CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS
UNC Board of Trustees
Thur., July 27, 2017

Opening

• Congratulations to Chair Cochrane; looking forward to working together.
  o 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...  
  o 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).

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• As we move into a new year, new leadership:
  o New Chair of Faculty, Leslie Parise, prof. & chair of Dept. of Biochemistry & Biophysics; two terms on FEC & Faculty Council.
  o 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.

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• 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.
  o 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.
  o 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:
  o Annual budget for Project Malawi is ~ $12M – 94% from Federal Government & Private Foundations.
  o GHID raised $415M; this year has exceeded $51M in grants to date.
  o Recruited 31 faculty in 10 years who received $92M in grant support.
  o 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.

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• 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.
  o 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...
  o 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.
  o 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.
  o “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.
  o > 18K applied to be in NASA’s upcoming class of astronauts, she was among top 12 accepted.
  o Reports to NASA’s Johnson Space Center in August to begin her training.

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• 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”