

## CHANCELLOR CAROL FOLT'S PREPARED REMARKS

### UNC Board of Trustees Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 2016

#### OPENING

- Wish could say hope all had restful summer... time of stress & trial. Senseless killings nation & world.
- Hearts & prayers go out to all.
- Derek, Jeff—thank you, DPS team.
- To business at hand – I congratulate Chair Stone on appointment for a second term & thank Trustee leadership on standing committees.
- Appreciate BOT continuing guidance. Echoing Chair Stone: Believe much accomplished over past 12 months.
- Also echo Chair Stone: Thanks to NC GA/legislators support of Carolina during budget process. Final budget supported a few key priorities; express our gratitude.
- University busy place—even during summer—Less students, but our work goes on.

#### SACSCOC

- Great news on 6/15 – maintained accreditation; removed from probation – not victory lap – recognizes dedication of so many.
- > A year addressing academic irregularities that ended 2011.
- > 70 reforms/initiatives since 2015.
- Demonstrated commitment to excellence & self-oversight.
- Next year regular 10-year review.

#### NCAA

- Anticipate submitting response to NCAA Amended NOA shortly.
- Hope for hearing before Committee on Infractions later this fall.
- As was for SACSCOC, Carolina committed to progress/excellence.

#### Personnel Announcements

- **Diversity & Inclusion:** Long-standing commitment, broad & deep, will continue our focus—a journey.
- Dr. Rumay Alexander—Interim Chief Diversity Officer. In Nov, Spec. Asst.; reflects contributions across campus.
- Thought/action-leadership with track record at UNC: Dir. of Office of Multicultural Affairs, School of Nursing; Schools of Public Health & Dentistry; Chair of Faculty Committee on Community & Diversity.

- **Ethics & Integrity:** Last meeting discussed ethics & integrity website (Portal to 1,600+ policies, accessible.)
- Today – Announce Dr. Kim Strom-Gottfried, Dir., Ethics Education & Policy Management. (begins Aug. 1)
- Cabinet-level: recommendation of 2 working groups; coordinating ethics programs & reporting mechanisms; oversee policy infrastructure.
- Advocate for resources, programs & promoting opportunities to discuss.
- UNC 1999, School of Social Work, interim dean 2000 to 2001. Dir. of Academic Leadership Program, Inst. for Arts & Humanities, 2008 to June 2016.
- Qualifications unique match for position; Smith P. Theimann Distinguished Professor for Ethics & Professional Practice.
- Ph.D., Case Western Reserve U; M.S.W., Adelphi University.
- Thanking Todd Nicolet, chaired search, served as interim Dir.—in 5 months strong foundation for office.

#### **Preview – Class of 2020**

- At Convocation on Aug. 21, we welcome Class of 2020... 4,076 students from 97 NC counties, 44 states & DC, 21 countries.
- Another record for applications—increase for 11<sup>th</sup> consecutive years: 35,863 applicants (12% up).
  - 19% in Carolina footsteps of 1 or more parents; 19% first gen.
- Plus 771 transfers (2,609 applied).
  - 31% first gen. – 34% from NC community colleges.

#### **Class “never out” at Carolina**

##### **Joe DeSimone**

- Last time, left early for W.H. ceremony, Joe DeSimone, National Medal of Technology & Innovation.
- Contributions to America’s competitiveness & quality of life.

#### **AIDS Research and NIH Funding**

- Last May, told BOT about partnership with GSK; accelerating cure for HIV/AIDS; Qura Therapeutics.
- Last week, NIH selected CARE (*Collaboratory of AIDS Researchers for Eradication*) at UNC, for refunding after a competitive process.
- ~ \$23M over 5 years; funding “kick and kill” strategy for eradicating HIV.
- David Margolis, CARE Investigator.
- Know about treatment & prevention; Cure new frontier—within our grasp.

### **Zika awareness event**

- Zika Virus—*What you need to know* on June 30. Epitomized role of great public university, bringing together top experts, researchers.
- First discovered Uganda > 50 years, much still unknown about Zika.
- Challenge: 75% infected no symptoms. Birth defects (microcephaly) & sexual transmission are unprecedented.
- UNC-CH infectious disease specialists & virologists, global leaders in field – > 10 groups working here to understand biology & transmission.
- SOM working with state/federal health officials, including CDC & NIH.
- SOM funded 3 pilot grants; research relevant to NIH; NIH/CDC supplemented grants.
- Informational event standing room only. Presentations, Q-A session, information fair & free ice cream.

### **Commitment to Armed Services**

- Hosted Warrior-Scholar Project (*June 5-11*), helps military vets transition from service to higher education.
- Academic boot camp at Carolina & 10 other top universities; Carolina's second year—20 participants.
- Learn study tools, writing skills, exposure to contemporary/classical literature. Professors & graduate students volunteer their time.
- One participant learned while here accepted to UNC Class of 2020 (USMC vet Frankie Burgos).

### **Introduce Presentation**

- School of Media & Journalism, Susan King. Dean MJ 1/1/12. John Thomas Kerr Dist. Prof. Came from VP Ext. Affairs for Carnegie Corp. of NY.
- Spearheaded work leading to Knight Foundation investment; \$3M to open research center exploring models for community news & supporting testing & development of digital media products for local news sites.
- Expertise in areas ranging from policy to reporting; expert in disciplines of journalism & strat. comms.
- Started broadcast journalism in Buffalo; > 20 years in D.C., anchor/reporter covering politics, including ABC's W.H. correspondent. Reported for CBS, NBC, CNN & guest host NPR's "Diane Rehm Show" & "Talk of the Nation."
- Nearly 5 years in Dept. of Labor, Asst. Sec. for public affairs & Exec. Dir. of Family & Medical Leave Commission.