.ncsu.edu/proposed-revisions/

Approvals
The March 13, 2017 minutes were approved as prepared and distributed.

Presentations
Barbara Moses and Sarah Stone presented a Budget and Legislative Update. Mrs. Moses reviewed the changes to the 2017-19 State Appropriated Budget regarding employee compensation, a management flexibility reduction in the second year of the biennium, and allocations for Repair and Renovations, the NC State Food Processing Innovation Center, the National Institute for Innovation in Manufacturing Biopharmaceuticals, the Biomanufacturing Training and Educational Center, and NC State’s Cooperative Extension. Other budget provisions discussed included UNC enrollment funding, the requirement for UNC Board of Governors to monitor the creation of new positions and increases meeting specific criteria, and a study regarding UNC Equal Opportunity Compliance Officers.

Mrs. Stone provided an overview of bills that are still active and have the potential to be in a future legislative session. She then gave an update on redistricting and provided upcoming dates of note.

Vice Chancellor Brian Sischo gave a Campaign and Red and White Week Update. Per Mr. Sischo, the Think and Do the Extraordinary campaign has been progressing positively, having met the public launch goal of $1 billion in October 2016, and having a current total of $1.116 billion. Mr. Sischo shared the campaign progress by colleges, gift ranges, and gifts by type.

Ellen Klingler then presented on upcoming Red and White Week events.

Following this presentation, announcements were made regarding the College of Sciences’ solar eclipse event (August 21) and the College of Engineering’s College Welcome Keynote Speaker Christine Garden of Hidden Figures fame.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.