

CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS
UNC Board of Trustees Meeting
July 23, 2015

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

About William Aycock

- the University's second chancellor (1957 – 1964)
- a truly beloved leader and faculty member of 40 years
- retired Kenan Professor of Law at UNC School of Law
- hired Coach Dean Smith
- would have turned 100 this October

About Elson S. Floyd

- a nationally respected voice for affordable, accessible higher education
- Earned three degrees from Carolina: B.A. in political science, a masters and PhD higher and adult education
- Served UNC-Chapel Hill as an assistant dean for student life, vice provost and executive vice chancellor from 1995-1998
- President of Western Michigan University (1998-2003), President of the University of Missouri (2003-2007), President of Washington State University (2007 until the time of his death)

- **BOT Orientation**
- **Thank Lowry for his service as chairman**
- **Express excitement about working with Dwight Stone, new BOT chair**
- **Welcome new members**
 - Julia Grumbles
 - Bill Keyes
 - Allie McCullen
 - Ed McMahan
 - Hari Nath
 - Houston Summers

RECENT EVENTS in the U.S.

- What happens in the world is important to Carolina
 - SCOTUS Ruling
 - Affordable Care Act
 - Charleston Shootings
 - As we have learned from tragedies on our own campus, love conquers hate.
 - The families of Deah, Yusor and Rasan asked for compassion and embraced tragedy as a time to come together – unite as a community.
 - Express thoughts on the tragic and senseless killings at the historic Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, S.C.
 - When a horrific event strikes one community, it strikes all communities.

- Next steps on education curation (follow up to BOT decision on Saunders)

UPDATES

Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence (CRC) \$20 million grant

- UNC-Chapel Hill has launched a new Coastal Resilience Center of Excellence (CRC)
- Made possible through a 5-year, \$20 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Science and Technology Directorate, Office of University Programs
- First operating year will receive an initial \$3 million grant
- Initiative will include collaboration with more than a dozen partner universities to address the unique challenges facing communities across the United States that are vulnerable to coastal hazards.
- The CRC is charged with helping to conduct research and education that directly addresses key challenges associated with growing coastal vulnerability.

Results from Lineberger 5-year NCI Review

- They did incredibly well, earning the descriptor of “Exceptional to Outstanding.”
- The NCI and site visit team were impressed with Dr. Ned Sharpless, our new Cancer Center Director, the strong collaboration among the graduate schools and the college, and the good stewardship of the UCRF.

Preview School Year/Class of 2019

- 31,954 applications for first-year admission received
- 10th consecutive record year for applications – an increase of 2% over last year & 27% over 5 years ago
- Class of 2019 enrollment: 4,082 students from 97 counties in North Carolina, 45 states & 20 countries
- Admission offered to 29.6% of those who applied – a slight increase over the 28.5% admitted last year
- Despite the recent increases, candidates evaluated individually, comprehensively, holistically
- Students considered without regard to their ability to pay the cost of their UNC education
- Through the Office of Scholarships & Student Aid, Carolina meets the full demonstrated need of every admitted student who qualified for federal need-based aid and applied for aid on time

Stockholm

- Honored to initiate this gathering of the founding members of modern physics –legendary physicist Stephen Hawking.
- Rare & historic conference – vision of Laura Mersini-Houghton – grateful to her for assembling the big thinkers of our time
- World’s leading physicists will discuss one of the most complex and mind-twisting topics of our time: whether singularities in black holes exist and whether Hawking radiation has bearing on their existence?
- On Aug. 24, Stephen Hawking will give a public lecture and I have the honor of introducing him.

National Press Club:

Access & Affordability

- Tues., Aug. 4 in Washington, DC
- Will discuss the importance of preserving accessibility to an affordable college degree

- Will address Carolina’s commitment to making affordability & attainment for students a top priority and efforts to successfully improve undergraduate graduation rates – particularly for low-income, first-generation and underrepresented students.
- Fast Facts:
 - Nearly half of Carolina's 18,000 undergraduates receive aid
 - One of the few public universities that is both need-blind and covers full financial need.
 - Average debt for Carolina students at graduation has remained largely flat for more than a decade.
 - *The New York Times* recently ranked Carolina the third most economically diverse "top" university in the country.

NCAA/SACS

- On track to meet the NCAA’s deadline for the Notice of Allegations on Aug. 18.
- Reference Task Force Reports that were given on Wednesday in committee
- SACS sent letter on July 1 as part of its standard protocol that provided additional information about action its Board of Trustees took on June 11, 2015.
- Provost Dean & I met with Belle Wheelan to discuss the letter and reiterate our full cooperation in providing any information the commission needs during its review.
- We firmly believe the campus has done everything possible to address and move beyond the past academic irregularities that ended four years ago – to prevent them from recurring and to ensuring integrity in everything that we do.
- Emphasize commitment to doing whatever it takes to get this right.

INTRODUCE PRESENTATIONS

- **NC TraCS Institute, John Buse, MD, PhD; Co-Principal Investigator & Director**

Mission: to accelerate clinical and translational research from health science to discovery to dissemination to patients and communities.

- **Carolina Health Informatics Program (CHIP), Javed Mostafa, Director**

Mission: to advance UNC-Chapel Hill’s commitment to improving human health through health informatics research, data sharing, development and education.