

**CHAIR DWIGHT STONE'S PREPARED REMARKS**  
**UNC Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**May 19, 2016**

**Welcome**

- Thanks to everyone for attending.
- Chancellor Folt and I deeply appreciate everything the members of this board do on a daily basis to support our University.

**Commencement**

- One of the most rewarding parts of our jobs as officers of this board is to represent the trustees during Commencement weekend ceremonies.
- I was so pleased to have that honor during the Doctoral Hooding Ceremony. I want to congratulate Chancellor Folt, Graduate School Dean Steve Matson and the University staff in putting together an excellent ceremony.
- I was so impressed with our newly minted PhDs and the incredible work that went into their degrees.
- I also want to thank Vice Chair Cochrane for representing our board during the Commencement ceremony on Mother's Day in Kenan Stadium.
- Chancellor Folt will have more to say about Commencement during her report.

**Board of Governors Collaborations**

- As a board, we continue to focus considerable time and energy on positive collaborations with members of the Board of Governors, along with President Spellings and her leadership team.
- This is a particularly important time for this work with the General Assembly's short session in progress.

**Financing Proposal**

- I'm pleased to report we've had some productive conversations in Raleigh since Board of Governors members devoted their attention to our joint financing proposal with N.C. State University during their last meeting.
- In my opinion, extending the time period for which we can borrow money is critical to help ensure that UNC-Chapel Hill remains a financially sound, world-class research university for generations to come.
- We believe this proposal represents a prudent approach to balancing current needs and resources with wisely tapping the advantage long-term debt would provide over a 100-year time horizon.

- By setting aside funds up front, we would mitigate the financial burden and alleviate a significant portion of the debt.
- As a board, we support this as a far more realistic way to tackle the huge backlog of repairs and renovations that have accumulated over the years for our historic campus.
- We understand the University cannot rely on the state to cover all of these costs given current economic conditions. So this tool represents an opportunity for us to find another way to proactively manage our infrastructure needs.
- In addition, our proposal includes provisions to pump some funds into capital projects with the potential to leverage future revenues that can also in turn be used to help pay down the debt.
- While the University and the UNC system has many legislative needs, I'm very pleased this board has engaged on this topic and is partnering with our friends at N.C. State to explain the special needs of two great research universities.

### **Congratulate ACC Champions**

- I want to take a moment to publicly congratulate the student-athletes and coaching staffs from women's tennis and women's lacrosse. Both teams recently brought home Atlantic Coast Conference championship titles, and we are very proud of them and their hard work on and off the court and field.

### **NCAA**

- Since we last met, Carolina received an amended notice of allegations from the NCAA, and I want to acknowledge the board's support for the way Chancellor Folt and Athletics Director Bubba Cunningham are handling the investigation and working with the NCAA.
- The amended NOA and the accompanying exhibits (called FIs by the NCAA) are posted on the Carolina Commitment website.
- These past few years have been difficult for the entire Carolina family, and I know that all of us are ready to bring this chapter to a close and also secure a fair outcome for Carolina.

### **LEADERSHIP TEAM**

- Chancellor Folt and Provost Dean continue to make great strides in building a first-class leadership team.
- I am pleased that Dr. Fouad Abd-El-Khalick will join us on July 1 as dean of the School of Education. He is an award-winning educator in the sciences, and his research in K-12 education will not only benefit our students but also serve teachers across North Carolina.
- Last week we announced that Mark Merritt, an esteemed attorney from Charlotte and president-elect of the North Carolina State Bar will be our next Vice Chancellor and

General Counsel. Chancellor Folt will be talking more about Mark in her remarks, and we look forward to welcoming him this fall.

### **BRADLEY OPERE**

- Today we officially added our new Student Body President to our board. Trustee Opere, we look forward to working with you over this next year.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- I also want to recognize the outstanding contributions of five administrators at the University who are retiring or returning to the faculty. When we add their tenures together, they have served this University for an incredible 160 years, and we are grateful for their dedication.

Barbara Entwisle, Vice Chancellor for Research

Shirley Ort, Associate Provost and Director of Scholarships and Student Aid

Pat Crawford, Associate Vice Chancellor and Deputy General Counsel and

Joe Ferrell, Professor of Public Law and Secretary of the Faculty

- I now call on Board Secretary Duckett to read resolutions of appreciation for Vice Chancellor Entwisle and Associate Provost Ort.
  - [RESOLUTIONS]
- I now ask Vice Chair Cochrane to read resolutions of appreciation for Associate Vice Chancellor Crawford and Faculty Secretary Ferrell.
  - [RESOLUTIONS]
- Thank you.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

At this time, I call on Trustee Caudill for the Nominating Committee report.

### **MEDIA SESSION**

- For the news media here today, Chancellor Folt and I will be available at 9:30 a.m. to take your questions. She will be leaving immediately after that to attend an awards ceremony at the White House to honor one of our very best researchers—Dr. Joe DeSimone. Chancellor Folt will tell you more about that opportunity in her remarks.
- For everyone in attendance, please note that we will take a break around 9:30 a.m. even if we are in the middle of an agenda item to allow time for us to speak with the media. Thanks for your understanding.