

**University Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Park Alumni Center, Hood Room  
Monday, February 17, 2009**

**Members Present:**

Chancellor James Oblinger, Provost Larry Nielsen, John Ambrose, Warwick Arden, Ed Funkhouser for Jeffery Braden, JB Jett for Bob Brown, Heather Cutchin, Lee Fowler, Blanton Godfrey, Karen Helm, Cecile Hinson, Marc Hoyt, Kevin Howell, Nevin Kessler, Mary Beth Kurz, Duane Larick, Charles Leffler, Terri Lomax, Marvin Malecha, James Martin, Dick Keltie for Louis Martin-Vega, Laura Massengill, Kathryn Moore, Wendy Scott for Susan Nutter, Daniel Solomon, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Ira Weiss, Johnny Wynne, and James Zuiches

Chancellor Oblinger called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**Plenary:**

Chancellor Oblinger congratulated JB Jett on his upcoming retirement. Dr. Jett is the Associate Dean for Research and Extension in the College of Natural Resources. He will be retiring on March 1, 2009 after 40 years at NC State. Chancellor Oblinger also referenced that members of the Board of Trustees were in town for their February Board meeting on Thursday and Friday.

**Business:**

Chancellor Oblinger reported on the following:

- Tuition and Fees Increases
  - Discussed the approved increases voted by the Board of Governors. Tuition and fees increased 4.9% for undergraduate resident students, 2.5% for undergraduate non-resident students, 5.4% for graduate resident students and 1.7% for graduate non-resident students.
- Iraqi Presidents' Visit
  - Mentioned the visit of two Iraqi University Presidents to NC State's campus on February 11. As the country rebuilds destruction from the war, leaders also want to build relationships, particularly in higher education. The presidents visited two other U.S. universities in addition to NC State: Texas A&M and Ohio State. The Chancellor thanked members of the council who also met with the presidents and assisted in preparations for their visit. He also referenced a letter from NC State alumnus and Commanding General of the Multi-National Force in Iraq, Ray Odierno, who commented on how important the visit was to him, both personally and professionally.
- Gates-Cambridge Scholar
  - Announced that NC State student Ryan Going was the recipient of a Gates-Cambridge Award. Ryan is a senior double majoring in Electrical Engineering and Applied Math.
- Charlie Leffler's Upcoming Review
  - Announced that Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business Charlie Leffler's 5-year leadership review will take place this spring.

Provost Nielsen reported on the following:

- University Standing Committees
  - Announced that the Committee on Committees has approved removing two standing committees: the Fee Appeals Committee and the Institutional History and Commemoration Committee. The Fee Appeals Committee has now become an operational committee. Currently, the Institutional History and Commemoration Committee is responsible for overseeing donor namings and honorary namings. Donor namings will now be managed by University Advancement. The Provost also reminded the council that standing committee membership is based on responses of an online survey. The survey was sent earlier this year.

**Information:**

The following policies, regulations and programs recently enacted were reviewed, including those enacted since the January 12, 2009 University Council Meeting:

- Review of Academic Department Heads/Chair, REG05.50.3
- Electronic Security Management System (SMS), REG04.05.3
- Designated Emergency Phones (Blue Light Phones), RUL05.06.1
- Burglar and Panic Alarms, RUL05.06.2
- Personal Vehicle, REG 07.65.05
- Background Checks, REG05.55.8
- Centers & Institutes, REG10.10.4
- Reduction in Force, REG05.65.1

The February 17, 2009 minutes were approved as prepared and distributed.

**Budget Discussion**

Provost Nielsen and Vice Chancellor Leffler provided an update on the current budget situation for NC State and the state of North Carolina. The discussion included topics such as the 5 % budget reduction planning for 2009-10, cross-functional reduction areas, endowment budget planning and UNC General Administration activities. Vice Chancellor Lomax reported that she has created a Stimulus Rapid Response Team to strategically prepare for any federal stimulus money that might come to NC State, as well as to look for opportunities to advocate for such dollars. She outlined our research strengths, which position us to be a potential candidate to receive these research dollars. Vice Chancellor Kessler and Director of News Services Keith Nichols briefed the group on campus communications planning regarding the budget discussion to help develop consistency around our budget messages. The goal of this planning is to look broadly at all our touch points and to determine how we can push those messages and bring in more people to the discussion.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.