

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
Winslow Hall Conference Room
Monday, October 10, 2011**

Members Present:

Chancellor Randy Woodson, Provost Warwick Arden, Carolyn Argentati for Susan Nutter, Jeffrey Braden, David Bristol, Robert Brown, Shannon Davis for Ira Weiss, David DeFoor, Jayne Fleener, Harold Freeman for Blanton Godfrey, Eileen Goldgeier, Kathy Hart for Charles Leffler, Karen Helm, Cecile Hinson, Marc Hoit, Kevin Howell, Bryan Hoynacke, Tim Jones, Hans Kellner, Nevin Kessler, Duane Larick, Terri Lomax, Marvin Malecha, Louis Martin-Vega, Daniel Solomon, Benny Suggs, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Chandler Thompson, Johnny Wynne, Debbie Yow and James Zuiches.

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

Announcements:

Chancellor Woodson reported on the following:

- **Great Recognitions for our Faculty and Staff**

The chancellor shared many points of pride among several top honors given to NC State faculty and staff over the past few weeks. Hermine Kabbendjian, Director of Program Administration in Nuclear Engineering and NC State SPA Awards for Excellence winner, was the state-level Governor's Award for Excellence winner in the Outstanding State Government Category. NC State employees have received this award in five of the last 10 years. Additionally, Chancellor Woodson reported that two faculty members in the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering have received national recognition. Professor Jay Baliga was awarded the National Medal of Technology, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government. Associate Professor Michael Escuti received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers.

- **New Leadership**

The chancellor reminded the council that two new leaders would be joining the council. A new dean has been named for the College of Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Paul Lunn comes to CVM from Colorado State University and will begin February 15. Additionally from Colorado State, Brad Bohlander will be stepping in as the university's Associate Vice Chancellor for Communications and Chief Communications Officer on November 7. Brad was present for the meeting, and Vice Chancellor Kessler introduced him to the group.

- **Strategic Plan Investments**

Chancellor Woodson reported that work continues on the implementation plan for the university's strategic plan. An example of an investment made around the priorities identified in the strategic plan is the Chancellor's Faculty Excellence Fund. The chancellor said there is a lot of interest and excitement surrounding this new initiative, which partners with colleges in an effort to bring either individual or small groups of scholars around strategically important areas to NC State.

- **Board of Governors Meeting Update**

The UNC System Board of Governors met last week. The chancellor shared that the board approved the list of proposed peers for NC State. NC State was the only university in the system with a peer group that did not have more than one peer from the states represented in its group. Additionally, the chancellor reported that the BOG committee on personnel and tenure agreed to allow retention offers to go to BOG without the prerequisite of an offer from another institution. This is an effort to be pre-emptive in retention during a time of limited resources and increased attempts from other institutions to recruit system employees. In areas where faculty and staff are vulnerable, the university will make efforts to work with units to reduce this vulnerability and retain our employees. The chancellor said this change will require coordination.

- **Upcoming Events**

The chancellor reminded the council that on Friday, NC State's Board of Visitors will meet at the Park Alumni Center. Additionally, representatives from Kansas State University will be visiting campus this week, as NC State is one of their aspirational peers. Their leadership team will be on campus to learn more about NC State. Chancellor Woodson also mentioned that he would be leading a delegation to Asia, leaving October 15. The trip will include alumni events, corporate visits, partner universities meetings and meetings with the Governor's trade delegation, which will be in the area during the same time.

Provost Warwick Arden reported on the following:

- **New College of Veterinary Medicine Dean**

Provost Arden followed up on the chancellor's announcement of the new dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine. He provided additional information on Dr. Paul Lunn and commended the work of Interim Dean David Bristol, who so capably led the college over the past three years.

- **Strategic Plan Implementation**

The provost reported that strategic plan implementation teams have been working hard to prepare the final implementation plan for review and approval at the November Board of Trustees meeting. Actions specified in the implementation plan will have impact across multiple goals and strategies in the strategic plan.

- **Strategic Realignment**

Provost Arden reported that the strategic realignment actions are being carried out across campus. Some of the task forces on these actions made reports at the recent General Faculty meeting. He indicated that the university is making good progress on these recommendations.

Plenary:

“Celebrating our 125th Anniversary”

Dean Solomon, co-chair of the 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee, provided an update on the plans for the celebration of NC State's 125th anniversary, which kicks off in March 2012. The committee consists of approximately 40 members, representing students, faculty, staff and alumni. Using the foundation of the Plan-to-Plan committee's work, the 125th Committee has been divided into seven subcommittees to organize and plan the events and support needed for the year-long celebration. The celebration will begin with the annual Founders' Day dinner on March 5, 2012 and

will conclude the following year with the 2013 Founders' Day dinner. Dean Solomon reported that the committee aims to create an anniversary celebration showing that NC State is moving forward and is excited about the future while also celebrating the past. The celebration will build up to the launch of the university's next capital campaign in 2013.

“Overview of 2014 SACS Review”

Karen Helm provided an overview of NC State's 2014 Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Accreditation Review. SACS is a membership organization, consisting of more than 800 institutions. It is a self-regulatory organization, governed by CEO's with a peer review process. SACS is a gatekeeper for federal financial aid funds, reviewed by the U.S. Department of Education. As a member institution, NC State must undergo a reaffirmation process every 10 years. It is time for the campus to prepare for the 2014 10-year reaffirmation process. Ms. Helm discussed the steps required for NC State to complete the process, which included an 83-standard compliance certification process and the development of a quality education plan. She indicated that there would be some compliance issues that NC State will need to address before submitting, but they would begin the process now to adequately prepare for the intensive process.

Information:

The following policies, regulations and programs recently enacted were reviewed, including those enacted since the August 15, 2011 University Council Meeting:

http://www.ncsu.edu/general_counsel/pols_regs/PRRsRecentlyEnacted.php

Notification: New Certificate Programs

University Certificate in Fundamentals of Entomology
Computer Programming Certificate

<http://www.provost.ncsu.edu/admin-resources/ProposedPolicyRegulationRevisions.php>

Approvals:

The August 15, 2011 minutes were approved as prepared and distributed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 p.m.