

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
Winslow Hall Conference Room
January 13, 2025**

Members Present:

Randy Woodson, Warwick Arden, Frank Buckless, Brad Brown (for Boo Corrigan), Tim Danielson, Deanna Dannels, Lisa Marie Ferrell, Myron Floyd, Kimberly Grainger, Garey Fox, Charles Hall, Peter Harries, David Hinks, Cecile Hinson, Marc Hoit, Mark Hoversten, Don Hunt, Reshunda Mahone, Charlie Maimone, Allison Markert, Herle McGowan, Jameco McKenzie, Kate Meurs, Allison Newhart, Lewis Owen, Margery Overton, Jim Pfaendtner, Greg Raschke, Doneka Scott, Brian Sischo, Julie Smith, Paola Sztajn, Alyson Wilson.

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

Announcements

Chancellor Woodson opened the meeting by acknowledging the University's Council's newest member, Chair-elect of the Faculty, Walter Robinson. He then thanked Chair-elect Robinson for his leadership and willingness to serve on the University Council.

Chancellor Woodson discussed NC State's Fall Commencement ceremony, which took place on December 14. Chancellor Woodson shared that, at the ceremony, the university conferred more than 3,400 degrees. Rashida Hodge, corporate vice president of Microsoft's Customer Success Azure Data and AI team and member of NC State's Board of Visitors, delivered the keynote address. Elyza Tran, a graduating student from the Poole College of Management, served as the student speaker. Chancellor Woodson also mentioned plans to move NC State's spring commencement ceremonies to Carter-Finley Stadium beginning this May.

Chancellor Woodson then shared updates on NC State's most recent admissions data. He mentioned that many students joined the NC State campus in January, such as transfer and spring connect students. He also shared that, as of the previous week, the university had received over 43,000 applications from prospective first-year students and 1,000 applications from prospective transfer students. Chancellor Woodson also reviewed and shared information on application and decision deadlines for this past fall and this spring. He then briefly discussed background information for the Budgetary Challenges and Opportunities presentation to come later in the meeting.

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Arden shared several updates from his office, first sharing that the Standing Committee Survey was open on the day of the meeting through February 3. He then asked attending members to encourage their colleagues to fill out the survey, as it plays an important role in governance.

Provost Arden also shared that NC State launched its fourth academy in December, the Climate and Sustainability Academy. Erin Seekamp will serve as the executive leader of the initiative and Chris Galik will serve as the Deputy Executive Director. Two open houses, on March 3 and March 6 from 9:00am to 11:30am, will be held for discussion on the new academy. Provost Arden also mentioned that the latest class of Goodnight Early Career Innovators was recently announced, and will receive funding for their research and further development.

Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Charlie Maimone then briefly spoke, thanking those present for their work during a recent weather event, and invited the group for feedback on future improvements.

Chancellor Woodson then shared information on the Park Scholarships Program's new partnership with the Stamps Foundation, which will result in 10 students in the Class of 2029 being both Park and Stamps Scholars. NC State is one of 37 universities to have a Stamp Foundation program. Chancellor Woodson shared that, while the program will be run under the infrastructure provided by the Park Scholarship program, there will be new involvement on behalf of the Stamp Foundation. Chancellor Woodson also mentioned that the Goodnights will be doubling the Goodnight Scholars Program, in which there will be almost 600 scholars on campus once the transition is complete.

Information:

Policies / Regulations / Rules / Programs enacted since the October 21, 2024 University Council Meeting were reviewed. This included 20 PRRs and 10 degree program items:

- REG 04.05.02 – Campus/Workplace Violence Prevention and Management
- REG 02.20.07 – Course Syllabus
- REG 10.00.05 – Export Control Compliance
- REG 01.25.01 – Conflicts of Interest and Conflicts of Commitment
- REG 11.30.06 – Residence Hall Visitation Regulation
- RUL 02.61.05 – Use of the NC State University Libraries
- REG 05.20.04 – Post Tenure Review of Faculty
- REG 05.20.31 – Tenure Clock
- REG 05.20.34 – Professional Faculty Ranks and Appointments
- REG 04.10.01 Drug and Alcohol Free Workplace
- REG 02.90.01 – Assessment of Academic Programs
- REG 05.55.02 – Hiring Procedures for Faculty and EHRA Personnel
- POL 05.25.01 – Faculty Grievance, Review and Hearings Policy
- POL 05.20.01 – Appointment, Reappointment, Promotion and Permanent Tenure
- POL 01.05.06 – Board of Trustees Delegations of Authority and Committee Responsibilities
- POL 05.15.01 – Exempt Professional Staff (EPS) Employees Policy
- REG 01.20.02 – Delegation of Authority to Sign Contracts
- RUL 05.67.25 Department of Biological and Agricultural Engineering Professional Faculty Contract and Promotion Standards and Procedures
- RUL 05.67.854 Department of Clinical Sciences Professional Faculty Contract and Promotion Standards and Procedures
- REG 08.00.02 – Use of IT Resources Regulation
- Request to Change Academic Department Name – CHASS Dept of IDS to IHSS
- Request to Restructure Academic Department – PCOM Dept of Business Management
- Request to Discontinue Accelerated Bachelor's/Master's (ABM) – B.A and M.S. in Communication
- Request to Discontinue Graduate Certificate – Nano-Systems Engineering
- Request to Discontinue Graduate Certificate – Tax Analytics and Technology
- Request to Establish New Graduate Certificate – Food Safety
- Request to Establish New Graduate Degree Program – M.S. in Global One Health
- Request to Establish New Undergraduate Certificate – Latin
- Request for Online Delivery – M.R. in Food Science
- Undergraduate Degree Exceeding 120 Credit Hours – Environmental Engineering

Approvals

The October 21, 2024 minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation

Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Warwick Arden and Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Charlie Maimone presented on Budgetary Challenges and Opportunities, with a focus on university growth while facing budget constraints. Executive Vice Chancellor Maimone discussed how NC State's budget is made up of two primary funds. The first is the general fund, made up of state appropriations and student tuition. The second is contracts and grants, as well as

associated facilities and administration. Many of these fund areas could become constrained with foreseeable and predicted economic changes, such as tax reductions, inflation, etc. While there are several possible constraints in the foreseeable future, Executive Vice Chancellor Maimone emphasized the many ways the university can prepare. Those attending were encouraged, with their departments, to discuss fund management as they prepare for the coming years.

Provost Arden then provided information on the factors he perceived as impactful to the budget. These factors included the university's internal funding momentum, changes in funding prioritization from the state of North Carolina and the UNC System Office, and the unpredictable nature of funding from the federal government that comes with new administrations. With this knowledge, Provost Arden emphasized the fact that resources may be limited and in high demand over the next few years, and departments should work together to reallocate resources if necessary. Provost Arden then opened the floor for discussion among the University Council.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:06 a.m.