Members Present:

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

Announcements:
Chancellor Woodson reported on the following:

- **Annual Polar Plunge**
  Chancellor Woodson reported that the 7th Annual Polar Plunge event raised over $55,000 to benefit the NC Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics North Carolina. The event drew 979 participants, and 121 actually made the plunge. He gave kudos to NC State’s Environmental Health and Public Safety staff for organizing another successful event.

- **Jenkins MBA Team Wins ACG Cup Regionals**
  The chancellor shared that students from the Jenkins Graduate School of Management won the Association for Corporate Growth’s Private Equity/M&A case competition. The NC State team topped Duke, UNC and Wake Forest in the competition.

- **SKEMA Anniversary**
  This year marks the year anniversary of SKEMA. NC State hosted many of SKEMA’s leadership, as well as an ambassador from France to celebrate this milestone. The chancellor shared that it is impressive to see what the partnership has accomplished in such a short period of time and that he looks forward to what it will bring in the future.

- **Graduate School Receives NIH Training Grant**
  Chancellor Woodson reported that the graduate school recently received word that it has received an NIH training grant for its Initiative for Maximizing Student Development (IMSD). The goal of IMSD is to prepare students to be researchers in areas of biomedical and behavioral sciences. It will bring diverse populations into the sciences and STEM fields.

- **ERC Site Visit**
  The chancellor shared that the College of Engineering recently had an ERC site visit. NC State is a finalist for its Advanced Self-powered Systems of Integrated Sensors and Technologies (ASSIST) Center. The ASSIST Center uses sensors designed to monitor and report on health outcomes through continual monitoring of health-related data.
• **125th Anniversary**
  Last week, NC State kicked off its 125th anniversary with Founders’ Day. The chancellor shared that the event was a success.

• **Board of Governors Update**
  The chancellor shared that a big topic of discussion at the last Board of Governors meeting centered on management flexibility. One idea in this discussion relates to how human resources is managed, specifically in reference to Senate Bill 575. The chancellor said that working with Staff Senate Chair David DeFoor, he has communicated to employees about this issue and has shared the UNC System principles. He said that it would be a tremendous benefit to NC State employees.

• **Upcoming Events**
  The chancellor reminded the group of the General Faculty meeting tomorrow at 3:00 p.m. in the Talley Ballroom and the spring Board of Visitors meeting on March 23.

Provost Warwick Arden reported on the following:

• **Strategic Realignment**
  Provost Arden announced that it was the one year anniversary of the strategic realignment. He reported on several changes that have occurred as a result of the realignment. The DUAP and Student Affairs merger is well underway with completion anticipated when the division’s new Dean and Vice Chancellor arrives this summer. The provost commended all individuals involved in the process. He also reminded the group that the Academic Sciences Taskforce report had been posted a week ago and is open for comments before he shares final recommendations with the chancellor. The provost gave a special thanks to Margery Overton for her work on this taskforce. The work of the Academic Program Efficiency and Effectiveness Review committee continues to go well. The committee has sent report cards to department heads and deans. A final report should be ready by the end of the semester. The review includes a great deal of data and will be an important report for future alignment of resources with academic priorities. The provost also reported on Distance Education as it relates to charges for students and the funding structure.

• **Faculty Excellence Hiring Program**
  The provost reported that the faculty excellence hiring program is well underway with about 39 different hires in our 12 clusters. Three search committees have been approved and one is close to making an offer. He reminded the deans to please make sure they encourage their cluster groups to keep moving forward.

• **Update on Searches**
  The provost shared that the three search committees are still working hard to make hires. He said that some of the committees have included an active process for including external input. He reiterated the importance of including stakeholder opinions in this process.

• **2020 Enrollment Plan**
  The 2020 enrollment plan has been approved by the chancellor. The provost shared that it is very closely aligned with the strategic plan. He said that the plan has a large impact on the character of the university and how we work toward strategic plan goals. It includes a
change in the total student number and in the mixture of students, especially graduate students.

- **SACS Reaffirmation**
  The provost concluded by sharing that the SACS reaffirmation process is well underway. Many have received invitations to help write compliance reports. He reminded the group that the QEP is a very important part of this process and will the topic at the General Faculty Meeting tomorrow.

**Plenary:**
“Administrative Processes Committee Report”
Terri Helmlinger-Ratcliff provided a report on the work of the administrative processes committee. The committee was formed in response to the strategic plan and strategic realignment processes. The goal of the committee is to work with all of campus to determine how current processes can be improved. The group started its work in August 2011 and has undergone a process of identifying pain points, separating symptoms from core issues, initiating quick fixes, identifying and prioritizing problem areas, mapping for the facilities modification process and making recommendations for improvement. The committee’s work continues with identification of new opportunities for process improvement. Dr. Helmlinger-Ratcliff stressed the importance of having people across campus committed to this effort and engaged in keeping the process going for continued improvements in the long term.

“Change to the Conflict of Interest Regulation”
Matt Ronning provided an update to the group on the changes of the conflict of interest regulation. Many changes have been made due to the interest of congress.

**Information:**
The following policies, regulations and programs recently enacted were reviewed, including those enacted since the January 9, 2012 University Council Meeting:


**Notification of New Certificate:**

- University Associate of Applied Science Certificate in Agribusiness Management (Distance Education)

**Request for a Change in Title for Degree program:**

- Change BA in Arts Applications to BA in Arts Studies

**Approvals:**
The January 9, 2012 minutes were approved as prepared and distributed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:19 p.m.