

## 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.
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive recipient since '14; 17<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - One of few campuses in nation with *week-long celebration of Dr. King*; started at UNC '83 before it was national holiday.
  - Record attendance MLK Banquet; keynote speaker, *Soledad O'Brien* packed Memorial Hall.
- Close of 1<sup>st</sup>-year admissions for Fall '17; Tues. announced 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive application record; *13.7% over last year*.
- Kiplinger's Personal Finance; 1<sup>st</sup> among Publics offering quality & affordability; *16<sup>th</sup> 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:
  - ATI announced 12/13; *Michael Bloomberg*; building access & affordability; *not new to UNC*; Carolina Covenant more than a decade.
  - 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.