

## **CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS**

### **UNC Board of Trustees Meeting**

**January 28, 2016**

#### **GREAT START TO 2016**

- I'd like to take a moment to brag about our students...
- While we know they are remarkable people with great potential – the rest of the world also recognizes this about them.

#### **Schwarzman Scholars**

- Earlier this month, Carolina had the tremendous honor of having two students – Larry Han & Max Seunik – named among the first cohort of Schwarzman Scholars.
- They were selected from more than 3,000 applicants for this award, an elite China-based scholarship modeled after the Rhodes Scholarship and founded by Blackstone Co-Founder and CEO Stephen A. Schwarzman.
- Larry and Max are outstanding young men – both products of our Gillings School of Global Public Health – who are gifted leaders and dedicated humanitarians, deeply passionate about advancing global health and development.
- And this news comes on the heels of....

#### **Marshall Scholar**

- James Williams, a 4<sup>th</sup> yr student double majoring in economics and Asian studies with a Chinese concentration and a minor in mathematical decision sciences, receiving the prestigious Marshall scholarship at the end of last year.
- He is Carolina's first Marshall Scholar in nearly a decade & 17<sup>th</sup> student to receive the honor.
- The Marshall Scholarship is a graduate studies scholarship to study at a United Kingdom institution in any field of study.

#### **Churchill Scholar**

- And just this week, Blake Hauser, 4<sup>th</sup> year student double majoring in environmental health sciences from UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and biology from the College of Arts and Sciences, as well as a minor in chemistry, was named a Churchill Scholar.
- 1 of only 15 people selected
- Carolina's 16<sup>th</sup> Churchill Scholar
- This is a research-focused award that provides funding to American students for a year of master's study in science, mathematics and engineering at Churchill College, based at the University of Cambridge in England.

#### **Welcome Kevin Guskiewicz, Dean, College of Arts & Sciences**

- His first official BOT meeting as Dean; assumed deanship on Jan. 1, 2016

## **Appointment of Todd Nicolet, Interim Chief Ethics & Integrity Officer**

In May 2015, I created two working groups:

1. Ethics and Integrity Working Group
  2. Policy & Procedures Working Group
- While the two working groups had different charges, their work overlapped & they decided to submit one joint recommendation: to create the position of Chief Integrity & Policy Officer.
  - Purpose of role: 1. Serve as the University's lead for strengthening a culture of ethical behavior & integrity & providing a robust structure for policy management practices that support such behavior.  
2. Ensure the University is intentional about continuing a culture of integrity & that decision-making supports & facilitates effective policy implementation.
  - After reviewing this joint recommendation, I agreed with the need for this position and plan to begin an immediate search for a Chief Integrity & Policy Officer (projected start date of June 2016).
  - In the meantime, we need to move forward with some of the other recommendations.
  - To help us accomplish this work, I have asked Todd Nicolet, chair of the PP WG, to serve as the Interim Chief Integrity & Policy Office beginning on Feb. 8:
    - Currently Assoc. Dean for Operations at SOG
    - Starting Feb. 8, he will be Sr. Assoc. Dean for Administration at SPH
    - From Feb 8 – May 31, he will work half time at SPH in his new role & half time as Interim Chief Ethics & Diversity Officer
    - Assignment will be from Feb. 8 – May 31, 2016. Senior level position that reports to Chancellor Folt.
    - He will take the lead in implementing and prioritizing the recommendations from both the Ethics & Integrity and the Policy & Procedure Working Groups.

## **Environmental & Energy Policy Update – Chancellor's Goal: Three Zeros**

- Carolina's priority is to be a leading living-laboratory for environmental & energy innovation & business practices.
- Three Zeros:
  - WATER: Net Zero Water Usage
  - WASTE: Zero Waste to Landfills
  - ENERGY: Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions

## **New Rankings**

- Just as we were wrapping up the fall semester, Kiplinger's gave us a great gift – naming Carolina the top public university in value for the 15th time. Carolina also moved into the top 10 ranking of public & private universities.
- Earlier this month, *U.S. News & World Report* ranked KFBS's MBA@UNC program No. 3 in its 2<sup>nd</sup> ranking of online MBA programs.
- And Carolina was also recently named among the top 25 study abroad programs for all U.S. higher education institutions according to the Institute of International Education's report.

## **Applications Update**

- Total currently stands at 35,748 applications – 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive record & an increase of 12% over last year.
- Applications from North Carolinians are up 10%, the first strong year-over-year increase among residents that we've seen in several years.
- We've received 3,778 applications from global students – an increase of 19% – with 2,337 from China (up 32%) and 343 from India (up 22%).
- We've received 5,765 applications from first-generation-college students, an increase of 15%.
- Using our own reporting guidelines for race and ethnicity, we've seen increases among Hispanic or Latino students (up 20%), American Indian students (up 16%), Asian or Asian American students (up 15%), and black or African-American students (up 13%).
- Expecting to release decisions to roughly 20,000 early-action applicants this week.

## **Next Steps Committee**

- Earlier this week, I sent a campus message about the actions we're taking – both in the short and long term – to build upon the crucial conversations on race, inclusion & diversity launched last semester.
- It concerns me deeply that some of our students feel as though they do not belong on this campus.
- I want all of our students to know that they are at Carolina because they have earned it.
- I am grateful to have the support of you, our Trustees, along with my Cabinet and the Deans, as we roll out these initiatives to make Carolina a more welcoming and inclusive place for all.
- My leadership team and I will continue to meet regularly with the students to keep them informed of our progress and to seek their feedback.
- We are truly committed to making a difference on this campus.

## **Connect NC Bond**

- At our last meeting we heard from Rep. Dean Arp about the important opportunity we have to invest in North Carolina's future with the CONNECT NC Bond when we go to the polls on March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Since then, a new website about the bond was launched at [CONNECT.NC.GOV](http://CONNECT.NC.GOV) and I got to start the year with a trip to Asheville to meet with the *Asheville Citizen-Times* Editorial Board.
- I was joined by:
  - Western Carolina University Chancellor David Belcher
  - UNC-Asheville Provost Joseph Urgo
  - Dr. Jeff Heck, President and CEO of MAHEC
- Together, we told them about what passage of this bond would mean for North Carolina's future – and in particular, public education, with no tax increases for voters – and we were pleased to read the paper's endorsement of the bond.
- I will be traveling to both Charlotte and Greensboro next month to encourage people to vote on the bond.
- And Houston Summers is working on a great GOTV effort to encourage students to vote early since election day falls during Spring Break.

- At Carolina, the bond funds would go towards the creation of a newer, larger and more advanced medical education building that is crucial to the UNC School of Medicine’s mission of top-tier, nationally recognized physician training.
- Today, we are pleased to have a presentation from our SOM colleagues who will tell you more about why this is so important and the vision for the future of medical education at Carolina.

#### **INTRODUCE PRESENTATIONS**

- “The Triumph of Christianity: How the Early Christians Overwhelmed Pagan Rome”
  - Dr. Bart Ehrman, James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies
- “Building the path to a healthier future: The New UNC Medical Education Building”
  - Julie Byerley, Vice Dean for Education & Chief Education Officer, UNC School of Medicine
  - Bruce Cairns, Director of the NC Jaycee Burn Center & Associate Professor of Surgery & Microbiology & Immunology
  - Ashley Cairns, SOM student