

**University Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Winslow Hall Conference Room  
Monday, October 11, 2021**

**Members Present:**

Randy Woodson, Warwick Arden, RaJade Berry-James, Brad Bohlander, Frank Buckless, Raymond Harrison (for Boo Corrigan), Deanna Dannels, Helen DiPietro, Margaret Erickson, Myron Floyd, Paula Gentius, Ursula Hairston, Peter Harries, McKenzy Heavlin, David Hinks, Kevin Howell, Mark Hoversten, Hans Kellner, Richard Linton, Paul Lunn, Charles Maimone, Louis Martin-Vega, Christine McGahan, Allison Newhart, Margery Overton, Greg Raschke, Sheri Schwab, Lisa Zapata (for Doneka Scott), Brian Sischo, Benny Suggs, Paola Sztajn, Molly Vanhoy, Mladen Vouk.

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

**Announcements**

Chancellor Woodson began by recognizing Dr. Paola Sztajn, who is serving as the interim dean of the College of Education. Chancellor Woodson then provided updates from the NC State Board of Trustees, including the passing of Trustee Odierno and the Board's resolution restating all delegations of authority per the UNC System Board of Governors' direction. Chancellor Woodson shared a brief update on plans for Red and White Week, which is scheduled for October 24-October 30, and fall Commencement, which will be held on Tuesday, December 14 in PNC Arena. Chancellor Woodson also encouraged University Council members to review NC State's new Flexible Work Arrangements Policy and look for a website with additional information from University Human Resources in the coming weeks.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Arden shared updates on leadership searches for two deans. Provost Arden thanked Dr. Sztajn for serving as interim dean of the College of Education after Mary Ann Danowitz returned to the faculty. The search for a new dean of the College is underway with Dean Chris McGahan serving as chair of the search committee. Dr. Paul Lunn, Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, will be leaving NC State in early 2022. Dr. Kate Meurs will serve as interim dean of the College and Dean David Hinks will serve as the chair of the search committee. Provost Arden also shared brief updates about NC State's engineering expansion plans. The Provost and Vice Chancellor Maimone have created a working group for this effort, which is led by Margery Overton. Membership includes key staff from the Office of the Provost, the Office of Finance and Administration, the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, the College of Engineering, the College of Sciences, and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences, among other offices and units across campus.

**Information:**

Policies / Regulations / Programs enacted since the August 16, 2021 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 16, 2021 minutes were approved as distributed.

## **Presentation**

Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, Partnerships and Economic Development Kevin Howell and Assistant Vice Chancellor for External Affairs, Partnerships and Economic Development Julie Smith provided a legislative budget update. The legislative session began on January 13, 2021 and much of the initial work was focused on the COVID-19 pandemic and managing the influx of federal aid. This, paired with extended deadlines for taxes and delayed revenues, contributed to a delayed state budget.

The House of Representatives and Senate each proposed budgets, then the conference committee sent a budget proposal to the Governor. The details were kept confidential this year to help expedite the process. The Governor offered a counterproposal to the conference committee's initial proposal. A joint caucus will be held later this week to discuss next steps. If a budget is approved, it may take longer than 30 days to certify since there are so many sources of funds.

Possible NC State highlights from the original proposed budgets from the House and Senate include \$80 million in funding for the Integrative Sciences Building, support for expanding NC State's engineering program (\$10 million in nonrecurring funding in each year of the biennium), and funding for NIIMBL. Possible highlights from the budget for the UNC System include funding for pay raises and one-time bonuses, funding for enrollment growth, and R&R funding.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.