NC State University Board of Visitors
Summary of October 2, 2015 Meeting
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Board of Visitors Meeting held at the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center
The meeting began with a luncheon.

Thank you to Outgoing Members of the Board of Visitors
• We said thank you to Dwayne Washington for his five years of service and to Dell Murphy for his eight years of service to the Board of Visitors.

Chancellor’s Update - Woodson
• Chancellor Woodson introduced new members of the leadership team at NC State: Dr. Alan Rebar, Vice Chancellor for Research, Innovation and Economic Development and William Ditto, Dean for the College of Natural Sciences.
• The Chancellor and Provost Arden announced that NC State was conducting national searches for the position of Dean for four Colleges: Management, Design, Education and Textiles.

Chair of Board of Trustees Update – Jim Owens
• Chairman Owens provided an overview of the Board of Trustees activities, including the election of new officers and an update on the capital campaign.
• Mr. Owens emphasized that input and contributions from the Board of Visitors are important to the Trustees.
• With respect to the capital campaign, BOV member Brigadier General Leodis Jennings stated that he was also a representative of the NC State Black Alumni Society and he asked if it would be appropriate, and possible, for a member from the Alumni Society to serve on the University wide campaign.

Budget and Financial Overview - Woodson
• Chancellor Woodson provided an in-depth presentation on the budget that was approved by the North Carolina General Assembly.
• The Chancellor stated that the budget addressed the following priorities:
  o Fully funded enrollment growth
  o Fully funded building reserves
  o Retaining and rewarding talent
  o Repairs and renovations
  o Expanding carry forward
  o In-state tuition for veterans
• Planning money for capital projects
• Minimize new cuts in FY 15-16 by allowing for more flexibility

- One important concern that the Chancellor shared with the BOV was in regard to the NC Guaranteed Admissions program (NC-GAP). He asked that the Board of Visitors contact their legislators to voice concerns about this program. He was also concerned about possible future cuts to the UNC budget being contemplated by the General Assembly for FY 16-17.

- In addition to the budget, a statewide bond proposal (H943) will provide much needed capital funding for two NC State initiatives: the Engineering Oval building and the CALS Plant Science building.

Legislative Update – Representative Dean Arp

- **Union County Representative Dean Arp** provided an informative and engaging presentation on the “Connect NC” bond proposal (H943). The proposal:
  o Revises the original proposal, forecasting $4.6 billion over 6 years
  o Investment in all 100 counties: UNC system, utilities, parks and transportation
  o Will not require a tax increase
  o NC will retain triple AAA credit rating
  o Extends useful life of existing assets
  o Boosts economic activity statewide
  o Contains prioritized projects

- Representative Arp stated that interest rates are at historic lows and there will most likely not be a better time for the state to approve this bond proposal. He asked that the Board of Visitors support the bond by recommending a yes vote among their constituents.

Chancellor’s Faculty Excellence Program – Provost Arden

- **Provost Arden** provided an overview of the Chancellor’s Faculty Excellence Program. The goals of the program are:
  o Hire Outstanding Faculty
  o Expand interdisciplinary research opportunities
  o Increase federal funding to NC State
  o Create new academic programs to meet student demand
  o Meet the needs of constituents as a land grant institution
  o Diversify the faculty.

- When the program was launched (Cohort 1) there were 12 clusters that included 38 new positions. Cohort 2 provided 8 clusters and 33 new positions.

- There have been 41 new hires to dates, within all 12 Colleges, with a total cost of $32 million.

- The Provost stated that an important goal of the program is a “cultural shift at NC State.” A balanced approach that:
  o Defines new ways of identifying research areas
- Provides new ways of working interdisciplinary
- Opportunities to recruit new, leading faculty
- Diversifying the faculty, particularly for female, Hispanic, Asian and African American professors.

- **Dr. Fred Gould and Dr. Jason Delborne** provided a presentation on the Genetic Engineering and Society Cluster. The focus was on genetic engineering and the combination of policy social issues ethics, molecular and population genetics and ecology to address modifications to the mosquito population.

### Women's Head Basketball Coach Wes Moore
- **Athletic Director Debbie Yow** introduced Women's Head Basketball Coach Wes Moore.
- Coach Moore provided an engaging, entertaining and informative overview of the basketball program. He covered a variety of topics.
- He is excited about the upcoming season that will see a mix of a highly ranked recruiting class mixed with experienced players.
- During the 2015-16 season, the women's team will play home games at Broughton High School and PNC Arena, as Reynolds Coliseum undergoes an extensive renovation. He encouraged the BOV to come out and support the women's program.

### Chancellor's Reception at the Point
- The Board of Visitors concluded the Fall 2015 meeting with reception at The Point, hosted by the Chancellor and Mrs. Woodson.