

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
Park Alumni Center
Monday, August 15, 2011**

Members Present:

Chancellor Randy Woodson, Provost Warwick Arden, Steve Allen for Ira Weiss, John Ambrose, Sylvia Blankenship for Johnny Wynne, Jeffrey Braden, David Bristol, Susan Colby, Jayne Fleener, Blanton Godfrey, Eileen Goldgeier, Karen Helm, Cecile Hinson, Marc Hoit, Tim Jones, Hans Kellner, Nevin Kessler, Duane Larick, Terri Lomax, Marvin Malecha, Louis Martin-Vega, Susan Nutter, Daniel Solomon, Benny Suggs, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Chandler Thompson, Rachael Turner for Ethan Harrelson and Debbie Yow.

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

Announcements:

Chancellor Woodson reported on the following:

- **Special Introductions**

For the first University Council meeting of the academic year, Chancellor Woodson opened the meeting by introducing the newest members: Tim Jones, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor and Chief Communications Officer; Susan Colby, Chair-elect of the Staff Senate; and Chandler Thompson, Student Body President.

- **State Employees Combined Campaign (SECC)**

Chancellor Woodson announced that NC State's SECC, "Wolfpack Gives Back," would be kicking off September 12. He expressed the importance of this campaign in giving back to the community and continuing NC State's legacy of service. He shared that last year's campaign was a tremendous success and that he hopes NC State can build on that success this year with a participation goal of 40 percent.

- **Move-In Recap**

Chancellor Woodson reported that move-in weekend was a huge success. He said that he has always been impressed to see how students jump in to welcome new students and kick off the new school year with enthusiasm and service. He specifically mentioned the success of the Legacy Lunch with more than 800 participants. The passion and pride of alums and new students were evident throughout the events.

- **2011 Freshman Class**

The chancellor shared statistics on the incoming freshman class. The total class is 4,650 students, larger than the 4,400 the university had planned to enroll. He said this was a good thing, as more students were saying "yes" to the admission offer than previous models had predicted. The combined average SAT of the incoming class is 1191, up four points from last year, and the average GPA is 4.28. More than 40 percent were in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and more than 75 percent were in the top 20 percent.

- **Board of Trustees Changes**

The chancellor reported that the NC State Board of Trustees' new chair is Barbara Mulkey. Additionally, the board welcomed two new members, Phil Freelon and Susan Ward.

- **Princeton Review Ranking**

Chancellor Woodson shared that NC State was number nine in *Princeton Review's* list of Best Buy universities. Many institutions fell off the list because of tuition changes resulting from new funding models due to budget cuts.

- Chancellor’s Innovation Fund**
 The chancellor reported that the first round of the Chancellor’s Innovation Fund has been awarded after a competitive process. The award drew 56 applications from all 10 colleges, and four projects were the finalists to receive the funding. Those projects included a vaccine that prevents *Salmonella*, coatings that protect fabrics from ultraviolet rays, bandages that release medication to improve wound healing and better bed bug bait.
- ACC Honor Roll**
 Chancellor Woodson was proud to share that 213 NC State varsity student-athletes made the ACC Honor Roll. This was the most selections for NC State in the 55-year history of the ACC Honor Roll. These students satisfied the requirements of participating in a varsity-level sport and registering a GPA of 3.0 or higher.
- Research Funding**
 The chancellor briefly mentioned that university research funding is up over three percent. He said this was aided by a more balanced funding portfolio, which is a positive for the university. It will be important to work hard to continue getting funding from all sources available.
- Engineering Award**
 Chancellor Woodson shared that Dr. Terri Helmlinger Rateliff, NC State alumna and assistant vice chancellor, was the first woman to receive an “Engineer of the Year” award from the National Society of Professional Engineers.
- Budget Update**
 Chancellor Woodson then provided a brief budget update. The chancellor reported that the UNC System received an overall cut of 15.9 percent and that the system is currently finalizing how those cuts will be distributed. This remains a difficult time, and the chancellor thanked the Provost and Vice Chancellor Leffler for their leadership throughout the process. He shared that through everyone’s hard work, NC State has been able to limit cuts to academic units to seven percent.

Information:

The following policies, regulations and programs recently enacted were reviewed, including those enacted since the January 10, 2011 University Council Meeting:

http://www.ncsu.edu/general_counsel/pols_regs/documents/PRRProjectSpreadsheetUC8-15-2011.xls

Notification of New Degree Proposals

Master of Science in Electric Power Systems Engineering [Intent to Plan and Authorization to Establish]

Bachelor of Science in Fashion and Textile Design [Intent to Plan and Authorization to Establish]

Notification: New Certificate Program

Mathematics Graduate Certificate

Notification: Discontinuation & Merged Degrees

Discontinue M.A. in French Language and Literature and Merge into new M.A. in Foreign Language and Literature

Discontinue M.A. in Spanish Language and Literature and Merge into new M.A. in Foreign Language and Literature

Approvals:

The January 10, 2011 minutes were approved as prepared and distributed.

Plenary:

“Implementing the Strategic Plan”

The council received a report and offered feedback on the strategic plan implementation task force reports and recommendations.