

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
Zoom Meeting
Monday, October 12, 2020**

Members Present:

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

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

Announcements

Chancellor Woodson noted highlights from NC State's Day of Giving: Stronger as a Pack, which was focused on bolstering scholarships, the Student Emergency Fund and related initiatives, diversity and inclusion efforts, and enhancement funds. The university raised \$23 million through 8,230 gifts made in the 24-hour time period. Two extraordinary gifts created a \$5 million matching pool for the Extraordinary Opportunity Scholarship Initiative. Chancellor Woodson also reminded University Council members that NC State's Racial Equity Summit will be held on October 15. The Summit will be led by Joretha Johnson using the appreciative inquiry method and will help create a system for continued change and ongoing discussions about racial equity at NC State. Additional updates from the Chancellor included highlights for the university's upcoming virtual Red and White Week events and the virtual Commencement celebration for the Class of 2020.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Arden shared information related to the university's COVID-19 response and planning for the spring semester. Most recent data shows that incidents of COVID on campus are low. The fall semester showed that classrooms and lab spaces were relatively low risk for COVID exposure in addition to the Libraries, Dining, and Extension facilities. University Housing is higher risk, prompting changes to occupancy and operations for the spring semester. Nearly 5,000 students will be in single occupancy rooms in residence halls, with space for an additional 500 students in Fraternity and Sorority Life. Plans are in progress for more robust testing protocols and facilities in the spring. Approximately 20 percent of classes in the spring semester are scheduled with face-to-face instruction at this time. Planning is also underway for additional extracurricular activities for students who feel disconnected from the university and their peers.

Information:

Policies / Regulations / Programs enacted since the August 10, 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 August 10, 2020 minutes were approved as distributed.

Presentations

Associate Vice Chancellor for Budget and Resource Management Barbara Moses provided an update on the budget, beginning with information on recent Board of Governors' (BOG) actions. The BOG shared the following guidelines for student tuition and fees for 2021: no tuition increase for undergraduate and graduate residents; tuition increases allowed for undergraduate and graduate non-residents; Student Health fee increases may be requested but all other fee increase requests must be offset with an equal reduction. The Tuition Review Advisory Committee, co-chaired by Provost Arden and Student Body President Melanie Flowers, and the Fee Review Committee, co-chaired by Interim Vice Chancellor Lisa Zapata and Student Senate President Coleman Simpson, made recommendations under these guidelines. The UNC System Office is also working on a Unified Budget Initiative that will develop a budget for all funding sources for each university executed for fiscal year 2021-2022.

Associate Vice Chancellor Moses also shared information about the effect of the COVID-19 pandemic on the university budget. NC State's auxiliary units saw significant decreases in revenue, which prompted furloughs and salary reduction plans for McKimmon, Transportation, Athletics and Campus Enterprises. The UNC System Office approved the plans for all of these units. At this time, furloughs and salary reductions affect 478 employees. All of the funds resulting from furloughs and salary reductions will go directly to the unit of the affected employee. Voluntary furloughs, salary reductions or funds from other units cannot be used to support the auxiliary units due to legal restrictions. The university has received state and federal support through CARES funding and the NC Coronavirus Relief Fund.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.