CHANCELLOR CAROL FOLT’S PREPARED REMARKS
UNC Board of Trustees
Thursday, Jan. 26, 2017

Opening

- Thank Chair Stone & BOT; guidance & leadership.
- Echo Chair Stone’s welcome of Clayton Somers (’93).
- Appreciated opportunity to present Strategic Framework yesterday.
  - Presentations across campus; receiving input.
- Thank Bradley for his comments.
- Yesterday momentous event at Ackland; 134 Dutch & Flemish old master drawings.
  - One of the 7 Rembrandt drawings has inscription in artist’s own hand.
- Ackland now leading university art museum in U.S. with Rembrandt drawings.
- Valued $25 million; includes endowment to support new curator & future acquisitions; Ackland organizing travelling exhibition.
- Gift has inestimable value to state & Carolina, advancing public education mission.
- Special guests today; Dr. Sheldon [BS ’63; Dr. Dental surgery ’66] & Leena Peck; both distinguished orthodontists & university educators; please stand.

Introductions

- Nilda Peragallo Montano, Dean SON.
  - From serving as Dean, Univ. of Miami.
- Scott De Rossi, Dean SOD.
  - From Chair of oral health; Augusta U. Dental College
- Gary Bowen, Dean of School of Social Work.
  - UNC since ’85; Dean’s Recognition of Teaching Excellence 6 times.

UNC Update

- Before I begin: Dr. Oliver Smithies; great loss to UNC & world; memories of lunch with Oliver & Dr. Nobuyo Maeda (No-BOO-yo MADE-a).
- News today: Churchill Scholar; Benjamin Kompa (’17); Double Major, Math & Computational Sci.; Bio minor; master’s study in science & math; Churchill College, Cambridge.
  - 3rd consecutive recipient since ’14; 17th total.
  - 1 of 15 students selected this year.
  - Aside: By request of World Bridge Federation, investigated cheating using computational models.
- Since last meeting: Dec. 18; 2,166 NEW alumni; 907 undergrads, 886 masters, 49 professional & 324 doctoral.
- At Commencement: Discussed Dr. Raj Panjabi; double Tar Heel, ’02 & SOM ’07; 2017 TED Prize.
  - CEO Last Mile Health; changing lives in Liberia; April reveals use of $1 million prize to improve health care for poor.
• Announced *Brooke Baldwin* (’01), CNN; Spring Commencement speaker.

• Last week, MLK events.
  o One of few campuses in nation with *week-long celebration of Dr. King*; started at UNC ’83 before it was national holiday.
  o Record attendance MLK Banquet; keynote speaker, *Soledad O’Brien* packed Memorial Hall.

• Close of 1st-year admissions for Fall ’17; Tues. announced 12th consecutive application record; 13.7% over last year.

• Kiplinger’s Personal Finance; 1st among Publics offering quality & affordability; 16th consecutive time.

• Gillings; $19 million contract; continue 30-year work; hardening of arteries research & data; seeking solutions.

• Eshelman; light to activate chemical in red blood cells; profound implications for *targeted disease treatment*.

• Highway Safety Center; DOT-$15M over 5 years; builds on 50 years of safety work.

• Marine Sciences; predicting harmful algal blooms; blooms ~ $82M annual impact due to fish kills & poor water quality.

• UNC researchers’ discovery; how plants detect shadows; maximize efficiency in plants to increase agricultural yields; by 2050, 9.7B people to feed.

• SOE & NCSU; $150K grant; pedagogical program training thousands *lateral entry teachers*; earn licensure.

• Carolina Angel Network opportunities; announced 1/3.

• Arts Everywhere—& on the move; *PlayMakers’ Mobile Shakespeare*; local partnership in Triangle; Bard’s work more accessible; schools & groups.

• Nationally, Higher Ed on minds:
  o ATI announced 12/13; *Michael Bloomberg*; building access & affordability; *not new to UNC*; Carolina Covenant more than a decade.
  o 12/9; *National Competitiveness Forum* in DC; impact of shrinking federal research dollars.

**Presentation**

• Michael Crimmins to discuss CSS; will introduce 3 Scholars [*Sierra Atwater, ‘17; Kristen Gardner, ‘19; Carlos Perez-Heydrich, ‘19*]

• UNC Chemistry faculty > 34 years; known for creating successful learning environment.

• Innovative teaching, such as in Organic Chemistry.

• 03/16: BOG selected for *Award for Excellence in Teaching*.

• White House estimates by ’18 2.4M unfilled STEM jobs; just one measure of challenge faced as nation.

• 4 cohorts; ~ 120 students in program; *First 4-year class graduating*.

• Important mission of access, diversity; CSS increases number of URM & women in Science & Math.