

**University Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Winslow Hall Conference Room  
Monday, January 14, 2019**

**Members Present:**

Randy Woodson, Warwick Arden, Carolyn Bird, Jeffery Braden, Frank Buckless, Jess Errico, Peter Harries, David Hinks, Cecile Hinson, Kevin Howell, Mark Hoversten, Duane Larick, Mary Lelik, Louis Martin-Vega, Chris McGahan, Mike Mullen, Jason Painter, Mary Peloquin-Dodd, Greg Raschke, Adam Schmidt, Sheri Schwab, Brian Sischo, Janice Sitzes, Lee Stiff (for Mary Ann Danowitz), Benny Suggs, PJ Teal, Mladen Vouk, Mary Watzin, Marie Williams, James Withrow, Debbie Yow.

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

**Announcements**

Chancellor Randy Woodson shared rankings for the university from the Center for Measuring University Performance's newly released 2017 report on the Top American Research Universities. NC State received its highest overall ranking in the past 10 years, placing in the top 50 research universities in the U.S. and ranking in the top 50 for four categories: Total Research (45), Faculty Awards (14), PhD Graduates (33) and Post-doctoral research associates (40). Woodson also highlighted Sylvia Blankenship's induction to the National Academy of Inventors for her work with 1-methylcyclopropene, commercially known as SmartFresh. She is NC State's 10<sup>th</sup> member.

Woodson also provided updates on the UNC System, the Board of Governors, and the Board of Trustees. Woodson noted that, as Interim President of the UNC System, Dr. Roper announced his transition team, which included Charlie Leffler, former Vice Chancellor of Finance and Administration at NC State. Woodson also announced that Ven Poole will complete the Board of Trustee term left empty following the passing of David Nimocks. This means that Poole will serve for two years to complete the current term and will then be eligible for reappointment for two full-terms. Trustees Stan Kelly, Ann Goodnight, Dewayne Washington, and Chip Andrews have terms ending this year and are eligible for reappointment. Trustees Susan Ward and current Chair Jimmy Clark have terms ending this year but are not eligible for reappointment.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Warwick Arden shared that Dr. Carla Johnson was recently selected as the executive director of the William and Ida Friday Institute for Educational Innovation. Johnson will join NC State from Purdue, where she currently serves as a special advisor to the dean of Purdue Polytechnic Institute on P16 STEM and as a professor of science education. Arden also announced that Kimberly Strozewski was recently chosen as the director of the NC State European Center in Prague. Strozewski is coming from CET Academic Programs, where she has served as Director of Prague Programs since 2006. Strozewski will assume the role in mid-February, with Interim Director Heidi Hobbs assisting with the transition through May.

Arden also announced that the national searches for the Dean of the Poole College of Management, the Vice Provost for Institutional Equity and Diversity, and the Vice Provost for Continuing Education are to begin in the near future. Arden noted that reviews for Jeff Braden, Dean of the

College of Humanities and Social Sciences, and Mary Lelik, Senior Vice Provost for Institutional Research and Planning, are underway and will conclude in the coming months.

**Information:**

Policies / Regulations / Programs enacted since October 8, 2018, University Council Meeting <https://generalcounsel.ncsu.edu/legal-resources/policies-and-regulations/prrs-recently-enactedapproved/>  
<https://provost.ncsu.edu/proposed-revisions/>

**Approvals**

The October 8, 2018 minutes were approved as distributed.

**Presentations**

Interim Dean of the Graduate School Peter Harries presented “The Changing Graduate Landscape: What is Known and What is Predicted.” Harries began with an overview of the fall enrollment demographics and statistics over the past ten years, highlighting overall increases in Master’s (30%) and Doctoral (19%) enrollment since 2009. Harries noted a decrease in applications from the international student population and the resident non-North Carolina student population over the past two years, suggesting that recent policy or news stories may have altered people’s perception of the state. Additionally, Harries emphasized the need for increased attention to mental health among graduate students and emphasized the importance of strong faculty mentorship for students. Harries also noted that a lack of funding, faculty capacity, and knowledge of NC State’s programs among applicants could be detrimental to the Graduate School’s success going forward.

Harries also outlined projected enrollment for Master’s and Doctoral students in 2020 and 2025. He showed that there will need to be significant increases, likely unattainable, in Master’s and Doctoral enrollment to meet the 2020 and 2025 enrollment targets. Harries explained new initiatives within the Graduate School that are designed to address enrollment issues and increase opportunities for student success. For example, the application process was streamlined with the use of a new platform called Slate, which provides supplemental application materials alongside the standard application to decrease redundancy. Harries also noted an increase in the number of Master’s (53%) and Doctoral (31%) degrees awarded since 2009, with significant increases in graduate student completion rates over the same 10-year period (85% for Master’s, 61% for Doctoral). Harries concluded by outlining areas of continued interest in the future, such as MOOCs and extracurricular development components like the Accelerate to Industry Program, Preparing the Professoriate, and Academic Packways programs. Harries also shared that the Graduate School is celebrating 125 years of graduate student success, as May 2019 marks the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first ever Master’s degree awarded by NC State.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.