

MINUTES

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro Board of Trustees

February 19, 2009

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stephen Hassenfelt (Chair), Kate Barrett, Earlene Hardie Cox, Carolyn Ferree, Randall Kaplan, Richard Moore, Jane Preyer, James “Smitty” Smith, Gwynn Swinson, Michael Tusso

ABSENT WITH NOTICE: Jean Davis, William Pratt

OTHER STAFF MEMBERS/GUESTS: Rebecca Adams, Nelson Bobb, Linda Brady, Mike Byers, Lucien Capone, Terri Cartner, James Clotfelter, Jeff Colbert, Carol Disque, Steve Gilliam, Scott Milman, Sharlene O’Neil, David Perrin, Cindy Reed, Jim Ryan, Patricia Stewart, Reade Taylor, Rod Wyatt

Chair Stephen Hassenfelt called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

WELCOME:

Chair Hassenfelt welcomed members of the Board of Trustees and invited guests.

In accordance with the UNC Board of Governors, Chair Hassenfelt then read the following statement:

“As chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my responsibility to remind all members of the board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees’ meeting. If any board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board of Trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time.”

No conflicts were noted.

Roll call was then read by Sharlene O’Neil, assistant secretary.

REMARKS BY CHANCELLOR LINDA BRADY:

Chancellor Brady began by thanking Board members, Executive Staff members, Chair of the Faculty Senate, and others who attended the retreat yesterday and contributed to the excellent conversation about the major issues we face as a university and the discussion of the Strategic Plan.

She commented on the current difficult economic climate and stressed that we need to focus on establishing peer priorities and becoming a more responsive institution. At the Board of Governors meeting on February 13, one of the questions posed by President Bowles to the chancellors was “How will the universities help economically disadvantaged communities?”

According to Brady, UNCG is looking at at least three different levels of potential budget cuts for next year, including 3%, 5%, and 7%. She added that Reade Taylor did an excellent job at the retreat yesterday in characterizing the impact of cuts on UNCG at those levels. We will not know for some time where we will end up for next year. She believes we are well prepared to make some difficult decisions once we know the outcome.

Brady remarked that last Friday the Board of Governors approved UNCG’s revised request for an increase in tuition and fees for the next academic year. Tuition for North Carolina resident undergraduates will increase by 3.3% (\$83 increase); fees will increase by 1.5% (\$19 increase). The total tuition and fees increase to resident undergraduates will be 2.7% (\$102 increase).

Brady told trustees that she, Dave Perrin, and Rosemary Wander spent a day on Capitol Hill on February 10. They had the opportunity to visit with Senator Hagan, Senator Burr, staffers in Congressman Mel Watts’ office, Congressman Coble, and Congressman Miller. All support UNCG’s proposed School of Pharmacy.

In closing, Brady extended thanks to everyone who attended the UNCG vs. Davidson game on February 5. With 11,687 people in attendance, Matt Brown and Scott Johnson at the Coliseum were as pleased as we were.

MINUTES:

Chair Hassenfelt presented the Minutes of the November 20, 2008 meeting of the Board of Trustees. Minutes were approved as written.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

Provost Perrin introduced Dr. Jim Ryan, Founding Dean of the Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering (JSNN) who gave a very informative presentation to the Board regarding the JSNN created by the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University.

Athletic Director Nelson Bobb provided an update to the Board on the Intercollegiate Athletics report to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors has delegated the responsibility for intercollegiate athletics to the chancellors subject to the requirements and mandates of BOG Policy 1100.1. UNCG’s Minimum Course Requirement (MCR) is different than the NCAA MCR. NCAA requires a minimum of 14 courses. UNCG requires a 15 course minimum with the addition of a fourth math class. North Carolina is one of few states that requires the fourth math class. This requirement puts UNCG at somewhat of a recruiting disadvantage because some very good student athletes do not have the fourth math. Some Athletic Directors have asked for exceptions. UNCG does make some exceptions to the admission policy, and those students’ performances are continually tracked.

REPORT OF THE STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – *Chair Ferree*

Carolyn Ferree gave the report of the Student Affairs Committee.

One information item was discussed:

- 1) Adult Students at UNCG: From Access to Success

A presentation was made to the Committee by Brooks Graham, director of the Office for Adult Students, and her staff regarding the adult student population at UNCG. There are currently approximately 22% undergraduate adult students. This number has risen from 139 adult undergraduates in 1991 to 2,800 currently.

REPORT OF THE BUSINESS AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – *Chair Kaplan*

Randall Kaplan gave the report of the Business Affairs Committee.

The Board of Trustees moved on the following action item:

1. That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approves the firm of Lambert Architecture and Interiors, Winston-Salem, NC as designer for the Jackson Library renovation, the firm of Gantt Huberman Architects, Charlotte, NC as designer for the dining hall renovation, and the firm of Clark-Nexsen Architecture and Engineering, Raleigh, NC as designer for the HHP locker room renovation.

All approved and the motion carried.

One information item was discussed:

- 1) Report on Architects/Designers Appointed by Chancellor

Kaplan stated that the Chancellor is authorized to approve design and architectural firms for projects of \$500,000 or less. The Chancellor has selected the firm of Kimley-Horn and Associates of Raleigh, NC to work on the potential design of a future access point either under or over the railroad tracks for a pedestrian connection between West Lee Street and the existing campus.

REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE – *Chair Moore*

Richard Moore gave the report of the Audit Committee.

One information item was discussed:

- 1) Audit Review for Board of Trustees

The Audit Committee reviewed a summary of internal audits completed, including the NCAA mandated review of financial activity in athletics; and the misuse or theft of State property.

There were no findings in either audit. Chair Moore stated that a meeting of the Audit Committee will be called sometime in March to review the audits submitted by external auditors.

REPORT OF THE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – *Steve Hassenfelt*

Steve Hassenfelt gave the report of the Academic Affairs Committee in the absence of Chair Jean Davis.

The Board of Trustees moved on the following action items:

1. That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approves the proposed changes to the Employment of Head Coaches Policy.

Hassenfelt noted that in addition to the proposed revisions presented to the AAC Committee today, it is proposed that an addition be made to the end of Section IX. A. Termination for Cause. The revision would state that a team not meeting its Academic Progress Rate (APR) would be a cause for termination.

All approved and the motion carried.

2. That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro endorses the proposed Mission and Vision Statements of the UNCG Plan 2009-2014.

Provost Perrin responded to questions from the Board regarding whether they are being asked to approve drafts of statements or endorse final statements. He clarified that the Chancellor approves the mission and vision of the campus, and the Board is asked to endorse it.

All approved and the motion carried.

The following information items were discussed:

- 1) Reorganization of the Performing Arts

Hassenfelt stated that Provost Perrin spoke to the Committee in detail about plans to combine UNCG's Department of Theatre and Dance with the School of Music. Plans are for the working title to be School of Music, Theatre and Dance. The reorganization project is expected to be completed by fall 2010.

- 2) Reorganization of Academic Affairs/Deans Council

Hassenfelt mentioned that Provost Perrin explained the reorganization of units within the Division of Academic Affairs to enhance programs in undergraduate education, university assessment and planning, and research. The plan includes reorganizing new and eliminated or restructured positions, and making changes in reporting relationships.

- 3) Proposed Request to Plan a School of Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy Degree Program

Provost Perrin presented to the Committee an overview on the status of the proposed School of Pharmacy and Doctor of Pharmacy degree program. A request has been made to General Administration to begin the planning, and we should be receiving a response from them soon.

REPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE – Chair Cox

Earlene Cox gave the report of the University Advancement Committee.

The Board of Trustees moved on the following action item:

1. That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approves the appointment/reappointments of the recommended individuals to The Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro for a two-year term beginning on July 1, 2009 and ending on June 30, 2011.

Per Cox, the Committee recommends Phillip Fowler for appointment, and Eric Calhoun and Alan Tutterow for reappointment.

All approved and the motion carried.

Cox stated that Patti Stewart introduced Stephanie Cole, new Capital Campaign Director, during the Committee meeting.

The following information items were discussed:

1) Report on Private Giving to The University of North Carolina at Greensboro and its Affiliated Organizations, July 1, 2008 – December 31, 2008

Cox gave a summary of Patti Stewart's report of private giving. Giving numbers are down 26.4% from last year, a reflection of the challenging economic conditions.

2) Students First Campaign Report through January 31, 2009

The Students First Campaign total as of January 31, 2009 is \$104 million. While the campaign has surpassed its goal of \$100 million, work still needs to be done to raise funds for scholarships.

Cox commented on the demonstration presented to the Committee by Helen Hebert and Debbie Schallock regarding the new "Inspire Change" marketing website.

CLOSED SESSION:

Richard Moore moved that the board go into Closed Session to prevent the disclosure of privileged personnel information under Chapter 126 of the North Carolina General Statutes and to prevent the premature disclosure of honors or awards. Gwynn Swinson seconded, and the board went into closed session.

The board then moved on the following action items:

1. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approves the Personnel Report dated February 6, 2009.

All approved and the motion carried.

2. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve two of the three nominations for University Honorary Degrees.

All approved and the motion carried.

3. It is recommended that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approves the naming of the space now known as the “Reference Room Alcove” in Jackson Library.

All approved and the motion carried.

Richard Moore recommended the Board return to Open Session, Randall Kaplan seconded and the board returned to open session.

ADJOURNMENT

Steve Hassenfelt recommended that the meeting be adjourned. Randall Kaplan seconded, and the meeting ended at 3:00 pm.

Sharlene R. O’Neil
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees