

## **CHAIR LOWRY CAUDILL'S PREPARED REMARKS**

UNC Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, March 26, 2015

### **Wednesday University Affairs Committee**

- Good morning. Welcome to our March Board of Trustees meeting. We are at the Rizzo Conference Center today for the second time in recent months as part of our efforts to rotate our meeting locations. A special thank you to Dwayne Pinkney, his team and the Rizzo Center staff for making this happen for us.
- I also want to thank the committee chairs and the full board for their ongoing work in between and during meetings. I want to especially thank Trustees Gardner and Duckett, as the chair and vice chair of the University Affairs Committee, for their outstanding work in planning and holding an important session yesterday devoted to the topic of the name of Saunders Hall and how we recognize the University's history.
- I was pleased with the quality of the discussion in that session and very grateful to Alston and Chuck for the time they have put into this over the past several months to seek out so many diverse points of view. It's important that we listen to our students, embrace dialogue with the campus community on these kinds of issues and it's important that we listen to those outside of our campus.
- We are not focused solely on a single building name or a single person in our history. We believe any solution must be based in the larger context of how we should acknowledge the history of our University, our state and our nation. This is not easy and takes time to reconcile our past with what is in Carolina's best interests going forward.
- As leaders in an academic environment, we also have to ask how such issues may help our students prepare for life after they leave Chapel Hill. We have a unique opportunity to help make our conversations an important part of the educational experience our students have on campus. Ultimately, we want to develop a long-term approach that reflects Carolina's values and will – we hope – withstand the test of time.
- I personally appreciate all of the thoughtful consideration that continues to take place among all of the trustees on this issue.
- Reference timetable if needed.

### **U.S. News & World Report Rankings**

- We have so much to be proud of at Carolina for what happens every day in classrooms, research laboratories, and in communities in all 100 counties of our state.
- Earlier this month, multiple graduate and professional schools and programs received excellent national recognition in U.S. News & World Report's most recent rankings.

- Here are some of the highlights:
  - The School of Medicine again ranked #2 in Primary Care and 22<sup>nd</sup> in Research overall. The specialties of family medicine, rural medicine and AIDS all placed in the top 10 of their respective lists.
  - The Gillings School of Global Public Health tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> overall for schools offering master's and doctorate programs. Gillings was the #1 program among public universities and has been ranked in U.S. News' top 3 public health schools since the rankings began in 1987.
  - The School of Nursing tied for 17<sup>th</sup> overall for its master's degree program.
  - The Kenan-Flagler Business School ranked 18<sup>th</sup> for its MBA program.
  - The Schools of Education and Law ranked 33<sup>rd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup>, respectively.
  - These rankings are just one more indication of the academic excellent we have at Carolina at the national level. We congratulate all of the deans, faculty and students who have played a role in this success.

### **Andrew Powell Resolution**

- At this time, I would like to recognize Student Body President Andrew Powell. This is his last board meeting as a trustee, and he's done a superb job this past year.
- Andrew has worked very hard on a wide range of issues this past year and has brought an invaluable perspective to our board's discussions in representing our students.

### **Reference to Chancellor Folt's Report**

- As you know, the first of our four major goals for this year is to ....  
... Support Chancellor Folt and her senior leaders as they become a highly effective operational team.
- I want to reiterate a perspective that I shared with readers of The Daily Tar Heel earlier this month.
- This board is extremely pleased with the outstanding leadership Chancellor Folt is providing to this University.
- She is deftly managing tough issues and overseeing a place where remarkable work happens each and every day, on every corner of this campus.

- We appreciate all of her efforts to build and maintain strong working relationships with all of Carolina's constituents in strategically navigating challenges and opportunities that leads our campus forward.
- That's what this board wants here to do, and that is what she is doing – exceptionally well.
- Thank you, Carol, for your tireless work for Carolina.

**Media Session**

- Finally, for the news media covering our meeting, Chancellor Folt and I will be available after the open session ends at roughly 10 a.m. to take a few questions. We will do that in the room across the hall – Number 109. Thanks in advance for your cooperation. We appreciate your interest in the board and the University.