Members Present:

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

I. Plenary:

Pack Promise – Provost Larry Nielsen reaffirmed the commitment of “Pack Promise,” an exciting new financial aid initiative that will guarantee 100% financial aid support for NC State undergraduates from very low-income families. The first class of Pack Promise students (approximately 400) will be entering freshmen in fall 2006; each year thereafter a new class of freshmen will be added until all undergraduates from low-income families are fully funded.

Campus Environmental Sustainability Assessment – Jack Colby, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations, reviewed the Campus Environmental Sustainability Assessment. In 2000, the “University Environmental Sustainability Task Force” was created. In 2003, the task force team performed an environmental assessment of the campus. As a result of this assessment nine main topics of focus were chosen as the “Concentration Areas.” They consist of: Buildings, Community and Culture, Curriculum and Research, Energy, Land Use, Materials Management, Transportation, Waste Reduction and Recycling and Water. Their assessment will be presented at the NC State Earth Day on April 21, 2006.

II. Announcements
Blanton Godfrey made the motion, seconded by Susan Nutter to approve the January 23, 2006 University Council minutes.

Chancellor Oblinger reported on the following:
• Dr. James Zuiches, Vice Chancellor for Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development, began his employment with NC State on March 15, 2006.
• The efficiency and effectiveness study is being conducted by UNC-GA for the system. Charles Leffler and Steve Keto will be representing NC State University and two independent groups will also be brought in for this study.
• His trip to Washington, DC on March 17, 2006 to meet with the National Academy of Sciences group, NSF Director, AAU President and various other constituents.
• His trip to New York on March 22-23, 2006 to participate in the Science Coalition Media Roundtable.
• President Bowles’ tour of the western part of North Carolina.

Provost Nielsen reported on the following:
• An update on the four dean searches for CNR, COE, CHASS and the Graduate School.
• The changes in the Chancellor’s Leadership Award.
• The Strategic Marketing Advisory Committee, which will be a year long process under the leadership of Ben Edwards.
• The Compact Planning process currently underway.

III. Chancellor Oblinger asked University Council members to review the list of all recently enacted regulations and policies, including those enacted since January 23, 2006 University Council Meeting:

- Post Tenure Review of Faculty – REG05.20.4
- Alcohol Regulation – REG04.20.1
- Web Page Accessibility – REG04.25.05
- Racial Harassment – POL04.25.2
- Audit, Finance and Planning Committee – POL01.05.5
- Executive Committee – POL01.05.09
- Adverse Weather and Other Emergency Conditions Policy – POL04.20.1 (REPEALED)
- Evaluation of Faculty Outreach and Extension – REG05.20.8 (REPEALED)
- Scholarship of Teaching – REG05.20.25 (REPEALED)

Authorization to Establish:
• New Ph.D. Degree Program in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences
• New B.S. Degree in Bioprocessing Science

Degree Title Change:
• From Multidisciplinary Studies to Interdisciplinary Studies

IV. Consent Agenda – Approvals of Regulations and Policies

• Department Name Change:
  o Department of Botany to Department of Plant Biology
• Intent to Plan and Authorization to Establish:
  o New BA Degree in Leadership in the Public Sector
  o New MBA Program at Research Triangle Park
• Parking and Transportation Ordinances – POL07.60.01
• Holladay Medal for Excellence – POL01.30.1
• Grievance Procedure for Faculty, SAAO Tier II and EPA Professional Employees – POL05.25.1
  o Pulled from the consent agenda will be reviewed at a future meeting
• Academic Tenure Policy – POL05.20.01
• Alcohol Policy – POL04.20.2

Provost Larry Nielsen made the motion, seconded by Susan Nutter, to approve the items on the consent agenda; the motion carried. Melissa Watkins had a dissenting vote on the Parking and Transportation Ordinances – POL07.60.01, but voted in favor of all other items on the consent agenda.

V. Roundtable Reports
The following announcements were made:
• Chair of the Faculty Senate Nina Allen reported President Bowles spoke at the General Faculty meeting and asked the Faculty Senate to write brief remarks about workloads.
• Vice Chancellor Charles Leffler reported that 1) colleges and units will be able to carryover 1.5% of their 2005-06 appropriated funds. A brief narrative of justification will need to be submitted to the Budget Office by May 15; and 2) the Human Resources update goes live March 28. He also provided an update on construction on campus.
• Vice Chancellor John Gilligan stated that research proposals / awards are down from last year and encouraged each college to go back and review their submissions.
• Vice Chancellor Terry Wood announced we have reached $921M in the ACHIEVE Campaign.
• Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford announced the groundbreaking for the Carmichael Gym on March 28 at 3 p.m.
• Vice Chancellor Zuiches reported that they will be updating the Extension, Engagement and Economic Development website.
• Interim Dean J.B. Jett reported on the American Home project at the Spring Hill site.
• Dean Warwick Arden announced the College held its first Southeastern Veterinary Students Diversity Matters Symposium on March 25 & 26, 2006. Eight colleges attended this symposium.
• Associate Dean Sam Snyder announced the College of Education will host the 5th annual Peter H. Martorella Colloquium on Thursday, March 30, 2006, at 6 p.m. at The William and Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation.
• Associate Dean Sarah Rajala announced the college will hold its Open House on April 8 on the main campus and on the Centennial Campus in EB I & II.
• Dean Robert Sowell announced the First Graduate Student Symposium will be held on March 30, 2006, 1 p.m. at the Talley Student Center.
• Associate Dean John Ambrose reported the honor students are living in the new Honors Village in the Quad on East Campus and it serves as the home of the Honors Program offices in Clark Hall. The three residence halls of the Honors Village are Bagwell, Becton, and Berry.
• Associate Dean Steve Allen announced the annual Pope Lecture on Tuesday, March 28, 2006, 7 p.m. at Nelson Hall.
• Associate Dean Laura Severin reported the College of Humanities and Social Sciences has launched a new International Studies Major.
• Senior Associate Athletic Director David Horning reported Cullen Jones won the preliminary heats and semifinal heats in the World Swimming Championship (25m) record and the 50-meter freestyle. The north end zone is coming along well. Derr Track should be completed by summer. The Scholar Banquet will be held on April 5, 2006.
• Secretary of the University PJ Teal provided details about President Bowles’ inauguration. Also, the Board of Trustees will be meeting on April 27 and 28, 2006 with Marye Anne Fox’s portrait unveiling on Thursday evening.
• Director Karen Helm reported the draft Strategic Plan will be presented to the BOT in April. Compact Plans are underway.
• Director Ericka Kranitz announced audit-planning meetings will be set up.
• Chair of the Staff Senate Melissa Watkins stated that the Staff Senate have approved a resolution in opposition to the parking fee increase.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.