University Council
Meeting Minutes
Winslow Hall Conference Room
August 10, 2026

Members Present:
Kevin Howell, Cindy Barr, Frank Buckless, Stephanie Menio (for Boo Corrigan), Tim Danielson, Deanna Dannels, Megan Jacob (for Garey Fox), Jim Pfaendtner, Kimberly Grainger, Lian Lynch (for Peter Harries), Marc Hoit, Sharon Joines, Marissa Langford, Reshunda Mahone, Charlie Maimone, Jameco McKenzie, Mordecai Mengesteab, Kate Meurs, Veena Misra, Allison Newhart, Lewis Owen, Melissa Pasquinelli, Carolyn Argentati (for Greg Raschke), Walter Robinson, Lisa Schiller, Sheri Schwab, Brian Sischo, Julie Smith, Katie Stennette, Nicholas Thorpe (for Paola Sztajn), Eileen Taylor, TJ Trantham, Knox Trask, Krista Walton, Donna McGalliard (for Lisa Zapata).

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

Announcements
Chancellor Howell opened the meeting by expressing his gratitude to the University Council for their service and then leading roundtable introductions. He then asked Ellen Klingler, Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Special Events and Experiences, to share updates on the upcoming homecoming event celebrating astronaut Christina Koch. Ellen shared background on Christina as well as goals, priorities, messaging and logistics for the event. Ellen then turned things back over to Chancellor Howell, who shared updates from around campus.

Chancellor Howell provided an update on the recent Board of Trustees meeting that took place in July, including the welcoming of a new member and the election of officers. Chancellor Howell then shared statistics on the incoming class of freshmen and transfer students, as well as details on events being held to celebrate the start of the fall semester. Before closing, he highlighted NC State's recent success in maintaining enrollment numbers, and the privilege it is to lead the university's land-grant mission.

Chancellor Howell then invited Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Pfaendtner to speak and share updates. Provost Pfaendtner began by discussing recent changes his office has made to align with the university's mission of supporting students and research. He also summarized changes in leadership that occurred in the spring and summer, noting interim leaders in Enrollment Management and Services, the Division of Academic and Student Affairs, and three colleges. He also provided updates on a recently completed leadership review in addition to reviews that would take place this year. Finally, he shared an overview of recent organizational changes within the Provost's units. Chancellor Howell thanked the Provost for his strong leadership and his willingness to serve in this role.

Information:
Policies / Regulations / Rules / Programs enacted since the January 12 University Council Meeting were reviewed. This included 33 PRRs and 3 degree program items:

- RUL 05.67.308 – College of Engineering Contract, Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Standards and Procedures
- REG 04.25.02 – Discrimination, Harassment and Retaliation Complaint Procedures
- POL 04.25.05 – Equal Opportunity and Nondiscrimination Policy
- REG 07.25.15 – Campus Development Process
- POL 03.00.02 – Criteria and Procedures for Naming Facilities, Programs, Positions and Funds
- REG 01.25.17 – Surveys of NC State Students, Alumni, Faculty, Staff and/or Administrators

- RUL 05.67.12 – Division of Academic and Student Affairs/University College Professional Track Contract and Promotion Standards and Procedures
- REG 05.20.03 – Annual Reviews of Faculty Members
- REG 10.00.02 – Research Integrity and Responding to Allegations of Research Misconduct
- REG 07.25.01 – Alteration, Renovation, Maintenance and Repair of Facilities
- RUL 05.67.603 – College of Natural Resources Contract, Reappointment, Promotion and Tenure Standards and Procedures
- RUL 05.67.707 – Department of Biological Sciences RPT Standards and Procedures
- POL 10.00.01 – Patent and Tangible Research Policy
- REG 02.90.01 – Assessment of Academic Programs
- REG 02.90.02 – Assessment of Administrative Units
- POL 02.90.01 – Academic Program Assessment
- RUL 05.20.01 – Employment and Special Designations of Librarians
- RUL 08.00.21 – Vulnerability Management Standard
- RUL 08.00.18 – Endpoint Protection Standard
- POL 07.60.01 – Parking and Transportation Ordinances
- RUL 05.67.107 – College of Design Professional Track Faculty Contract and Promotion Standards and Procedures
- REG 11.00.01 – Family Educational Rights and Privacy (FERPA)
- REG 07.30.14 – Capital Assets – Home Use of Equipment
- REG 10.10.08 – Postdoctoral Scholars
- RUL 10.15.01 – Training in Responsible Conduct of Research (Repealed)
- RUL 08.00.19 — Identity and Authentication Rule
- RUL 08.00.20 — Cybersecurity Baseline Rule
- REG 08.00.02 – Use of IT Resources Regulation
- REG 07.40.01 – Disposal of University Property
- RUL 08.00.13 – Network Printer Security Standard
- REG 08.00.03 – Data Management Regulation
- RUL 08.00.14 – System and Software Security Patching Standard
- RUL 08.00.16 – Security Standards for Sensitive Data and Systems
- New Undergraduate Certificate – Hindi-Urdu
- New Undergraduate Certificate – Sales Excellence
- Request to Discontinue – BS in Professional Golf Management

Approvals
The January 12, 2026 minutes were approved as presented.

Presentation
Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff Julie Smith presented a Legislative Update. She opened by sharing highlights of the 2026 Short Session, mentioning the priority for a new budget, the recent prominent primary election and the revenue forecast. Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff Smith then discussed how NC State was recognized in the operating budget, including funding for enrollment growth, support for the Commercial Leap Ahead for Wide Bandgap Semiconductors (CLAWS) Hub, funding for the support and expansion of Engineering NC's Future and in several other areas. She then shared details on NC State's capital items, including funding for several demolition and construction projects on campus, as well as other pertinent items such as the recent raises and bonuses for state employees. Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff Smith also highlighted the approval of self-liquidiating authority for phase one of NC State's Cates West Project, before mentioning several upcoming items in the legislature.

Executive Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration Charlie Maimone then offered a fiscal year 2026-2027 budget update. He began by thanking everyone for their work over the last year to prepare for the projected budget constraints, and shared new processes and programs that have been implemented to prepare NC State for future challenges. Executive Vice Chancellor Maimone

then briefly discussed budget details that had previously been covered by Vice Chancellor and Chief of Staff Smith, before sharing different types of methodologies for and restrictions on funding sources at the university. He then gave an overview on the university's budget planning process, including the recent establishment of 5-year budgets for all funding sources and position planning resources. Executive Vice Chancellor Maimone then provided a university budget planning process timeline for the fiscal year.

Discussion

The floor was then opened for questions and discussion on the presentations, with topics including graduate student pay, student scholarships and financial aid and research funding. Chancellor Howell then invited members to share highlights from their units.

Adjournment

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.