CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS
UNC Board of Trustees
Thur., May 25, 2017

Opening

- Thank you Chair Stone; continuing guidance & leadership; two years of service as Chair.
- Thank you to Board’s Nominating Committee for your work; appreciate Trustee Caudill’s leadership as Chair of that Committee.
- Add my thanks to Trustee Don Curtis; 2 terms & eight years of service; he was on Committee that brought me to UNC.
- Congratulations to our newest Trustee, Elizabeth Adkins (Fayetteville native; PoliSci & M-J major).
- Chair Stone, will take a moment for special recognitions & appreciation...
- First, two leaders who have provided selfless, dedicated and visionary service to UNC.
- Will Dr. Bruce Cairns & Charles Streeter please rise.
- Bruce elected Chair of Faculty Council in July 2014; Charles elected Chair of Employee Forum in June 2013.
- Their thoughtful leadership has helped the entire Carolina Community; addressing substantive issues; building outreach across UNC.
- I thank Bruce & Charles for their service – and I ask for a round of applause [lead applause]
- Thank you.
- Now, I ask our three Chancellor’s Fellows to please stand.
- Dale Bass, Rachel Gogal & Julia Stroup set the bar of excellence for all future graduates who have the opportunity to serve their alma mater as Fellows.
- From Arts Everywhere & work supporting our international footprint, to campus safety applications, Carolina Conversations & University Day projects...
- Wherever we needed thoughtful support & spirited assistance – they have been there with enthusiasm & big smiles.
- Thank you for your service – and I ask for a round of applause [lead applause]

Highlights of Academic Year & Past Few Months

- Amazing year—many accomplishments; will recap some highlights...
- Commencement; Class of 2017:
  - 3,790 undergraduates,
  - 1,337 master’s students,
  - 614 professional students,
  - 294 doctoral students
- And 645 Carolina Firsts; 20 Chancellor’s Science Scholars, 1st Cohort.
- Special relationship with Class.
- Over Class of 17’s four years: 6M course hours; 500K days traveling & studying abroad; & ~ 4M hours of public service; & 4 National Championships & 25 ACC... and 400K meals of late-night pancakes at Rams.
- Brooke Baldwin (’01): spoke about relationship with UNC; no matter how much work in her inbox, 2 words in subject line get her to stop, read, respond... TAR HEEL.
• Honorary Degrees: *Special Tar Heels:* Fred Eshelman, Patricia Horoho, Thomas Kelly.

• Busy commencement period; *many other events celebrating special accomplishments*...

• Hooding Ceremony; Dr. Rich Lenski spoke; *Approx. 600 dissertations* for 2016-17 Academic year.

• Special Events such as AIC, LGBT-Q/Lavender, athletes in competition ceremony.

• Commitment to those who serve: R.W.B., 25 ROTC graduates; 18 Vets, Reservists, National Guard & Active Duty.

• Old Students, GAA Luncheon.

**UNC – A Great Global University**

• Short international update—*UNC without borders*...

• As Chancellor, great privilege to visit faculty & students working to change lives across globe.

• UNC Global Leadership Council in London; first meeting outside of U.S.; relationship with King’s College London (*public research Univ. almost as old as UNC, est. 1829.*)

• On campus meetings this week; *Global Task Force.*

• June visit: UNC Project Malawi since 1990; *now 364-person staff* (majority Malawian).
  o Dedicating new library & *new Project Annex* space- w/ labs, teaching space; & home for UNC Malawi Lineberger Cancer Center.

• In June, commencement at USF-Q; partner university, about 400 *UNC students have studied there since partnership’s inception.*

**UNC Closer to Home**

• Since last meeting: *Horizons,* hear more about this in a few minutes.

• In April, visited Carolina College Advising Corps, (CCAC) program in Guilford County; four advisers working in high schools there.
  o Program supports low-income students navigating *college admissions & aid process.*

• CCAC now in 10th year; serves 23% of all low-income students *in NC public schools.* Some results:
  o 2007: 8 partner schools, 1,400 graduating seniors served... grown to...
  o 2017: 71 partner schools, 14,000 graduating seniors served.
  o Schools in program realize ~ 19% increase in college enrollment rates.

• On Monday: *20-year Service Society Banquet; recognized 156 members of UNC; representing 3,120 years of service to UNC & North Carolina.*

• Planetarium programs: Brief by Todd Boyette at *External Affairs Comm.* yesterday; *directly benefits people in N.C.*

• $5.2M Planetarium transformative renovation; no state funds; 75% raised...

• AND *Visit of Capt. James Lovell (Apollo 13)* on Apr. 6 kicked-off N.C. Science Festival; travelled around State to *bring excitement of science to children.*

• Yesterday: Shuford $18M gift; *Shuford Program in Entrepreneurship*; expands I & E across College.

• And... Innovate Carolina Roadmap *report released; highlights initiative since 2010 creation.*
  o Examples: Developed KickStart Venture, Carolina Research Ventures Fund; Launch Chapel Hill accelerator; Carolina Angel Network.
Comparing 5-year roadmap to prior 5-years: patents issued up 47%; new IP-based startups more than doubled; revenue up 73%; just a highlight of report that is on line.

- Final note: Federal budget...
- Last time briefed you on UNC work following proposed federal budget; potential impact on federal research funding.
- Since that time: Met with 10 of North Carolina’s 15 member Congressional Delegation...
- We will continue high-level engagement with Congress, both sides of the aisle; I believe a good understanding-support of our issues.
- Will now introduce our two presentations for today...

Closing – Presentations

First Presentation – UNC Horizons Program

- In April, a special opening; took internationally recognized UNC Horizons Program to next level.
- UNC Horizons started 24 years ago; response to epidemic of drug use... part of UNC Dept. of OB-GYN in School of Medicine
- Brilliant idea of Dr. John Thorp, UNC obstetrician & maternal-fetal specialist.
- In 2013, Dr. Thorp recruited and hired Dr. Hendrée [Ahn-Dray] Jones; internationally respected psychologist; top research expert in substance use disorder treatment.
- Now my pleasure to ask Dr. Bill Roper to come forward to make introductions.

Second Presentation – Dental School Community Service

- UNC School of Dentistry, a leading school of dentistry listed among the best in education, research, patient care & community service.
- Pleased Dean Scott De Rossi accepted UNC’s offer to become 8th Dean of UNC School of Dentistry.
- The School – under Scott’s leadership – is committed to developing nimble oral health professionals... and...
- Leadership in another critical area: Outreach & public service.
- This is one of the key roles of a great Public University.
- Now ask Dr. Scott De Rossi to come forward to make introductions. [Scott introduces Sarah Strickland & Nehemiah Lawson, Co-Presidents, American Student Dental Association.]

Dr. Scott De Rossi introduces the two students.