University Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Winslow Hall Conference Room  
Monday, October 10, 2022

Members Present:
Randy Woodson, Warwick Arden, Brad Bohlander, Frank Buckless, Boo Corrigan, Tim Danielson, Deanna Dannels, Harry Daniels (for John Dole), Melissa Pasquinelli (for Myron Floyd), Paula Gentius, Peter Harries, McKenzy Heavlin, Cecile Hinson, Marc Hoit, Kevin Howell, Sharon Joines (for Mark Hoversten), Don Hunt, Charlie Maimone, Reshunda Mahone, Louis Martin-Vega, John Blondin (for Chris McGahan), Herle McGowan, Anthony Blikslager (for Kate Meurs), Allison Newhart, Margery Overton, Jill Phipps, Carolyn Argentati (for Greg Raschke), Stephanie Helms Pickett (for Sheri Schwab), Bret Smith (for Doneka Scott), Brian Sischo, Katharine Stewart, Mladen Vouk.

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

Announcements
Chancellor Woodson began by sharing updates related to university leadership. Chancellor Woodson acknowledged that this was the last meeting for two University Council members. Chris McGahan, dean of the College of Sciences, will be retiring effective January 1, 2023. Benny Suggs, Alumni Association Executive Director, will be retiring in December 2022. Chancellor Woodson also welcomed the newest member of the University Council, Reshunda Mahone. Reshunda joined NC State in August as the Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Engagement and Annual Giving.

Chancellor Woodson shared updates and information of note from across campus, starting with recent rankings. Money Magazine ranked Raleigh as the fourth best place to live in its 2022 list, and cited NC State as a major factor in the city’s booming economy. Chancellor Woodson also mentioned that NC State will have a new inductee to the National Inventors Hall of Fame in 2023. This will be the university’s fifth National Inventors Hall of Fame member. Chancellor Woodson reminded members that the fall Commencement will be held on December 17, 2022 and shared that an announcement about the Commencement speaker would be forthcoming. Before concluding, Chancellor Woodson acknowledged recent student deaths and the university’s counseling services and other mental health and well-being programs.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Arden shared several updates related to leadership searches. Dean searches are underway for three colleges: the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, the College of Engineering, and the College of Sciences. A strong pool of applicants is expected for each search. The search for a new leader for the Institute of Emerging Issues has also started. Candidate selection will be completed shortly and finalist interviews will take place in late October or early November. Vice Provost for Outreach and Engagement Kwesi Brookins will be stepping down from his role and leaving NC State. He has accepted the position of Associate Provost for Outreach and Engagement at Michigan State University, his alma mater. Provost Arden also mentioned the university’s newest academy. Professor of Molecular Epidemiology Sid Thakur will lead the Global One Health Academy, which is designed to build upon our strengths in agriculture and plant health, veterinary medicine and domestic animal health, and the health of biodiverse ecosystems and human societies. This is the university’s third academy.

Information:
Policies / Regulations / Programs enacted since the March 14, 2022 University Council Meeting were approved.
Approvals
The March 14, 2022 minutes were approved as presented.

Presentations
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Warwick Arden started the presentation with a brief timeline on the creation of the Office of Instructional Programs and the Office of University Interdisciplinary Programs. In 2021, following the announcements of planned retirements for Senior Vice Provost Tom Miller and Senior Vice Provost Duane Larick, the Provost's Office shared plans for a reorganization that would create the Office of Instructional Programs and the Office of University Interdisciplinary Programs. In 2022, Helen Chen was named Senior Vice Provost for Instructional Programs and Rob Dunn was named Senior Vice Provost for University Interdisciplinary Programs.

Senior Vice Provost Helen Chen then provided an overview of the Office of Instructional Programs and a brief update on her goals for the unit. The Office of Instructional Programs houses the Digital Education and Learning Technology Applications (DELTA), NC State Continuing and Lifelong Education (NCSCaLE) and Universitywide Instructional Programs. The Office of Instructional Programs provides resources for academic planning, professional development and innovative programmatic offerings, such as stackable credentials and competency-based learning. The Office of Instructional Programs has five pillars: fostering universitywide collaboration, supporting faculty and staff engagement and innovation, innovating programs and delivery, accelerating entrepreneurial initiatives, and expanding external partnerships. In the coming months, the Office of Instructional Programs plans to support faculty engagement in program development, support interdisciplinary courses and programs, assist in the SACSCOC reaffirmation process, and engage with stakeholders to explore professional development and continuing and lifelong learning strategies.

Senior Vice Provost Rob Dunn shared an overview of the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs, which supports several programs and initiatives across campus. These include the university’s academies, the Shelton Leadership Center, innovation and entrepreneurship, and the university’s partnership with local museums. The Office of Interdisciplinary Programs also supports efforts like the Plant Sciences Initiative and the Integrative Sciences Initiative and building. Senior Vice Provost Dunn also highlighted challenges and opportunities that will drive the Office of Interdisciplinary Programs’ future work. These include creating streamlined scenarios for interdisciplinary courses and degree programs, cooperating with the Office of Research and Innovation to support interdisciplinary research, and identifying centralized services needed to best serve interdisciplinarity while also serving individual colleges and units.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:31 a.m.