CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS
UNC Board of Trustees Meeting
Nov. 19, 2015

RECOGNITION OF DR. SANCAR
• Reiterate how proud we are of him
• Announcement event here with Duke
• Football game recognition with Dr. Modrich
• Parking space story

CAROLINA MOVES UP IN NEW NSF HERD SURVEY RANKINGS
• UNC-Chapel Hill has moved up from from 8th to 6th in the nation in federally financed research expenditures.
• Our total research annual expenditures from all sources moved up from $973 million to $990 million.
• Our federal research expenditures dropped slightly in terms of dollar volume (most everyone’s did), but we moved up to the 6th in the nation, nonetheless.

CLOSING THE ACHIEVEMENT GAP AT CAROLINA

Pell Grant Graduation Rates
• The class of Pell grant recipients who entered in 2004 (and graduated in 2008) had a 63.8% four-year graduation rate.
• The class of Pell grant recipients who entered in 2011 (and graduated in 2015) had an 80.6% four-year graduation rate.
• This is a 16.8 percentage point improvement in that span of time. We have nearly closed the achievement gap between Pell (low-income) recipients and all students.
• Fantastic trend!

Carolina Covenant Graduation Rates
• The class of Carolina Covenant (an even lower-income population than Pell Grant recipients) who entered in 2003 (and graduated in 2007) had a 56.7% four-year graduation rate. (Yes, the comparison year here is 2003, the year before we started the Carolina Covenant.)
• The class of Carolina Covenant Scholars who entered in 2011 (and graduated in 2015) had an 80.2% four-year graduation rate.
• This is a 23.5% percentage point improvement in that span of time. We have nearly closed the achievement gap between Covenant Scholars and non-needy students (85.7%).
• This is extraordinary!

KEVIN GUSKIEWICZ NAMED 22nd DEAN OF MODERN COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES
• Neuroscientist and internationally recognized expert on sport-related concussions and a senior associate dean of natural sciences in the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s College of Arts and Sciences will become the College’s 22nd dean, effective Jan. 1, 2016
• Selected after an extensive nationwide search led by Executive Vice Provost Jim Dean and Chief International Officer Ron Strauss
• Succeeds Dean Karen M. Gil, who will return to the College’s department of psychology and neuroscience after serving as dean for more than six years.
• Thank you, Karen, for extending your appointment...
• Kevin: 20-year faculty member
  • Kenan Distinguished Professor of Exercise and Sport Science
  • Holds appointments in the departments of orthopedics and physical medicine and rehabilitation, the UNC Injury Prevention Research Center and the doctoral program in human movement science
  • Shortly, you will be hearing more from Dr. Guskiewicz on his groundbreaking work...

RENCI / BIG DATA HUB
• The Renaissance Computing Institute (RENCI) and Georgia Tech will co-direct a new, national NSF effort, unprecedented in scope, to develop a big data innovation hub serving 16 southern states and the District of Columbia.
• Hub will have dual locations in Atlanta and Chapel Hill.
• $1.25 million over three years in seed funding is one of the NSF’s four Big Data Regional Innovation Hubs (BD Hubs) announced earlier this month.
• Aims to build innovative public-private partnerships: regional challenges such as health care, habitat planning and coastal hazards through big data analysis.

VETERANS DAY – Tar Heel Tribute
• We had 150 Carolina veterans and military members at Nov. 11 tribute.
• Today, most armed services veterans on our campus since post-WWII.
• Since 2009-2010, when the post-9/11 GI Bill went into effect, Carolina has seen 95% increase in number of students using GI Bill benefits.
• UNC Core
• Carolina Veterans Organization
• Student Veteran Assistance Coordinator, Amber Mathwig, 10-year Navy veteran
• Kenan-Flagler named the top online MBA program for Veterans by U.S. News & World Report.
• Warrior-Scholar Project
• UNC Medical Center’s Physician Assistant Degree Program

CAROLINA SQUARE
• Broke ground on the new Carolina Square.
• $123 million mixed-use space will be the first of its kind in downtown Chapel Hill
• Slated to open in August 2017, will advance the revitalization of Franklin Street.
• UNC-Chapel Hill has committed to more than 50 percent of the complex’s office space, which will allow groups from the Carolina Population Center and the Gillings School of Public Health to work alongside each other on research efforts.
• With the goal of increasing its integration of arts, academics and community, Carolina is also helping to fund The Core at Carolina Square, a nearly 8,500 square-foot innovation lab, studio and theater space.

CAMPAIGN SAFETY
• Safety is a top priority
• There was an attempted kidnapping near our campus recently, but fortunately, quick action on the part of the victim and her friends and follow-up by the police, led to an arrest.
• This incident was deeply alarming and unsettling to all of us.
• We are working on initiatives to make our campus and town as safe as possible:
  o Joint Chapel Hill Police Department/UNC Public Safety Foot Patrols
  o Nighttime Travel Safety Working Group
  o Campus Camera System Upgrades

DEAN SMITH AWARD (lead in to Race and Inclusion section)
• Presented to John Thompson, former Georgetown Coach and longtime friend of Coach Smith’s
• Both were more than HOF coaches; drivers of social change and truly loved each other.

And the topic of social change is still prevalent across the nation, and here at Carolina...

RACE AND INCLUSION AT CAROLINA
• Last Friday I attended a rally organized by our students about race at Carolina...
• Our country is witnessing how racial tensions and collective responses to those tensions drive change and spark calls for immediate action.
• The challenges and pain we are seeing here and around the nation are real, and deserve the significant attention they continue to receive.
• We have an opportunity to highlight and reinvigorate our efforts to address the issues and gaps that keep anyone from feeling a complete sense of equality and belonging at Carolina.
• There are several key initiatives I have underway at Carolina:

1. Appointment of Rumay Alexander, Special Assistant to the Chancellor
   • Replaces Joe Templeton
   • Appointment eff. Jan. 1, 2016
   • Carolina faculty since 2003
   • Award-winning, national leader in Diversity; workplace issues
   • Dir of the Office of Multicultural Affairs in the School of Nursing; chair of the Faculty Committee on Community and Diversity.
   • Role: to more closely integrate initiatives that are arising across campus to accelerate diversity, inclusion, and family and work-life balance.

2. Task Force on History
   • Email to campus on Tuesday
   • Preso to Univ Affairs Wed
   • Thank Winston, Amy, Jim L for leadership

3. Town Hall TODAY, 5:30pm, Memorial Hall
   • I had planned this immediately following situations at Mizzou and Yale
   • Purpose to engage with students, faculty and staff on the issues
Facilitated by Clarence Page, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and editorial page writer with the Chicago Tribune
  o Moderated U of Mich
• Event live-streamed
• We truly want Carolina to be a place where we can come together to address the most pressing challenges of our day.
• We know our community has the capacity and drive to be fully inclusive.
• Our success in no small part depends on our entire community working together to accomplish this important objective at this important time.
• Invite BOT to attend

Carolina Metrics on Race/Diversity
• Provost Dean’s preso yesterday at Univ. Affairs on new metrics website showed we are better than most of our peers on faculty diversity, but we are not satisfied and can do better
• Jim’s efforts to work closely with all schools on improving diversity
• Target programs in place: There are institutionally formed committees and groups designed to infuse diversity and inclusion within academics, athletics, the work environment, campus life, and alumni and community affairs.
  Those groups include:
  o Student Success
    ▪ First Year Experience Workgroup
    ▪ Minority Male Working Group
    ▪ Course Redesign
    ▪ THRIVE at Carolina
  o Faculty Development
    ▪ Committee on Community and Diversity, Faculty Governance
    ▪ ADVANCE Grant Development Workgroup, College of Arts & Sciences
  o Institutional Diversity
    ▪ Carolina Latina/o Collaborative
    ▪ Diversity Liaisons
    ▪ Institutional Diversity and Inclusion Collaborative
    ▪ Provost’s Committee on Inclusive Excellence & Diversity
    ▪ Provost’s Committee on LGBTQ Life
  o Diversity in the Health Professions
  o Alumni & Community Engagement

Introduce Presentations
• Matthew Gfeller Sport-Related Traumatic Brain Injury Research Center
• Dr. Guskiewicz, co-director
  o Kevin was just featured on 60 Minutes this past Sunday for his work as a leading expert on concussions
  o Presentation is on improving safety for athletes and service members
  o He is joined by:
    ▪ Jason Mihalik, co-director of the Matthew Gfeller Center, assistant professor of exercise and sport science
Johna Register-Mihalik, associate professor of exercise and sport science
Robert Lynall, PhD student, curriculum of human movement science
Destinee Grove, undergraduate student, department of exercise & sport science and psychology and neuroscience

- **2015 Bond Bill – Representative Dean Arp, NC House of Representatives**
  - We’d like to give a warm Carolina welcome to Representative Dean Arp
  - Rep. Arp is the chief architect of the Connect NC Bond bill and we are so pleased that he is with us today to provide an overview to the entire Board on the bond and its importance to the State of North Carolina and why the taxpayers of North Carolina should support it in March.
  - Arp is a member of the 49er Nation – an alum of UNC Charlotte (Masters of Science in Civil Engineering), and knows first-hand the value and impact of an outstanding public higher education system on the state of NC.
  - He is a structural engineer and President of Arp Engineering in Monroe (Union County).
  - We’d also like to welcome his wife Anne, who is accompanying him here today (confirming this)
  - Now, there’s no pressure here, but I’ve been told by Trustees and Cabinet members who attended the October Board of Governor’s Public Affairs Committee that he blew the BOG away with his thorough and persuasive presentation on the bond.
  - We are fortunate that he is able to be with us this morning to share that same message with us.