

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

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

**March 24, 2016**

#### **Opening**

- Hard to believe we're in the home stretch of the school year – 1 month until the last day of classes (Apr. 27)
- March is Women's History Month & we've been celebrating important milestones for women all month long here...

#### **President Spellings' Campus Visit**

- Highlights of President Spellings' visit to campus this week

#### **Anne-Marie Slaughter, May 2016 Commencement Speaker**

- Carolina is incredibly fortunate to welcome an exceptional thinker & leader like Anne-Marie to share her wit, wisdom & experience at our May commencement ceremony.
- Slaughter quote: "Only when women wield power in significant numbers will we create a society that genuinely works for all women ... that will be a society that works for everyone."
- She is a dedicated public servant devoted to solving real life challenges related to work, family & leadership – issues especially relevant to our graduating seniors.
  - I was lucky enough to hear Anne-Marie speak several years ago and found her absolutely magnetic.
  - She greatly inspired me and I know students will be moved and motivated by her message.
- Fun fact #1: She comes from 200 years of North Carolinians & her great-grandfather William Alexander Hoke's papers are stored here at the University.
- Fun fact #2: Her article, "Why Women Still Can't Have it All," published in *The Atlantic*, is the most read piece in the history of the magazine.
- Currently the President & CEO of New America, a non-partisan think tank committed to the solution of public problems and enabling those working on solutions to drive stages of change, from inspiration to implementation.
- She is also the Bert G. Kerstetter '66 University Professor Emerita of Politics and International Affairs at Princeton University.
- From 2009-2011, Slaughter served as the director of Policy Planning for the U.S. Dept of State, the 1<sup>st</sup> woman to hold that position.
- Prior to her government service, she was the Dean of Princeton's Woodrow Wilson School of Public & International Affairs from 2002–2009 and the J. Sinclair Armstrong Professor of

International, Foreign and Comparative Law at Harvard Law School from 1994-2002.

### **University Awards for the Advancement of Women**

- Earlier this month, we recognized four extraordinary members of our UNC community – a faculty member, an individual on staff, a graduate/professional student and an undergraduate student.
- Every day, these recipients elevate the state of women on campus in systematic and sustainable ways.
- They are stand-out leaders who have taken steps to break down gender barriers and promote the development of women on campus—and beyond.
- These recipients have made an impact not only through their services to UNC and the broader community, but have served as models for others—a source of inspiration for others to take up this cause.
- The recipients are:
  - FACULTY: Sheila Kannappan, Associate Professor and the Associate Chair for Diversity in the Physics & Astronomy Department
  - STAFF: Jackie Overton, Training Specialist, Parking and Transportation
  - GRAD/PROF STUDENT: Mary Rebecca Shen, 2<sup>nd</sup>-year medical student, UNC School of Medicine
  - UNDERGRAD: Leslie Morales, a first generation student and senior who plans to major in Psychology and minor in Latino/a studies.
- Their efforts to ensure a more diverse and supportive campus community are so very important – for women and for Carolina as a whole.

### **Student Success**

- Houston Summers: Recognize his outstanding service to Carolina both as SBP and as a Trustee
- New Student Body President: Welcome Bradley Opere
- Cambridge Gates Fellows
  - Larry Han and Matthew Leming have been awarded prestigious Gates Cambridge Scholarships, which provide full support for graduate study at the University of Cambridge in England.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> time Carolina has had 2 people selected as Gates Cambridge Scholars in the same year
  - Carolina now has a total of 5 Gates Cambridge Scholars.
  - Han & Leming are among 35 people selected from 826 applicants in the U.S. competition for the scholarship
  - Han, who also received a Schwarzman Scholarship, is a 4<sup>th</sup> yr student majoring in

biostatistics from the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and minoring in chemistry from the College of Arts and Sciences

- Lemming is getting his master's in computer science from the College of Arts and Sciences as part of a 5-yr computer science bachelor's and master's program.
- Carnegie Junior Fellow
  - Alumna Caroline Zullo '15, '23, has been selected for the elite Carnegie Junior Fellows Program for students interested in international affairs
  - We are tremendously proud of Caroline for being UNC-Chapel Hill's 1<sup>st</sup>-ever Carnegie Junior Fellow.
  - With her deep commitment to the advancement of peace and international affairs, I know her year with the Carnegie Endowment will be a transformative experience that will set her on course for a brilliant career in humanitarian affairs in the Middle East.
  - As a Junior Fellow, she will work full-time at the Carnegie Endowment as a research assistant to the endowment's senior associates on projects ranging from democracy and nuclear policy to economics and Russian studies.
  - She graduated with a double major in political science & global studies and a minor in Arabic from the College of Arts & Sciences
  - She is currently teaching English in East Jerusalem through the AMIDEAST Education Abroad Program.
  - While at Carolina, Carolina served on the Honor Court and was Co-President of ENRICH (English as a Second Language tutoring program); a Buckley Public Service Scholar and the recipient of both the Thad L. Beyle Research Award and a Foreign Language and Area Studies (FLAS) Fellowship.

### **Eshelman School of Pharmacy #1 Ranking**

- *U.S. News & World Report* ranked the Eshelman School #1 among the nation's Doctor of Pharmacy programs in the 2017 edition of "America's Best Graduate Schools."
- Deans & faculty at more than 130 accredited pharmacy schools in the U.S. were asked to rank the nation's top schools and their Pharm.D. programs.
- We are extremely gratified to receive this acknowledgment from our peers.
- This ranking is a validation of who we are, what we do & what we believe in as a School.
- Our continued purpose is to accelerate needed changes in health care, education & research.
- Reflection of the quality of our program
- A testament to the talent, hard work & dedication of our students, alumni, faculty and staff
- Achieved this recognition because of the tremendous support from our alumni, the University & the state of NC over the last decade.

## **Admissions Update**

- 35,863 first-year applications = 12% more than last year
- 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive record and 2<sup>nd</sup> highest year-over-year increase in the last 25 years
- Out-of-state admission rate for regular-decision applicants will be lower than 10%
- NC admission rate will be at or above 50%
- 1,147 students have told us they plan to enroll so far.

## **Terry Magnuson, New Vice Chancellor for Research**

- Dr. Terry Magnuson, Sarah Graham Kenan professor and founding chair of the department of genetics, has been appointed as the VC for Research effective July 1.
- Succeeding Barbara Entwisle:
  - returning as a faculty member in the sociology department of the College of Arts and Sciences & fellow of the Carolina Population Center.
  - During her 5-yr tenure, Carolina, for the 1<sup>st</sup> time, earned a spot as one of the country's top 10 research universities in both overall and federal expenditures.
- Terry is a national leader in his field and one of our deeply trusted colleagues.
- So honored that he will guide the basic curiosity, passion and creativity inherent in our faculty and students to help unleash the innovation potential of this great University.
- Will lead a campus-wide research program that has attracted nearly \$1B in contract & grant funding in fiscal 2014.
- Leading geneticist who studies chromatin and gene expression in various diseases, will lead efforts to connect academic units across campus with the University's overarching mission and manage research support offices as well as select centers and institutes, major building blocks of Carolina's research excellence.
- Recruited to Carolina in 2000 as founding chair of the dept. of genetics and director of the newly established Carolina Center for Genome Sciences.
- Created the Cancer Genetics Program in the UNC Lineberger CCC
- In July 2010, appointed vice dean for research in the SOM, helping oversee the construction of the University's newest research imaging building Marsico Hall, with the idea of bringing many different scientists together to create synergy across different units of campus.
- Elected to the American Academy of Arts & Sciences, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies and the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Council of Councils.
- Known for his pioneering efforts on the Collaborative Cross, a project aimed at mirroring the diversity of human genetics in laboratory mice populations.

**DC Trip (March 9-12)**

- Development Dinner
- Visits with NC Senators Burr & Tillis and Sen. Alexander, chair of the HELP Committee
- DC Leaders Breakfast
- Honors Public Policy Seminar Breakfast
- White House Visit/Meeting on Higher Ed Policies
- Met with Dr. Francis Collins, NIH Director
- Interviews with The Atlantic & Military Times
- ACC Tournament – ACC Champs!
- Headed back in May for the ceremony honoring our very own Joe DeSimone as he receives the National Medal of Technology & Innovation at the White House

**\$2B Connect NC Bond Passage**

- 2/3 of voters made an important investment in the future of our state when they went to the polls this March
- Grateful to NC's voters for supporting public higher education through the passage of the \$2B Connect NC bond referendum
- Strong endorsement for the importance of having the very best facilities at Carolina to train more North Carolina doctors for our state
- Congratulate/thank UNC staff whose efforts led to this critically important outcome

**March Madness**

- 'Heels are playing Indiana in Philadelphia on Fri., Mar. 25 (9:57pm EST tip off) for the regional semifinals.

**Introduce Dean Kevin Guskiewicz**

Kevin will introduce all three presentations from faculty in the College.