

CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS

UNC Board of Trustees

Thur., July 27, 2017

Opening

- Congratulations to Chair Cochrane; looking forward to working together.
 - Thank Dwight for his service.
- Congratulations to new Trustee officers; congratulations to all reappointed Trustees.
- And welcome back: Richard Stevens; BOT '95—'02; Chair of BOT '97—'99; illustrious career in NC Senate, '03—'12...
 - Service to UNC in so many areas; UNC School of Law & School of Gov. both have scholarships named in his honor; *Long Leaf Pine in 2000 & many other honors.*
- Thank you Elizabeth Adkins for your remarks (*Fayetteville native; PoliSci & M-J major*).

- As we move into a new year, new leadership:
 - New Chair of Faculty, *Leslie Parise*, prof. & chair of Dept. of Biochemistry & Biophysics; *two terms on FEC & Faculty Council.*
 - New Employee Forum Chair, *Shayna Hill*, double Tar Heel, BA & Masters in Public Health; *20 years in NYC & LA acting, writing & directing; Materials Manager at UNC School of Dentistry.*
- And thank you to BOT, approving appointment of *Elaine Westbrooks*, currently at Univ. of Michigan; our new *UNC Univ. Librarian & Vice Provost for University Libraries* starts Aug. 15.
- And Rumay Alexander appointed as Assoc. VC for Diversity & Inclusion; *Rumay's leadership in diversity & inclusion well known across UNC & in U.S.*

- First update is a Thank You to entire Carolina Community.
- As you heard yesterday during Development Update from David; \$543 M raised & committed in FY-17; *3rd consecutive Best Year.*
 - Please join me in a round of applause.
- Great prelude to Campaign Launch, Oct. 6; very exciting time for Carolina & our future.

- Next event on UNC schedule: Convocation, Sunday, Aug. 20 at 7:00 p.m.; Carmichael Arena.
- Welcoming ~ 5,400 first-year and transfer students for Academic Year '17-'18.
- I hope you can attend...

- International update—*UNC without borders...*
- As Chancellor, great privilege to visit faculty & students *working to change lives across globe.*
- June visit: UNC Project Malawi; signature program of UNC Institute for Global Health & Infectious Diseases; *20-year collaboration between UNC & Malawi Ministry of Health, Kamuzu Central Hospital.*
 - During visit: Dedicated new library & *new Project Annex* space-- w/labs, teaching space.
- Started in one-room as series of HIV studies; *now > 375 staff, > 40 ongoing research studies.*
- ~ 20 students per year benefit from advanced medical & training grants.

- Today, program expanded to include (among other areas) cancer, surgery, trauma including burns, obstetrics, maternal health & pediatric care & malaria prevention.
- Recognition of excellence: because of *UNC Project Malawi & seminal work here*, UNC's HIV Research ranked 6th by *US News & World Report*; work has saved millions of lives here & around world.
- AND... UNC Institute for Global Health & Infectious Diseases (GHID) is an amazing return on investment story:
 - Annual budget for Project Malawi is ~ \$12M – 94% from Federal Government & Private Foundations.
 - GHID raised \$415M; *this year has exceeded \$51M in grants to date.*
 - Recruited 31 faculty in 10 years *who received \$92M in grant support.*
 - Small grants of \$300K *led to \$10M.*
- In June, commencement at USFQ (541 grads); partner university, about 400 *UNC students have studied there since partnership's inception.*
- Hosted by Chancellor Santiago Gangotena; UNC physics Ph.D. '77; founded USFQ in '88; *Last University Day honored scholarship in his name.*
- UNC & USFQ research facility in Galápagos (2011); Galápagos 1st UNESCO World Heritage site '78.
- Creating a model of sustainable development & conservation; implications for ecosystems around the globe; *including North Carolina coastal areas where tourism & fragile ecosystems meet.*
- Since 2011, > 150 UNC students have participated in Galápagos study abroad programs; *includes classroom, field & laboratory work.*

- Since last meeting: *UNC progress & recognition of excellence.*
- June 10: White House announced *Ned Sharpless*; Dir. of National Cancer Institute.
- Also in June—Jack Kent Cooke Foundation; \$1M grant for work to make higher education accessible & affordable.
 - Today in North Carolina, child born in poverty little chance of achieving prosperity; *fewer than 1 in 3 reach median household income of 48K*; prospect of creating a better future seems very dim, distant.
- This is where role of nation's 1st Public University comes to play; *creating access & opportunity.*
- Cooke Foundation recognized UNC's comprehensive approach; the full package...
- Leading Programs & UNC commitment: Carolina Covenant, CCAC, C-STEP...
- UNC approach isn't just about recruitment; *focused on recruitment, retention, at-college opportunities, graduation & success in life.*
- June 29, UNC Autism Research Center; *Inaugural Advisory Board meeting.*
- Executive Committee (7 members); all are UNC Autism researchers...
- Advisory Board (13 members); leading autism researchers in U.S. & England.
- Briefed to me in Fall 2015 by Drs. Joe Piven, Ben Philpot & Mark Zylka; their work made this possible.
- And on June 8, Dr. Piven was on NBC Evening News; *discussed progress in Autism Research*; brain scans of infants as early predictor.
- In July, William R. Kenan Trust awarded School of Medicine \$1.5M; *establish inter-professional clinical experiences for health professions students...*
 - Focus on rural areas of our state; launching *UNC Rural Interprofessional Health Initiative.*

- Also in July, NFL announced funding for *\$2.6 million international study, led by UNC & Medical College of Wisconsin.*
 - Focuses on role of active rehabilitation strategies in concussion management; first of its kind study; *includes return-to-play protocol & early therapeutic interventions.*
- AND Andrew W. Mellon Foundation announced \$1.5 M grant; *significantly advances UNC's humanities education, research & teaching.*
 - "Humanities for the Public Good" initiative uses *multiple strategies to integrate public humanities* into curriculum & *fosters public engagement.*
- Even heavens not out of reach for UNC; Zena Cardman; B.S. biology in '10; Master's Marine Science in '14.
 - > 18K applied to be in NASA's upcoming class of astronauts, she was among top 12 accepted.
 - Reports to NASA's Johnson Space Center in August to begin her training.

- Will now introduce today's presentation...
- Had opportunity in April to open *first Maynard Adams Symposium.*
- Event was part of College's year-long *Carolina's Human Heart'* initiative.
- Now an annual event – *To encourage more public discussion of key issues in the Humanities.*
- Honors philosophy & legacy of former philosophy professor & UNC academic leader, *Maynard Adams.*
- Prof. Adams had a profound impact at UNC & in our local communities; *joined faculty in '49; retired from active teaching in 1990.*
- Now my pleasure to ask Lloyd Kramer, prof. in History Dept.; Director of *Carolina Public Humanities* program; to come forward to make introductions & discuss *"Maynard Adams Fellowship for the Public Humanities"*