MINUTES
The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
Board of Trustees
Student Affairs Committee
September 18, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT:  Kate Barrett, Linda Carlisle, Earlene Hardie Cox, Jean Davis, Carolyn Ferree, Stephen Hassenfelt, Randall Kaplan, Richard Moore, William Pratt, Jane Preyer, James Smith, Michael Tuso

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS/GUESTS:  Rebecca Adams, Alcohol Task Force Members, Nelson Bobb, Alan Boyette, Linda Brady, Cherry Callahan, Lucien Capone, Laura Crawford, Carol Disque, Steve Gilliam, Tommy Grimes, Jill Hillyer, Scott Milman, Sharlene O’Neil, David Perrin, Cindy Reed, Kim Sawyer, Drew Sharpe, Don Skeen, Patti Stewart

PROCEEDINGS:
The meeting was called to order at 9:06am by Carolyn Ferree.  She explained there would be a short program by the Alcohol Task Force.
Dr. Ferree asked for any corrections to the minutes of the April 10, 2008 meeting.  No corrections were offered and a motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes as submitted.

INFORMATION ITEM:
UNCG Students and Alcohol Use
Vice Chancellor Disque stated that UNCG has a full array of alcohol intervention and prevention programming.  She further advised that every several years the impact is evaluated-what difference it makes and what other direction the University might go.  There has been a task force working for about a year on that process.  Today’s program will brief the board and update members about the ways students do and don’t use alcohol compared to what’s going on nationally, and also will describe the ways to educate and intervene.  Recently, a group of 129 college presidents put out a statement called the Amethyst Initiative.  It has received quite a bit of publicity this summer calling for a national discussion on lowering the drinking age.  That makes this presentation even more timely.

Dr. Disque introduced Dr. Cherry Callahan, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, who chaired the Alcohol Task Force.  Dr. Callahan told the group the Task Force completed a comprehensive review of present policies and programs related to alcohol.  The information is being looked at in the context of professional standards for alcohol education programming in higher education and best practices that have been implemented by many of UNCG’s peer institutions.
Dr. Callahan spoke of the Amethyst Initiative and the fact that the university is consistent with the position of UNC System President Erskine Bowles. We do not support a lower legal drinking age.

The Task Force used numerous data sources in its work. UNCG is assertive in its education, prevention, and intervention methods. A variety of programming is offered, including peer education, presentations, Alcohol Awareness Week, and campus-wide speakers. Campus Alcohol Policies are available to students and discussed at all orientation sessions. Students who violate campus alcohol policies are subject to disciplinary measures that are designed to minimize illegal or inappropriate drinking.

One of the recommendations of the Task Force will be that the University implement measures to ensure ongoing oversight of alcohol-related issues on campus. UNCG’s Task Force will finalize its recommendations later this fall. Alcohol abuse matters to us here at UNCG. Note: Please refer to the slide presentation linked to this document for statistics and details of information presented.

Following the powerpoint presentation Dr. Callahan asked if there were any questions. Kate Barrett asked if we are a member of the Amethyst Initiative. Dr. Callahan advised that we are not and do not intend to be. Chancellor Brady spoke about the Initiative and the fact that President Bowles has stated his opposition and encouraged Chancellors to make their own decisions.

Jean Davis stated that she appreciated this topic and attempting to educate people on the dangers of alcohol use. She does not have a strong opinion on the Amethyst Initiative. She feels there is a disconnect between what is going on versus what our educators would like to believe our kids are experiencing.

Dr. Disque concluded by stating there is a cultural pull to drink and to drink to excess. UNCG’s efforts are aggressive at all levels. We don’t expect the drinking age to control students’ behavior, we expect students to learn to control their own behavior.

INFORMATION ITEM:

Board of Governors Policy 1100.1
Nelson Bobb explained the information booklet given is relative to Board of Governors’ oversight and the General Administration charge to look at admissions policies and graduation rates. Since October 11, 1985 General Administration through policy constructed by the Board of Governors has required reporting of admissions and graduation rates based on 5 and 6 year snapshots. The report also includes the organization and philosophy of our Athletics Department. The Board of Governors delegated responsibility for Intercollegiate Athletics to the Chancellors under the Code.

The report the Board of Trustees received is only a portion of what has been sent to the General Administration. The full report includes the academic profile mentioned earlier. There have been significant personnel changes in the areas of Academic and Student Affairs in the General Administration. One result of that change has been system-wide confusion over reporting
requirements and timing. The full report includes previous academic, admissions profiles and the organizational material that the Board of Trustees were given. He advised the Board has the organizational material, but not the academic portion which includes the NCAA academic performance rate, known as the APR. The full document went from a report that was probably ½ an inch thick to about 2 ⅛-3 inches because it includes all 15 campuses and all the reports. Mr. Bobb explained that he will come back to the Board when the full data is available. He noted that Chancellor Brady felt the information currently available needed to be shared with the Board. To the best of his knowledge, the Board of Governors will receive the system-wide report in their October, rather than the September meeting. He hopes to have the full report for the November Board of Trustees meeting.

There were no questions for Mr. Bobb. However, there was discussion among the Board Members concerning this policy. Kate Barrett asked to see all of the information in order to respond to it. She further stated that everything she has read says that The Board has a big responsibility for Athletics. Stephen Hassenfelt asked if Chancellor Brady could give The Board an idea of what things they should be looking for in the report. Chancellor Brady advised the Board of Governors will consider the consolidated report at the October meeting. The report will be on the website and be publicly available at that point. She explained that each member of the Board of Trustees would have an opportunity to review the report. Any issues or questions they have can be addressed in the November Board of Trustees meeting.

Handling of letters to Board of Trustees members
Linda Carlisle brought up the issue of receiving letters from parents and students. There was discussion about the appropriate procedure for Board Members responding to these types of inquiries. The decision was made to discuss this issue further at the afternoon Board Meeting.

With no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 10:07 a.m.