

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
Park Alumni Center, Hood Room
Monday, January 12, 2009**

Members Present:

Chancellor James Oblinger, Provost Larry Nielsen, John Ambrose, Warwick Arden, Lennie Barton, Jeffrey Braden, Robert Brown, Steve Carlton, Heather Cutchin, Jay Dawkins, Greg Doucette, 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, Jim Martin, Louis Martin-Vega, Laura Massengill, Kathryn Moore, Susan Nutter, Margery Overton, Daniel Solomon, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Ira Weiss, Johnny Wynne, and Pat Sobrero for James Zuiches

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

Plenary:

Associate Vice Chancellor David Rainer introduced Tina Nelson, as the new NC State University Risk Assessment Case Manager. Ms. Nelson has been in her position for two months. She is a licensed clinical worker and has worked many years in the area of family counseling, violence and abuse. She has been working with the counseling center and the campus police to make sure that no one (faculty, staff and students) on campus may be in danger to self or to others.

“State College, a Look at the Beginning” – Matt Robbins, Graduate Student in the College of Design, provided a presentation on the history of the buildings and the layout of NC State since the beginning of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts in 1887. He also shared the history of the Belltower and the historic bell. The historic bell is the oldest surviving artifact from the Raleigh Fire Department dating back to 1870. The bell was cast in 1870 and originally placed in the Metropolitan Hall city market building and then moved in 1914, from the Metropolitan Hall to the West Morgan Street fire station tower ... where it remained until its removal in 1938. Through Matt’s research it was discovered that the bell on top of Withers Hall was the same bell that was housed at the Metropolitan Hall and the West Morgan Street fire station. On Wednesday, November 19, 2008, the bell was returned to the Central Fire Station by NC State University.

Business:

Chancellor Oblinger reported on the following:

- Welcomed Terri Lomax as the new Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Studies
- NC State was ranked 6th Best Values – cost and quality – in USA Today
- Budget Cuts
 - On December 19, 2008, the Chancellor placed a message on the University’s homepage to help keep internal and external audiences informed about the current budget situation and what steps the University is taking to respond on campus.
- Campus Culture Taskforce was appointed on Tuesday, November 18, 2008.
 - The Taskforce will have three co-chairs: Dr. Tom Stafford, Dr. José Picart and Student Body President, Jay Dawkins.
 - The Taskforce has been charged to examine the following and provide a preliminary report by January 16 and a final report by February 2
 - Campus climate
 - Student conduct practices
 - Free expression tunnel/brickyard practices
- President Bill Clinton will be speaking at the Millennium Seminar on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 10:30 a.m. in Reynolds Coliseum. His title will be “The Way Forward”. The event is free and open to the public.
- The 2009 Emerging Issues Forum will be held on February 9-10, 2009. The forum will examine the growth and infrastructure challenges facing our state. New York Columnist David Brooks will headline the Forum.
- Reappointed to the Fulbright Foreign Scholars Board, Executive Committee on December 24, 2008 for three years.

Provost Nielsen reported on the following:

- The North Carolina Society of Engineers has named Dean Louis Martin-Vega the Outstanding Engineer in North Carolina for 2008.
- At the January Board of Governors Meeting it was approved to receive \$1 million from the South Korean government to study the idea of building a campus at a \$200 billion business and research park near the port city of Incheon.
- The CHASS Dean search, chaired by Ira Weiss, is proceeding well.

Information:

The following policies, regulations and programs recently enacted were reviewed including those enacted since the October 6, 2008 University Council Meeting:

- Bylaws – POL 01.05.1
- Residency Appeals Procedure – REG 01.25.7
- Intent to Plan and Authorization to Establish an Undergraduate Degree in Soil and Land Development
- Intent to Plan and Authorization to Establish an Undergraduate Degree in Genetics
- Certificate in Agricultural Leadership
- Certificate in Global Perspectives

The following PRR revisions were made under PRR Protocol Section 5 (Delegation of Authority for Regulations) where the Chancellor delegates final approval authority for regulations not specifically mandated by federal or state law or regulation or direction of the BOG and that fall within the areas specified to the Vice Chancellors for Student Affairs and Finance and Business:

- Eligibility for Use of Student Health Services – REG 11.45.2
- SPA Successive Discipline – REG 05.70.1
- Bid Rules for Informal Contracts – REG 07.20.1
- Instructions for Soliciting Construction Work at NC State University – REG 07.20.2

The October 6, 2008, minutes were approved as prepared and distributed.

No Roundtable Reports due to the Mini Retreat on Budget Strategies:

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