

**University Council  
Meeting Minutes  
Alumni Conference Room  
Tuesday, October 24, 2006**

**Members Present:**

Chancellor James Oblinger, Warwick Arden, Carolyn Argentati for Susan Nutter, JC Boykin, Thomas Conway for Provost Larry Nielsen, Mike Davis for James Zuiches, Lee Fowler, Blanton Godfrey, John Gilligan, Debbie Griffith, Karen Helm, Adrianna Kirkman for Robert Brown, Ericka Kranitz, Mary Beth Kurz, Charles Leffler, Terri Lomax, Marvin Malecha, James Martin for Nina Allen, Louis Martin-Vega, Kathryn Moore, Toby Parcel, Heather Shay, Daniel Solomon, Thomas Stafford, PJ Teal, Ira Weiss, Terry Wood, and Johnny Wynne

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

**Plenary:**

**Ethics and Lobbying Legislation** – Mary Beth Kurz, Vice Chancellor and General Counsel, presented an overview on the 2006 State Governmental Ethic Act and Lobbying Act. This State Ethics Act creates a set of ethical standards for "covered persons," including voting members of the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor and all Vice Chancellors, and requires disclosure of economic interests to assist persons in identifying and avoiding conflicts of interest. The Act also amends the Lobbying Act to cover "designated individuals" including members of the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors; expands the definition of lobbying to include the development of good will; prohibits acceptance of gifts from lobbyists and lobbyist principles; prohibits gifts of athletic tickets given for the purposes of lobbying to legislators, legislative employees and public servants; and requires the reporting of lobbying expenditures by persons and entities, including NC State University and its officials, who are not otherwise subject to the Acts reporting requirements.

**Compliance with Conflict of Interest** – Matt Ronning, Associate Vice Chancellor, Research Administration, provided an overview of the Conflict of Interest and Commitment guidelines. Faculty need to disclose any relationship with a third party that constitutes a significant financial interest valued at more than 10K or that represents more than 5% of the entities equity; textbooks or other educational materials for sale with royalty stream back to the University employee or a family member. An External Activity for Pay form must be filed 10 days prior to engagement. University employees should advise the company that they have intellectual property obligations to the University and provide the company with a copy of the policy or a link to the University website.

**Business:**

Chancellor Oblinger provided an update on the following:

- Tuition and Fees
- PACE
- The BOV Meeting on October 13, 2006
- Third Millennium Seminar with S.C. Lindsey Graham as speaker
- Launch of 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of First African American Undergraduates on October 18, 2006

- Strategic Priorities from Board of Governors

Provost Nielsen reported on the following:

- Graduate education is a major issue and will be a content area of the General Faculty Meeting in Spring 2007
- The GER proposal has been vetted thoroughly and the task force is meeting again to consider the feedback they have received
- DE is using their new *delivered* branding.
- The Emerging Issues Form is February 1, 2 and the topic is Higher Education.
- Proposed retention and graduation targets to General Administration. Six-year graduation rate is currently about 71% - the target is 74% in 5 years.

The August 17, 2006 minutes were approved with one correction.

The following regulations and policies, including those enacted since August 17, 2006 University Council Meeting were reviewed:

- ✕ Grievance Procedure for Students – REG 11.40.1
- ✕ Graduate Student Discipline Procedures – REG 11.35.3 (NEW)

### **Consent Agenda:**

#### **Intent to Plan and Authorization to Establish:**

- New Masters of Science in Analytics

Dean Marvin Malecha made the motion, seconded by Dean Blanton Godfrey, to approve the items on the consent agenda; the motion carried with one dissenting vote from Heather Shay.

### **Informational:**

#### **Roundtable Reports**

The following announcements were made:

- Vice Chancellor Charles Leffler reported on tuition student conversion credit hours; in addition, meeting work groups have been established and committee is to have a report to President Bowles by the end of October on PACE.
- Vice Chancellor Terry Wood announced the Campaign Executive Committee would be making an announcement on November 17.
- Vice Chancellor Tom Stafford announced November 3 is the Homecoming parade and Homecoming is November 4.
- Vice Chancellor John Gilligan reported a new energy initiative group has been assembled to look at the public policy/environment.
- Vice Chancellor James Zuiches announced the Shelton Leadership is scheduled for November 17, 2006.
- Athletic Director Lee Fowler announced the new soccer and track complex is underway; Case Dining Hall reopened.
- Dean Blanton Godfrey announced Dr. Keith R. Beck is the recipient of The Olney Medal for outstanding achievement in textile chemistry.
- Dean Marvin Malecha announced the alcohol free Halloween Bash will be held on Saturday, October 28, 2006.

- Daniel Solomon reported the groundbreaking ceremony event for the Mathematics and Statistics Building was held on October 13.
- Dean Toby Parcel announced the kick off to celebrate diversity on October 24 with a new major in The Africana Studies Degree.
- Dean Kay Moore announced the American Education Week will be held November 13-17. A highlight of the week will be the inaugural presentation ceremony for The Friday Medal.
- Dean Johnny Wynne announced that seven faculty are serving as delegates to China. Opportunities will be provided for NC State students and students from China to study at the respective Universities.
- Associate Dean for Academics Adrianna Kirkman reported the first joint CNR-CALS Award for Service to Environment and Society was presented at the “Borlaug Lecture” on October 16.
- Dean Warwick Arden announced The College of Veterinary Medicine is part of a consortium of North Carolina universities, government agencies, and private sector partners who are proposing that the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) select North Carolina as the site for the National Bio & Agro-Defense Facility (NBAF), a new research center that would address national public and animal health interests.
- Dean Louis Martin-Vega announced Edward P. Fitts Department of Industrial and Systems Engineering 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration; The College of Engineering has announced the naming of the Centennial Campus gateway in honor of former dean, Dr. Nino A. Masnari on Centennial Campus.
- Dean Ira Weiss announced the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual SunTrust Symposium was held recently held in October with 325 attendees; Wachovia Lecture was held on October 23 and on November 3, a BioPharma Forum will be held at the North Carolina Biotechnology Center in Research Triangle Park.
- Faculty Senate Chair-Elect Jim Martin reported that the Faculty Senate will be working with the Provost to “bring life” into the General Faculty Meetings and proceeding with grievance and hearing issues.
- Secretary of the University PJ Teal announced the November 16 & 17 is the next Board of Trustees meeting. Beginning in January, the Executive Officers’ Meetings will rotate their meetings to be held in each College, each Dean will have a 20-minute “roundtable” with the EO’s.
- Chair of the Graduate Students Heather Shay reported that New Graduate Student Orientation will be held on Tuesday, August 22 from 9 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Director of University Planning and Analysis Karen Helm reported the Compact Planning process was getting underway.
- Staff Senate President JC Boykin reported that he has been elected, as Chair of the Staff Assembly at UNC-GA; The Staff and Faculty will co-host a Budget Forum on November 30 at 3:30 p.m.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.