

CHAIR DWIGHT STONE'S PREPARED REMARKS
UNC Board of Trustees Meeting
March 24, 2016

Welcome

- Thank everyone for attending.
- Thank the trustees for all of their work to support the University since our January meeting.

President Spellings/Board of Governors Collaborations

- Earlier this week, I was very pleased to represent our board in helping welcome President Margaret Spellings to Carolina as part of her statewide listening tour during her first 100 days in office.
- She spent a jam-packed two days all over campus and in downtown Chapel Hill that included time with Chancellor Folt, Trustee Summers, and many others from our community including many people in this room.
- We were especially pleased so many members of the Board of Governors were able to attend a reception to welcome the President.
- I was very impressed with the program Chancellor Folt and her colleagues organized for the President. She had the opportunity to sample the very best of the outstanding teaching, research and public service that happens here every single day.
- Chancellor Folt will have more to say about the tour and her work so far with the President.
- I believe President Spellings has gotten off to a fantastic start. Her public comments are resonating very well with the key constituents this board works with on a regular basis.
- And she has outlined her expectations for working with the Board of Governors in a productive, positive way.
- We look forward to successful collaborations with President Spellings and the entire Board of Governors in the coming months. It's very important for us to all work as a team to best serve the people of North Carolina and effectively carry out the mission of this great University.
- I'm extremely encouraged by what I'm seeing on these fronts so far, and ask all of the trustees to join me in providing whatever support and assistance we can to President Spellings, members of the Board of Governors, and the UNC General Administration during this important transition period.

Connect NC Bond Vote

- There is no greater example of such teamwork than the stunning success of the Connect NC Bond vote last week. An overwhelming number of voters said yes to the opportunity to invest in North Carolina's future.

- I'm proud of the role UNC-Chapel Hill played in working with General Administration, our sister campuses, the community colleges, the bipartisan Connect NC Bond committee, and the other partners.
- Congratulations to the trustees, Chancellor Folt and her leadership team, Dean Roper, and everyone on campus who worked so hard to educate North Carolinians about the urgent needs the bond program will now address that include public higher education.
- It's reassuring to know our fellow citizens agree UNC-Chapel Hill must build a new state-of-the-art medical education facility to replace Berryhill Hall so our School of Medicine can train the additional doctors North Carolina needs in the future.

Statewide Public Service Examples

- Training more leaders and professionals to work in communities from the mountains to the coast of North Carolina is one critical component of the University's public service mission.
- For example, in our School of Government, the North Carolina Judicial College collaborates with the state's court system in providing education, training and support for judges, magistrates, and clerks of court via classes, webinars, email and phone calls.
- School of Government administrators and faculty also assist the North Carolina Commission on the Administration of Law and Justice, an independent body convened by Supreme Court Justice Mark Martin to evaluate our judicial system and make recommendations to strengthen North Carolina's courts. Dean Mike Smith and Senior Associate Dean Tom Thornburg are ex-officio commission members; several faculty advise the commission and help several of its committees.
- Alternative spring breaks are increasingly common around the country, and Carolina is no exception. Last week, while many of their classmates were relaxing on beaches and in other places, many of our own students traveled to communities in need across North Carolina and beyond to engage with non-profits, community leaders and to serve others.
- I was pleased to learn through the Carolina Public Service Center and APPLES Service Learning Program that we had groups of UNC-Chapel Hill students traveling to rural communities in Robeson County to focus on economic, educational and racial issues, as well as Latino communities in Dunn, Durham and Charlotte. The Dunn visit included opportunities for our students to engage with farmworkers about working conditions in the agricultural system.

Congratulate ACC Champions

- I also wanted to take this opportunity to publicly congratulate the student-athletes and coaching staffs from our two Atlantic Coast Conference champion teams so far this year: men's basketball and women's field hockey.

- Both programs have enjoyed enormous success both on and off the court and field, and that's a great tribute to Coach Williams, Coach Shelton, Bubba Cunningham, and the entire athletics department.

Houston Summers Departure

- Finally, we've come to the point in the academic year that's bittersweet, and that's the March meeting where we traditionally bid a fond farewell to our student body president who serves on the board.
- Trustee Summers has done an excellent job over the past year, and we want to recognize his hard work and contributions to our board.
- At this time, I call on Secretary Duckett to read a resolution of appreciation.
- Before we ask Trustee Summers to give his report, we would also like to take a moment to show the audience a wonderful video produced by the Department of Athletics that beautifully tells the story of Houston's experiences and many contributions to Carolina.

Media Session

- For the news media here today, Chancellor Folt and I will be available in Alumni Hall #3 after the open session ends at roughly 10 a.m. to take your questions. Thanks for your interest in the board and the University.