

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

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

**Oct. 1, 2015**

#### **Stockholm: Stephen Hawking**

- What an honor...
- Scarf for Prof. Hawking
- Thank Prof. Mersini-Houghton; Associate Professor who really organized it all (Albanian heritage)

#### **School year is off to a great start**

What's happening on campus?

- Barbara Rimer, nominated by President Obama to chair the President's Cancer Panel for a third term
- DEAH DAY of Service, student led & student initiated at the Dental School, to honor Deah Barakat & Yusor Abu-Salha and Razan
- Structural Genomic Consortium – new hub housed at the Eshelman School of Pharmacy will encourage a widespread and unrestricted use of its findings to accelerate discovery of breakthrough medicines for diseases ranging from cancer to rheumatoid arthritis to Alzheimer's.
- Recently named first among public universities in *U.S. News & World Report's* "Great Schools, Great Prices" category and held our spot as the 5<sup>th</sup> best public university in the nation for the 15<sup>th</sup> year in a row.
- SOM researchers have pinpointed how a gene linked to autism changes the brain // *Note: Mark Zylka (1 of the 2 researchers) presented, "Autism Breakthrough of the Year," at the BOT meeting in Jan. 2014.*
- Awarded more than \$800,000 in study abroad support to 182 students
- Just this week, Joe DeSimone received the \$250,000 Kabiller Prize in nanoscience & nanomedicine

#### **NC Legislature – Long Session**

We are very grateful to the legislature for their commitment to the UNC system. We are particularly pleased with:

- UNC Carryforward/Temporary Increase – +2.5% to 5%
- Flexibility
- Bond – which includes \$68M for Berryhill Hall, a medical education building replacement project – raise the size of the entering class at the medical school

We're also happy they included:

- \$1M recurring for UNC Core course development
- \$1M recurring for medical scholars program in SOM (practicing in rural areas)
- \$8M recurring for MAHEC

#### **As a follow up to Wainstein, appointed 3 faculty led committees**

- Integrity & Ethics – Norma Houston (SOG) & Jean Elia (Provost office)
- Process & Procedures Audit and Analysis – Todd Nicolet (SOG)
- History and Curation – Jim Leloudis, Winston Crisp, Amy Hertel – thank Trustee Duckett

### **New AAU President**

- Yesterday, it was announced that Mary Sue Coleman, former president of the University of Michigan (2002-2014) and the University of Iowa (1995-2002), is the new president of the AAU.
- Mary Sue earned her PhD in biochemistry from Carolina in 1969 & also served as vice chancellor for research and graduate education at UNC-Chapel Hill.
- Carolina joined the AAU in 1922.
- Congratulations to her; another great example of alums doing important work

### **New Addition to Chancellor's Office**

- Joe Canady, starts Mon, Oct 12, Senior Advisor for University Initiatives.
- From Kenan-Flagler Business School where he has served as Director of Operations for Online Programs for the past four years.
- Supported growth of the MBA@UNC from a start-up with an initial cohort of 19 students to an established program with nearly 1,000 students and over 300 graduates.
- Joe was Vice President at Bank of America in the Global Finance Operation and a Senior Manager at Deloitte & Touche.
- Joe graduated from Carolina and received an MBA from Arizona State University.

### **Preview University Day**

- Celebrating the 222<sup>nd</sup> birthday of the University on Mon., Oct. 12.
- Hope you can join us!

### **Why are we having these presentations?**

- BioMedical Engineering:  
Spotlight new joint biomedical engineering bachelor of science degree with N.C. State University; department considered an exemplar of de-siloing in U.S. higher education; desire to position Carolina as a biomedical juggernaut
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship: Carolina is becoming increasingly focused on innovation and entrepreneurship. Carolina invests heavily to create a culture of entrepreneurship and a support network on campus that propels research and innovation into viable startup businesses. Today these companies provide jobs to nearly 8,000 state residents, 38,000 jobs worldwide and bring more than \$7 billion in revenue back to the state each year.

### **Introduce Presentations**

- Biomedical Engineering: Bridging Traditional Academic & Research Boundaries, Nancy Allbritton, Professor & Chair of UNC/NCSU Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering
  - Nancy is joined by Dr. Frances Ligler, Lampe Distinguished Professor of BME at NCSU
  - John Larson, undergraduate BME student at UNC
  - Michaela Rikard, undergraduate BME student at NCSU
- Innovation & Entrepreneurship, Judith Cone, Interim Vice Chancellor for Commercialization & Economic Development, and Special Assistant to the Chancellor
  - Dr. Shawn Hingtgen, assistant professor in Division of Molecular Pharmaceutics, UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy
  - Shruti Shah, Class of 2011. Led first student leadership team for Innovation/Entrepreneurship and now has a company, Move Loot.