

CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS

UNC Board of Trustees

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Opening

- Thank Chair Stone; continuing guidance & leadership.
- Appreciate Chair's discussion about UNC research, especially given current national conversation about spending priorities for federal gov.
- While proposed budget is first step in complex process, areas of concern in proposed budget:
 - Research: Eliminating billions from fed. programs such as EPA & NIH.
 - Student Aid: Decreases Pell Grant by \$3.9B; sharply reduces popular student aid programs like work-study, GEAR UP & TRIO.
 - Education: Decreases DoE budget 13.5%; eliminates or reduces more than 20 categorical programs such as International Education programs.
- Working with Duke, NC-State, & Wake Forrest to make clear potential NC economic impact in terms of jobs, students & research.
- Meeting with NC Congressional leadership in coming weeks – both in CH & DC – to discuss.
- We will stay engaged with this issue; keep BOT updated.
- Thank BOT for recognition of SBP & Honorary Trustee Bradley Opere.
- Pleasure to work closely with Bradley:
 - Student Government retreat beginning of year; discussed campus issues & their role as leaders.
 - Appreciated Bradley's work to encourage more women to run for student government positions.
 - Student government led Town Hall on Policing & Student Safety; area law enforcement attended; honest & open discussion.
- Now pleasure to recognize two internationally acclaimed UNC leaders for election (Oct. '16) to National Academy of Medicine.
 - Will Dr. Aziz Sançar & Dr. Melina Kibbe please rise.
 - National Academy of Medicine, estb. in 1970; independent organization of eminent professionals from diverse fields.
 - Work to address critical issues in health, medicine & related policy areas.
 - Election to Academy is considered one of the highest honors in the fields of health & medicine.
 - Recognizes individuals who have demonstrated outstanding achievement & commitment to service.
 - Please join me in a round of applause for this recognition & their service to the world.

UNC Update

- NCAA Sweet 16 & Elite 8 on mind, but much more to update you about.
- Beyond March Madness: Freezing temperatures did not deter preparing for future growth; part of Edible Campus, dedication later this month (probably Earth Day).
 - Dozens of students planted hundreds of new plants on campus; from lettuces & lavender to edible cacti.
 - Continuing Satellite Bed Adoption Program; Edible Campus Gardens.
- A pan-university update: Launched QEP; "Creating Scientists: Learning by Connecting, Doing & Making."

- Part of SACSOC 10-year reaffirmation process; visit is next week.
- Excited about pan-university, 5-year effort; engage undergraduates with more hands-on research & collaborative learning opportunities.
- Four main components of Creating Scientists initiative:
 - Integrated Curricula; Course-Based Undergraduate Research; Experience (CURE); Makerspace; Research Exposure.
- Thank Kelly Hogan, QEP-team & College for leadership.
- Aligned with University Research Week; highlights faculty & student scholarship across arts & humanities & sciences; Reaffirmation Comm. is on campus.
- Research Week underscores & reinforces key QEP objective: For students to expand conceptions of science & what it means to do research.
- All faculty asked to set aside some time in classes to discuss their research with students.
- Events include tours of makerspaces, Pit Sits & student research posters on display in Carolina Union & Stone Center.
- Producing a series of videos to showcase Carolina faculty discussing their research.

Arts Everywhere

- Since last meeting: Feb 8 Ribbon Cutting at Hill Hall; First-rate teaching & performing arts facility for world-class program.
 - No state-appropriated funds used; launched with \$5M gift from William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust.
- UNC's inaugural Arts Everywhere Day on Fri., April 7.
 - 30 plus performances & exhibits; 22 campus sites.
 - 34 campus partners: 16 Dept. & 18 Student Groups.
- Embedding arts into UNC's teaching, research & service mission.
- Arts will be visible & accessible across UNC; initiatives underway range from Mobile Art App to creating an Arts Brand for Carolina.
- As scientist, shaped by how arts helped guide discovery & creativity; Arts Everywhere aims to help UNC students achieve full potential.
- Thanks to Campus Arts Council; Carolina Arts Council; Leadership Council; Student Arts Ambassadors; leadership of Emil King.

Examples of UNC Research

- Since last meeting: UNC pushing Medical Frontiers.
- Autism Research; first-of-its-kind study used MRIs to image brains of infants.
- Another breakthrough in development of treatments for Glioblastoma, common & aggressive brain cancer.
 - Human stem cells from human skin cells to hunt down & kill brain cancer.
- Opioid Research; combatting epidemic by providing rural NC physicians with access to experts & resources.
 - More Americans now die of Opioid overdoses than died of AIDS at peak of that epidemic.

UNC & Student Achievement

- USNWR America's Best Graduate Schools rankings last week; UNC high marks on multiple lists of schools, degree programs.
- Student-led, & Gillings sponsored 38th Annual Minority Health Conference.
 - Largest & oldest student-led minority health conference in U.S.
- 3rd Annual Native Nation Forum. Since '06, with the estb. of AIC, engagement a key factor of UNC relationship with Native Nations.
- Fourth Annual UNC Clean Tech Summit; professionals in business, policy & academia.
 - Included opportunity for students to network with clean-tech industry leaders.
 - Gov. Roy Cooper Keynote.
- In Feb. several major scholarship announcements:
 - Fulbright announcement; 12 students for '16-'17.
 - Gates-Cambridge scholar; Adriano Bellotti; UNC's 6th recipient overall & 4th consecutive since '13.
 - Martha Isaacs (graduates in May); Luce Scholars Fellowship; UNC has more Luce Scholars than any other college or university; including 8 recipients in last 5 academic years.

Closing – Presentations

First Presentation – Institute of Marine Sciences

- When I visited Institute of Marine Sciences, invited Hans Paerl, Kenan Prof. of Marine & Environmental Sciences, to report to you on great work of Institute in Morehead City.
- Research includes what I love to talk about:
 - microbially-mediated nutrient cycling & primary production dynamics of aquatic ecosystems.
 - Environmental controls of harmful algal blooms.
- He & colleagues will discuss UNC campus research laboratory, teaching, outreach & service unit; UNC conducting coastal research since 1894.
- You will hear about areas ranging from oysters to Algae Blooms; & learn about this internationally recognized UNC Marine Sciences Program.

Second Presentation – Kenan Music Scholars Program

- Since birth in 1919, Dept. of Music has developed into an internationally recognized center for research in music history & theory; musical composition & performance.
- On Saturday, 10-year reunion concert of Kenan Music Scholars.
- For past 10 years, Kenan Music Scholars Program has been life-changing program; has created opportunities for young & talented & brought unforgettable music to UNC.
- Now will introduce Louise Toppin, Dept. of Music Chair since '14; UNC graduate; she will introduce the presentation.