

**University Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Alumni Conference Room  
Thursday, August 17, 2006**

**Members Present:**

Chancellor James Oblinger, Provost Larry Nielsen, Steve Allen for Ira Weiss, JC Boykin, Robert Brown, Thomas Conway, Lee Fowler, Blanton Godfrey, David Goldsmith for Susan Nutter, John Gilligan, Debbie Griffith, Karen Helm, Dick Keltie for Louis Martin-Vega, Ericka Kranitz, Mary Beth Kurz, Duane Larick, Charles Leffler, Marvin Malecha, James Martin for Nina Allen, Marvin Malecha, Kathryn Moore, Toby Parcel, Will Quick, Heather Shay, Daniel Solomon, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Melissa Watkins, Andy Willis, Terry Wood, Johnny Wynne, and James Zuiches.

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

Chancellor Oblinger asked for a moment of silence in memory of Kermit Hall, former Provost at NC State who recently passed away.

**Plenary:**

**An Academic Function – Extension, Engagement, and Economic Development**

**(EEED)**– James Zuiches, Vice Chancellor for Extension, Engagement and Economic Development, presented an overview of the offices under EEED. This office provides leadership for University partnerships with external communities in working to address a wide range of issues and challenges facing our state and the nation.

**Student Success Project** – Larry Nielsen, Provost, provided a status report on the student success project. Proposed initiatives include outcome-focused programs and services that impact undergraduate education, social and economic diversification, and engagement at all levels of the university.

**PACE Update** – Charles Leffler, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business, provided an update on the PACE Study – Chancellor Oblinger, extended his appreciation to Charlie and the Committee for the great job they have done in completing this report. The next step will be to set up work groups system wide and on campus advisory groups.

**Business:**

Chancellor Oblinger provided an update on outcomes coming from the legislative session as follows:

- Salary Increases for Faculty, EPA, and SPA Staff (including benefits)
  - \$23,381,000 Recurring
  - Provides recurring funds for 6% salary increases for faculty and EPA staff.
  - Provides recurring funds for 5.5% salary increases for SPA staff.

- First Time in 10 Years with no reduction in the Operating Budget
- Engineering Complex III – Centennial Campus
  - \$61,000,000 Nonrecurring
  - Project costs include \$54.5 million for Engineering Building III Complex and \$15.2 million in associated infrastructure costs. Supports the continued relocation of the College of Engineering to Centennial Campus. Will provide 166,700 gsf for the Department of Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering (MAE) and the Department of Biomedical Engineering. *\$69.7 million total project budget: \$8.7 million in planning and design funds appropriated during the 2005 Session of the General Assembly.*
- Biomufacturing Training and Education Center (BTEC)
  - 2,000,000 Recurring
  - Continuing funds for operational costs.
- Research Campus at Kannapolis
  - \$1,900,000 Recurring – estimate;
  - (UNC System total \$5,000,000 Recurring; \$1,000,000 Nonrecurring)
- Repairs and Renovation Funds
  - \$18,500,000 Nonrecurring – estimate; (UNC System total \$102,225,426)
  - Provides one-time funds for the repairs and renovations of state-owned facilities.
- Need-Based Financial Aid
  - UNC System total-- \$21,587,990—Recurring
  - Increases need-based financial aid for an increase of 1,730 eligible students entering UNC institutions in the fall of 2006.
- Center for Universal Design
  - \$300,000 Nonrecurring
  - Provides one-time funds to continue the operations of the Center, housed within the College of Design. The Center designs products and environments to be usable by all people without the need for adaptation or specialized design. Federal funds of five years were not renewed, thus the need for state appropriations.
- Enrollment Funding in the Continuation Budget
  - Enrollment Funding included in the Continuation budget for the University and the Community College system, in a similar manner as the public schools.
- Faculty and Staff Competitiveness
  - University exemption from GS 135-1(20) to preserve UNC’s phased Retirement plan and allow for more flexibility in rehiring of retired faculty and staff.
  - Expanded the existing Tuition Waiver Program for faculty and staff Increasing the number of allowed courses from two to three.

Provost Nielsen reported on the following:

- Bright Horizon’s will be the day care provider for NC State employees. There are 20 slots available.
- SAS has partnership with NC State. The collaborative endeavor with SAS Institute will develop a professional graduate degree program in the emerging field of analytics.

- There will be two Millennium Seminars for the fall - September 12 and October 17.
- Compact Planning – Detailed instructions for the next three years have been distributed to the Deans’.
- Over 50 faculty attended the New Faculty Orientation in August.

The June 19, 2006 minutes were approved as prepared and distributed.

The following regulations and policies, including those enacted since June 19, 2006 University Council Meeting were reviewed:

∧ Grievance Procedure for Faculty, SAAO Tier II and EPA Professionals – POL05.25.1

∧ Review of Dean of Undergraduate Academic Programs, Dean of Graduate School and Vice Provost – REG05.50.5

- Alcohol Regulation – REG04.20.1

### **Informational:**

#### **Roundtable Reports**

The following announcements were made:

- Vice Chancellor and General Counsel stated that the new policy and rule webpage will go live on September 1.
- Vice Chancellor Charles Leffler reported that the telephone logs no longer are required.
- Vice Chancellor Terry Wood announced the ACHIEVE Campaign has surpassed \$950M. The Lifetime Giving Society event will be held on September 22. The State Employees Combined Campaign has set a goal of \$500,000. Also, Watauga Medal nominations are due September 14.
- Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford reported that we have lost two seniors from auto accidents.
- Vice Chancellor John Gilligan reported U.S. Representative Etheridge and Price visited NC State on August 9 to advocate for increased biofuels production. MeadWestvaco has moved to Centennial Campus on August 7.
- Dean Daniel Solomon reported the PAMS Alumni and Friends Welcome brochure will be mailed to each of them.
- Dean Marvin Malecha reported the Prague Institute has doubled in space. The dedication of Leazer Hall will be held the first week of classes.
- Dean Blanton Godfrey reported the College will have 253 new students this year. The three-dimensional weaving labs will be opening soon.
- Dean Thomas Conway announced the Undergraduate Research Journal will be distributed soon.
- Dean Toby Parcel announced on August 4 CHASS held a leadership retreat for Department Heads and Associate Deans.
- Associate Dean for Academics Dick Keltie reported the 2006-07 fall semester will hold the largest class of students – 1400.

- Athletic Director Lee Fowler announced “Wolfpack in the House” was the recipient of one of five Sportsmanship Recognition awards by the Division 1A Athletics Director' Association. Mr. Wuf is one of 12 contestants for the annual honor Capital One Bowl Mascot Challenge.
- Faculty Senate Chair-Elect Jim Martin reported that the Faculty Senate is concerned about the Graduate student pay from bi-weekly to monthly.
- Secretary of the University PJ Teal announced that on July 12, Wendell Murphy was re-elected as the Board of Trustees as Chair. The BOT meeting will be held on September 21 and 22 with the grand opening of the Visitor’s Center to take place on September 21. Ellen Klingler has been hired as the Director of Special Events, effective September 11. She comes to us from UNC-GA.
- Associate Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs Debbie Griffith reported that News Service has a new website, effective August 22.
- Chair of the Graduate Students Heather Shay reported that New Graduate Student Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 22 from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Student Body President Will Quick announced he will be meeting with Tom Crowder on the Hillsborough Partnership.

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