University Council
Meeting Minutes
Winslow Hall Conference Room
October 9, 2023

<u>Members Present:</u>
Warwick Arden, Margaret Baker, Frank Buckless, Boo Corrigan, Timothy Danielson, Juliana Nfah-Abbenyi (for Deanna Dannels), Melissa Pasquinelli (for Myron Floyd), Garey Fox, Paula Gentius, Charles Hall, Peter Harries, Marc Hoit, Kevin Howell, M. Elen Deming (for Mark Hoversten) Cindy Barr (for Don Hunt), Reshunda Mahone, Barbara Moses (for Charlie Maimone), Herle McGowan, Laura Nelson (for Kate Meurs), Lewis Owen, Jim Pfaendtner, Joe White (for Greg Raschke), Ontario Wooden (for Doneka Scott), Brian Sischo, Katharine Stewart, Paola Sztajn.

Provost Warwick Arden called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

<u>Announcements</u>
Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Arden shared several updates on behalf of Chancellor Randy Woodson, who was unable to attend the meeting. The U.S. News and World Report released their rankings in mid-September, placing NC State No. 60 in the nation overall and No. 28 among public universities. Provost Arden also shared that the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities recently named NC State a regional winner of the 2023 W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Scholarship Award. The award recognizes the work of NC State's Coastal Dynamics Design Lab, which organizes and leads cross-disciplinary research and design teams that address critical ecological and community development challenges in small and rural communities that are working to build resilience toward or recover from flood disasters. Provost Arden also spoke briefly on two new facilities. The first was the newly opened Pack Essentials Hub in North Hall. Over the last three years alone, the Pack Essentials program has received over 7,000 applications and provided over $2 million to students through the Student Emergency Fund, meal share program and the Feed the Pack food pantry. The second was the plant improvement facility that NC State recently broke ground on in partnership with the USDA's Agricultural Research Service. When completed, this building at the Lake Wheeler Road Field Laboratory will house between 30 and 40 scientists from NC State and the Agricultural Research Service. Finally, Provost Arden outlined NC State's recent partnership with the Jed Foundation to become a JED Campus as part of the university's ongoing efforts to support student mental health and well-being.

Provost Arden also shared several updates from his office, starting with administrative performance reviews for deans and vice provosts. Two reviews are scheduled for the fall 2023 semester: Greg Raschke, Senior Vice Provost and Director of the NC State University Libraries, and Frank Buckless, Stephen P. Zelnak Jr. Dean of the Poole College of Management. Provost Arden also mentioned a forthcoming memo regarding the annual QS World University Rankings survey. The annual QS World University rankings are important and have a significant impact on NC State's ability to attract global government sponsors and collaborative research projects. NC State is currently ranked 274 in the world university rankings, with an overall score of 37.2 based on academic reputation and employer reputation. A memo will be sent to vice chancellors, deans and department heads later this week seeking assistance in developing a global list of co-authors, alumni, and employers who know and love NC State to fill out QS surveys. Provost Arden thanked members of University Council for attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the Integrative Sciences Building on September 8

Provost Arden provided a high-level overview of the budget, which includes much-needed salary increases for our hardworking faculty and staff. Employees will receive an across-the-board salary increase of 4% this year and a 3% increase next year, for a total of 7%. NC State will also receive vital funding to expand educational and research opportunities by investing in the growth of existing

programs and funding new initiatives. This includes more than $25 million in educational support that reaches across the entire university. The budget also reflects a substantial commitment to fund the construction of new learning spaces and the repair and renovation of specified existing buildings. This reflects more than $480 million that will help to ensure NC State has facilities to provide a world-class experiential education to students and opportunities for globally-recognized scholarship for our faculty.

Information:
Policies / Regulations / Programs enacted since the March 6, 2023 University Council Meeting were reviewed. This included 16 PRRs and 0 degree program items:

- RUL 05.68.42 - Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies Post Tenure Review Standards and Procedures
- POL 04.20.05 – Illegal Drugs
- POL 05.15.03 – Non-Salary and Deferred Compensation
- POL 05.15.01 – Employees Exempt from the State Human Resources Act (EHRA) Policy
- REG 08.00.12 – Social Media
- REG 07.40.02 – Reporting Misuse of University Property and Resources
- REG 01.25.12 – University Record Retention and Disposition Regulation
- RUL 05.67.412 – Department of Performing Arts and Technology Subsequent Contract and Promotion Standards and Procedures
- RUL 05.67.303 – Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Standards and Procedure
- REG 02.70.02 – Financial Aid – Eligibility for Continued Receipt of Financial Aid
- REG 11.35.02 – Student Discipline Procedures
- REG 11.65.03 – Ticketing Regulation (Repealed)
- REG 11.65.01 – Contract Ticketing Rule (Repealed)
- REG 11.60.02 – Procedures for Serving & Consuming Alcohol at NC State Student Centers, Thompson Theatre & Price Music Center (Repealed)
- REG 11.20.01 – Art Acquisitions Standards (Repealed)
- RUL 05.68.34 – Department of Biomedical Engineering Post Tenure Review Standards and Procedures

Approvals
The August 14, 2023 minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation
Vice Chancellor for Information Technology Marc Hoit presented on cybersecurity and technology at NC State. The Office of Information Technology works to keep NC State safe from cybersecurity threats and supports the university's strategic plan through their work in managing cybersecurity requirements, inventory and ownership of systems, technology support through the Help Desk and ServiceNow, security training, required compliance assessments, and more. Vice Chancellor Hoit shared that the top cybersecurity risks for NC State include, but are not limited to, retention and recruitment of qualified personnel, insufficient compliance of cybersecurity awareness and training, and an insufficient recurring cybersecurity budget that grows based on risk.

Cybersecurity is a critical issue in higher education. NC State saw more than 2,600 reports of phishing this year, a significant increase over the less than 500 reports received in 2021. Compliance requirements continue to grow and place additional demand across the university. Federal agencies, such as the Department of Education, Department of Defense, and Federal Trade Commission, all have increasing data security requirements. NC State has proactively performed three major assessments across the university to identify areas for improvement and next steps to reach compliance with these requirements. Several policies, rules and regulations exist to help guide and enforce compliant behavior. IT-related purchases at the university must be verified to meet

cybersecurity requirements and IT accessibility requirements before purchase.

Vice Chancellor Hoit shared that, in addition to ensuring compliance with cybersecurity policy and safety measures, the Office of Information Technology (OIT) is responsible for many programs and initiatives that support the university's strategic plan. For example, OIT is leading NC State's new eSports effort. The legislature provided the university with $16 million in funding to create an eSports arena and mobile arena. OIT also supports research and teaching through partnerships. This year, the university signed a memorandum of understanding with the USDA Agricultural Research Service to host one of their SCINET supercomputer nodes. OIT also collaborates with internal partners like DELTA and the NC State University Libraries to facilitate their work and support specialized spaces. Looking ahead, Vice Chancellor Hoit touched on current and future challenges facing OIT, including talent retention, data storage and the increasing costs of cyber insurance.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26 a.m.