

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2005**

Members Present:

Chancellor James Oblinger, Linda Brady, Tony Caravano, Dennis Daley, Lee Fowler, John Gilligan, A. Blanton Godfrey, Debbie Griffith, Mary Beth Kurz, Charles Leffler, Marvin Malecha, Larry Nielsen, Nino Masnari, Laura Massengill, Kathryn Moore, Susan Nutter, Neil Olson for Warwick Arden, Will Quick, Daniel Solomon, Robert Sowell, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Ira Weiss, Andy Willis, Terry Wood, Johnny Wynne.

Chancellor James Oblinger called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The minutes from the November 1, 2004 meeting were approved by consent.

I. Announcements

Chancellor Oblinger commended the students for their response and hard work to help the Tsunami victims. He said he has received numerous notes from faculty and citizens in response to the campuswide call for help that is posted on the NC State web site.

Chancellor Oblinger reported that another area of concern for universities nationwide is the most recent change in the Pell Grant program. He said the changes to the federal financial aid formula could seriously affect students at NC State and across the nation.

Chancellor Oblinger also said that he and Andy Willis have had several legislative meetings in the past couple of months. The primary talking points for the upcoming legislative session include the William and Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation; the Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center; and addressing current funding inequities regarding the Cooperative Extension Personnel and Agricultural Research Service.

Interim Provost Larry Nielsen announced that the University has received good news about graduation rates. They are up significantly from last year, and NC State is experiencing an unprecedented increase in 4- and 6-year graduation rates. Detailed data about this increase is posted on the University Planning and Analysis Web site.

Vice Chancellor Charles Leffler updated the group on the Provost search. He said that the search committee has been meeting and that Isaacson, Miller is the consulting firm who is also working with the university on this search. The firm will be in town this Wednesday and Thursday and the ads have been placed in various publications. Vice Chancellor Leffler said the committee is working on the schedule, but its goal is to complete the process before Commencement in May. The deadline for nominations or applications is February 15.

Interim Provost Nielsen also announced that the *Library Journal* has chosen Susan Nutter as librarian of the year.

Chancellor Oblinger reviewed all recently enacted regulations, including those enacted since the November 1, 2004 University Council meeting. Those regulations are as follows:

- △ Review of Academic Department head/chairs – REG05.50.3
- △ Authorization to establish a new degree program – MS of Social Work Program
- △ Name change from Doctor of Education degree in Occupational Education to the Doctor of Education in Agricultural and Extension Education.

II. Intent to Plan Degree Programs:

- △ **Ph.D Program in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences**
Interim Dean J.B. Jett asked the Council to approve the planning of a Ph.D. program in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences that would be a direct extension of a successful and long-standing masters program in the discipline, which is unique in North Carolina higher education. Interim Dean Jett made the motion, seconded by Dean Malecha, to approve the planning of the Ph.D. program in Fisheries and Wildlife Sciences; the motion carried.
- △ **B.S. in Nutritional Sciences**
Dean Johnny Wynne asked the Council to approve the creation of a new undergraduate degree in Nutritional Sciences with adequate flexibility in course selection for students to emphasize basic science, foods, animal nutrition, or human nutrition. The degree is based upon and will replace the Nutrition Concentration in B.S. in Biological Sciences. Dean Wynne made the motion, seconded by Dean Malecha, to approve the creation of a new undergraduate degree in Nutritional Sciences; the motion carried.
- △ **B.S in Elementary Education**
Dean Kathryn Moore asked the Council to approve the creation of a new undergraduate degree in Elementary Education designed to meet requirements of the North Carolina K-6 teacher license. The degree will add to the comprehensiveness of NC State’s teacher education programs already established in middle and secondary education. Dean Moore made the motion, seconded by Dean Malecha, to approve the creation of the new undergraduate degree in Elementary Education; the motion carried.

III. Roundtable Reports

The following announcements were made:

- Vice Chancellor Terry Wood announced that \$670 million has been raised for the “Achieve!” capital campaign. He also announced that the Alumni Association has been recognized with a special merit award in the Southeast district for a program NC State has in university advancement.
- Vice Chancellor Charles Leffler announced that Kevin McNaughton is now on board as Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities and that the 2004 financial audit has now been released. He also updated everyone on construction on campus –

- the 2005 construction map is now available on the web and the Pullen bridge construction will begin next summer.
- Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford offered an update on what was being done in response to the tsunami disaster. The campus will hold an event in memory of the people who were killed and in support of those who were affected. Students, faculty and staff are working to raise money for that effort as well. Basketball season is here and the first campout of the year is Friday for Georgia Tech and UNC tickets. The office of Student Affairs and the Chancellor's office have received a number of emails recently concerning the national anthem and how it is sung at NC State basketball games.
 - Vice Chancellor John Gilligan asked the deans to respond to his request for an update on how they used Facilities and Administrative funds – especially on projects that will benefit North Carolina.
 - Dean Nino Masnari announced that Engineering Building I is now open as of today and Engineering Building II is expected to open next fall.
 - Associate Dean Neil Olson announced that the College of Veterinary Medicine will be holding a grant writing workshop on February 9 for faculty. CVM will also hold an open house on April 2 celebrating the 20th anniversary of the College and an all-day dedication of the new research building on May 6.
 - Dean Linda Brady announced that there have been frequent meetings in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to get a better handle on the courses that are needed. The fact that graduation rates are up will help to free up seats.
 - Dean Kathryn Moore announced that on February 11, the College of Education will host “Through the Golden Door” – a W. Dallas Herring celebration. Leila Gonzalez Sullivan will be recognized at the reception as the W. Dallas Herring Extension Professor and a panelist discussion will follow. The event will be held in Poe Hall in the Atrium
 - Dean Ira Weiss announced that the new MBA in Biotechnology will start this fall in the College of Management. He also said that the Center for Enterprise Risk Management has received a significant pledge from Bank of America.
 - Dean Johnny Wynne announced that another group of faculty from the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences is moving to the Partners III building on Centennial Campus.
 - Dean Dan Solomon announced that the College of Physical and Mathematical Sciences has won a \$1 million gift from the W.M. Keck Foundation to further research on RNA-mediated evolutionary materials chemistry. This new field will

- influence advances in other fields such as materials science, nanotechnology and biotechnology.
- Dean Blanton Godfrey announced that the College of Textiles will hold a Broadway Master Class for textile and design students on January 28 at Stewart Theatre. The class is called “All Them Rags” and will focus on the use of textiles in the theater.
 - Dean Marvin Malecha announced that a team of three people are in Prague where one of the College of Design’s new studios has just opened its doors. Nine students will be studying there this semester. The downtown Raleigh studio is also open for the semester. He also said that the Center of Universal Design is dealing with the loss of federal funding and the college has moved students and faculty out of Leazer Hall because of construction. On the subject of Chancellor Oblinger’s installation, Dean Malecha said the theme will be “Voices of NC State: Voices of Innovation.” The installation ceremony will be held on April 20 at Reynolds Coliseum.
 - Dean Robert Sowell said that graduate enrollment is up 246 from this time last year.
 - Vice Provost Susan Nutter announced that the International Library Committee is organizing a tsunami relief effort. Sri Lanka lost a great deal of its libraries in the disaster. The NCSU Libraries is also hosting an exhibit called “Vietnam: A Journey of the Heart: Photographs by Geoffrey Clifford.” The photographs will be on display until March 6.
 - Athletic Director Lee Fowler announced that Coach Kay Yow’s cancer has recurred. She will miss two games to undergo treatment but will be back for the Miami game and the rest of the season.
 - Chair of the Faculty Senate Dennis Daley reminded everyone that faculty elections are about to get underway.
 - Secretary of the University PJ Teal announced that the Board of Trustees will meet on February 17 and 18. The College of Engineering will be the host for that meeting. There will also be a campus-wide reception for Chancellor Oblinger on February 1 following the general faculty meeting.
 - Andy Willis said that external affairs is getting ready for the upcoming legislative session. Chancellor Oblinger has been meeting with the General Assembly leadership, the Wake County delegation and alumni. It’s expected to be a difficult session with a \$1 billion shortfall.

- Chair of the Staff Senate Laura Massengill said that the computer loan program now has 12 computers, the tuition waive passed the Staff Senate, and the Senate will be hosting an open forum on March 9.
- Study Body President Tony Caravano expanded on the update on the tsunami relief efforts on campus that was given earlier by Vice Chancellor Stafford.
- Student Senate President Will Quick said that collection buckets have been placed in all high traffic areas on campus in order to collect donations for the tsunami relief effort. He also said he is trying to refocus on student involvement with the senate.
- Associate Vice Chancellor Debbie Griffith gave a brief update on the statewide tour Chancellor Oblinger will be taking part in this winter and spring to showcase the entire university and to reinforce the university's image. The first visit will be to Lumberton on January 27.

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