MINUTES

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro
The Full Board of Trustees
Special Called Meeting
Azalea Room, EUC

November 19, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Safran (Chair), Charles Blackmon, Frances Bullock, Linda Carlisle, Nathan Duggins, Brad Hayes, Randall Kaplan, Lee McAllister, Ward Russell, Harriett Smalls, David Sprinkle, Simone Stephens

MEMBER PRESENT BY PHONE: Vanessa Carroll

Also present were: President of the UNC System Tom Ross, Vice Chancellor and Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees Bonita Brown, UNC System General Counsel Tom Shanahan, UNCG General Counsel Imogene Cathey, Shannon Bennett, Kathy Fair and members of the public

Chair Susan Safran called the meeting to order at 4:20 p.m.

In accordance with the UNC Board of Governors, Chair Safran 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 Bonita Brown and quorum was confirmed.

Susan Safran opened the meeting by inviting President Ross to review the Chancellor Search Process as presented in the board materials. He said that the more the campus community can come together to project the positives of UNCG, the more candidates will be interested in applying. If the elected Search Committee appoint a search firm, it will then be for that firm to present the position to potential candidates. If a trustee wants to suggest a candidate, President Ross recommended that they should give that name to the search firm, who will in turn invite the candidate to apply.

Ross described the three types of searches that the committee can adopt: closed, open or hybrid. All have their advantages and disadvantages, particularly as it regards confidentiality for the candidates. The most important consideration is that the search process gives the selected candidate the best opportunity for success as Chancellor.

At the end of the Search Committee deliberations, it presents three names to the Board of Trustees, and the names are forwarded to the President. Senior leaders in the President’s team, and sometime Board of Governors members are asked interview each of the three candidates, and give feedback to the President. Extensive background and reference checks are performed by the President’s Office. Ross will then talk to members of the Search Committee and trustees to gather as much input as he can. He then presents his final choice to the BOG for their approval.
There are two other searches taking place in the UNC system at the moment: UNC Wilmington and UNC Pembroke.

Chair Safran said that she invites trustees and community leaders to make further nominations for membership on the search committee.

Charles Blackmon 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 consult with University Counsel in order to preserve the attorney-client privilege with regard to the handling of a claim. Lee McAllister seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The Board, President Ross, Tom Shanahan and Bonita Brown remained for the Closed Session. All others left the room.

CLOSED SESSION:

The Board consulted with President Ross on a personnel matter.

Randall Kaplan moved that the meeting return to Open Session and Nathan Duggins seconded the motion. Motion carried and the meeting returned to Open Session.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonita Brown
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees