

**NC State University  
Board of Trustees  
(Self-Assessment)  
April 16, 2009**

The North Carolina State University Board of Trustees met in the Hood Board Room of the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center on Centennial Campus, Raleigh, NC, on Thursday, April 16, 2009. The purpose of this meeting was to conduct a comprehensive self-assessment. UNC Board of Governors policy requires that each Board of Trustees conduct a review of its current organization and effectiveness every four years. Chair McQueen Campbell presided.

Members present:                   McQueen Campbell, III, Chair  
  Derick S. Close  
  Lawrence Davenport  
  Suzanne Gordon  
  Gayle S. Lanier  
  Burley Mitchell  
  Barbara H. Mulkey  
  Steve F. Warren  
  Cassius S. Williams  
  Jay Dawkins, *ex officio*

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. He called on UNC-Charlotte Chancellor Emeritus James Woodward to facilitate discussion of the summary results.

Chancellor Woodward discussed board responsibilities and the characteristics of “high performing” boards. He reviewed the Trustee self-assessment that was divided into six topics (Appendix A). After discussing each topic and the outcomes of the survey, the Trustees suggested the following actions be taken:

Section A: Organization of the Board

- We should revisit process of information flow from committees to full board. Look at other campuses and how they structure their committees.

Section B: Meeting Organization and Operation

- We should consider sending out a survey or check list following Trustee meetings. Ask Trustees what they would have liked to have spent more time discussing.
- We should send the draft meeting agenda to all Trustees and ask for feedback.
- We should consider revisiting the Open Meetings Law. Ask other institutions how they handle this law. Do we have any flexibility?

Section C: Orientation and Education

- We should share our draft campus orientation agenda with Trustees and ask for feedback.
- We should include current Trustees in new-Trustee orientation.
- We should include media training for Trustees.

Section D: Board Effectiveness

- As NC State makes plans to begin the next strategic planning process (within approximately 3-5 years), we should discuss the role of the Board of Trustees and ways the board can be more engaged in the process.

Section E: Individual Trustee Self-Assessment

- We should look for more opportunities to mix with other Boards of Trustees and others in higher education.
- We should consider adding “big” or national topics/trends as agenda items.

Section F: Individual Trustee Information

We should be mindful of the interests and expertise of board members and use this information to add value to the board.

Chancellor Woodward congratulated the Board of Trustees and the administration on an excellent and very positive self-assessment. With no further business in open session, Chair Campbell called for the motion to go into closed session according to North Carolina General Statute, Section 143-318.11(a)(6). Mr. Davenport made the motion, seconded by Ms. Lanier, to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or prospective public officer. The motion carried. At 12:15 p.m., the board came out of closed session. With no further business, Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant Secretary

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Secretary

Approved:

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Chair of the Board