

**University Council
Meeting Minutes
Winslow Conference Room
Monday, March 26, 2007**

Members Present:

Provost Larry Nielsen, Nina Allen, Warwick Arden, Lennie Barton, JC Boykin, Robert Brown, Thomas Conway, Lee Fowler, Blanton Godfrey, Debbie Griffith, Karen Helm, Kevin Howell, Mary Beth Kurz, Charles Leffler, Terri Lomax, Marvin Malecha, Jim Martin, Louis Martin-Vega, Kathryn Moore, Susan Nutter, Toby Parcel, Matt Ronning for John Gilligan, Heather Shay, Daniel Solomon, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Ira Weiss, Gail Wills, Terry Wood, Johnny Wynne, and James Zuiches

Provost Larry Nielsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Plenary:

Kannapolis Update – Steve Leath, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences and Agricultural Research Director, presented an overview of the North Carolina Research Campus at Kannapolis. The Research Campus is a vision of David Murdock, owner of Dole Foods Co. Murdock has formed a partnership between NC State, NC A&T, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC-Charlotte, UNC-Greensboro and NC Central University. The focus of the Research Campus will be on vegetable and fruit improvement, food safety and nutrition. State-of-the-art greenhouses are to be built along with the Core Building, which is expected to be completed in the spring of 2008. Groundbreaking for the Core Building is set for April 18. The College will hire faculty to staff the project in 2007.

Energy Briefing – Charles Leffler, Vice Chancellor for Finance and Business, Kevin MacNaughton, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations, and Jack Colby, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Operations, presented an overview of NC State's strategic energy plan, long-term goals and commitments to the State of North Carolina. Steps are being taken to help with facilities and equipment efficiencies.

Business:

Provost Larry Nielsen reported on the following:

- Alton Banks will be returning to the Chemistry faculty. Dr. Barbi Honeycutt, will serve as Interim Director for Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning.
- UNC Tomorrow team will be visiting NC State on May 23.
- UNC On-line continues to develop – NC State's Distance Education will be tested in May; fully operational this summer. A formal announcement will be made on May 11.
- This summer there will be a university-wide summer reading book for incoming students titled: Colors of the Mountains by Da Chin, a Chinese author.
- Chief Information Officer (CIO) – An information technology scoping team has been created to help define the role and scope of the CIO function.

The January 22, 2007 minutes were approved by as prepared and distributed.

Information:

The following policies, regulations and programs recently enacted including those enacted since January 22, 2007 University Council Meeting were reviewed:

- Reasonable Accommodation – REG 05.00.2
- Service Animals for Persons with Disabilities – REG 04.20.5
- Recognized Student Organizations within the Division of Student Affairs: Regulation for Undergraduate Student Leadership – REG 11.55.6
- Registered Student Organizations: Regulation for Undergraduate Student Leadership, Membership, and Registration – REG 11.55.7
- Tuition Waiver for Faculty and Staff – Procedures – REG 07.55.8
- Background Checks for Employees – REG 05.55.8
- Emeritus Faculty Status Procedure – REG 05.20.6
- Equity Acquisition – REG 10.00.4
- Academic Tenure – POL 05.20.1
- Tuition Waiver for Faculty and Staff – POL 07.55.7

Consent Agenda:

Intent to Plan and Authorization to Establish:

- Distance Ed Program: MS in Electrical Engineering
- Distance Ed Program: MS in Computer Engineering
- BS in Agricultural Science
- BS in German Studies
- Ph.D. in Public History
- Revision to POL 05.15.02 – Emeritus Status for SAAOs
- Revision to POL 05.20.02 – Emeritus Faculty Status and Involvement
- Revision to POL 01.20.1 – Authority of the Chancellor
- Change in title of Existing Degree Program *from* Textile and Apparel Management *to* Fashion and Textile Management
- Request to Establish a New Academic Department: Department of Elementary Education

Dean Thomas Conway made the motion, seconded by Dean Robert Brown, to approve; the motion carried.

Roundtable Reports:

The following announcements were made:

- Vice Chancellor Charlie Leffler reported the bond program is in the final stages. Renovations will be continuing on campus this summer and fall. BOG are looking at the option for students to buy back textbooks.
- Vice Chancellor Terry Wood announced Achieve Campaign is listed in the top 20 of US institutions.
- Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford provided information on the alternative spring break program. He also stated that student Body President elections will be held on Tuesday, March 27.
- Vice Chancellor Jim Zuiches distributed the NC State University's Extension, Engagement and Economic Development new brochure. A search will begin soon for an Associate Vice Chancellor; Connecting in North Carolina will be held May 14-19.
- Dean Johnny Wynne announced the Strategic Plan for Bio Fuel is finished.
- Dean Thomas Conway announced the Undergraduate Symposium will be held April 13-15.

- Dean Daniel Solomon announced David Haase will assume the position of Senior Scientist of The Science House.
- Dean Blanton Godfrey announced the 3rd Open House for the College of Textiles will be held on April 17.
- Dean Marvin Malecha announced on April 26 the College of Design and College of Textiles will be hosting a fashion show.
- Dean Warwick Arden announced the National Student Symposium was held last week; the first week in April the College of Veterinary Medicine Accreditation Team will be visiting the College.
- Vice Provost Susan Nutter reported the renovated space in the east wing of the Libraries has been opened.
- Faculty Senate Chair Nina Allen announced the General Faculty Meeting was held on March 13 – a different format was presented and was received favorably.
- Secretary of the University PJ Teal announced the Board of Trustees will be meeting on April 19-20. Three long standing Trustees - Murphy, Goodnight and Vaughn will be going off the Board. The new BOT members are Barbara Mulkey and John Sall; waiting for Governor's announcement of the third BOT member.
- Assistant to the Chancellor Kevin Howell provided details regarding the Legislative agenda.
- Alumni Director Lennie Barton announced the Alumni Association will be hosting 40 events during the months of April, May and June.
- Staff Senate President JC Boykin reported the Staff Senate election is underway.
- Chair of the Graduate Students Heather Shay reported the 2nd Graduate Symposium went very well; the election of officers will be held on March 26.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 Noon