

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Monday, January 11, 2021**

Members Present:

Randy Woodson, Warwick Arden, Brad Bohlander, Frank Buckless, Boo Corrigan, Mary Ann Danowitz, Helen DiPietro, Melanie Flowers, Myron Floyd, Pat Gaddy, Paula Gentius, Peter Harries, David Hinks, Cecile Hinson, Marc Hoit, Kevin Howell, Mark Hoversten, Hans Kellner, Duane Larick, Richard Linton, Paul Lunn, Charlie Maimone, Lexie Malico, Louis Martin-Vega, Chris McGahan, Allison Newhart, Margery Overton, Greg Raschke, Sheri Schwab, Coleman Simpson, Brian Sischo, Benny Suggs, Mladen Vouk, Lisa Zapata.

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

Announcements

Chancellor Woodson began by addressing the events that occurred at the U.S. Capitol building on January 6, 2021 and encouraged those who were struggling to process the events to reach out for assistance through Human Resources or the Counseling Center. Chancellor Woodson then shared student, faculty and staff successes from around campus. NC State has its fourth Marshall Scholar in Colton Botta, a 2019 graduate with a degree in computer science and a minor in business entrepreneurship. Two members of NC State's faculty were recently inducted into the National Academy of Inventors: Dr. Tom Ranney, the JC Raulston Distinguished Professor in the Department of Horticulture Science, and Dr. Behnam Pourdeyhimi, the Klopman Distinguished Professor of Textile Materials and associate dean for industry research and extension in the Wilson College of Textiles. Leah Burton, Director of the Centennial Campus Partnerships Office and Industry Alliances, was elected president of the Association of University Research Parks Board of Directors.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Arden shared that the online survey to determine preference for serving on a University Standing Committee will be open January 11 to February 1 and asked University Council members to encourage their faculty and staff to participate. There are currently 15 University Standing Committees dedicated to programs and policies for the enhancement of NC State. Provost Arden also provided an update on the Strategic Planning process, noting that an update was sent to faculty, staff and students in early December sharing a high-level executive summary of NC State's proposed 2021-2030 vision, values and strategic plan goals. Listening sessions are being held with several campus groups to get feedback.

Information:

Policies / Regulations / Programs enacted since the October 12, 2020 University Council Meeting were approved.

<https://generalcounsel.ncsu.edu/legal-resources/policies-and-regulations/prrs-recently-enactedapproved/>

<https://provost.ncsu.edu/proposed-revisions/>

Approvals

The October 12, 2020 minutes were approved as distributed.

Presentations

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Warwick Arden, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Charles Maimone, and Associate Vice Chancellor for University Communications and Marketing Brad Bohlander spoke about the plans and preparations for the Spring 2021 semester.

Provost Arden highlighted plans related to academics, student support and research at the university for the semester. Roughly 61% of all courses were scheduled as online deliver at the time of the University Council meeting, with 75% of undergraduate and 50% of graduate sections falling into this category. DASA has a number of programs and events planned that will help engage students this semester, starting with Winter Welcome Week. Wellness and Recreation and University Libraries have plans for safe operations during the spring that will provide students, faculty and staff with much-needed resources. Research at NC State has performed incredibly well during the pandemic, with a successful phased research start up from March 2020. Overall, FY 2020-21 research awards, proposals, and expenditures are currently tracking or exceeding FY 2019-20 numbers.

Vice Chancellor Maimone provided an update on the budget outlook, university operations, and COVID testing. Auxiliary units are expected to experience lower revenues again this spring, and tuition is stable but down by \$11 million. NC State will receive new relief funds through HEERF (Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund) and additional funding through GEER (Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund) is appropriated in the new federal relief bill. NC State will conduct return to campus COVID testing in January and require proof of a COVID-19 PCR test for all students, faculty, and staff returning to live or work on campus, and for students living within a 1-mile radius of campus. All NC State employees will also have to complete the REPORTER training module "Returning to Campus Safely during COVID-19." NC State will remain committed to our community standards for the spring semester.

Associate Vice Chancellor Bohlander shared updates on communications from the fall 2020 semester and communications plans related to the spring semester. Communications in the fall were a campus-wide collaborative effort between University Communication and lead communicators in offices across campus. More than 500 pandemic-related messages were shared with the campus community during that time. The spring communications plans include auditing and updating the Protect the Pack site, including the Dashboard. Positive cases from all sources will be updated on the Dashboard and development of clusters will be posted on the Protect the Pack site. If an employee informs their supervisor and allows them to communicate their positive result, EMMC has a template available to guide any desired department or unit-level communications. Communications for the start of the spring semester will focus on the community standards, six steps of safety, and enforcement.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.