

CHANCELLOR CAROL L. FOLT PREPARED REMARKS

UNC Board of Trustees

Thur., May 25, 2017

Opening

- Thank you Chair Stone; continuing guidance & leadership; *two years of service as Chair.*
- Thank you to Board's Nominating Committee for your work; *appreciate Trustee Caudill's leadership as Chair of that Committee.*
- Add my thanks to Trustee Don Curtis; 2 terms & eight years of service; *he was on Committee that brought me to UNC.*
- Congratulations to our newest Trustee, Elizabeth Adkins (*Fayetteville native; PoliSci & M-J major*).
- Chair Stone, will take a moment for *special recognitions & appreciation...*
- First, two leaders who have provided *selfless, dedicated and visionary service to UNC.*
- Will Dr. Bruce Cairns & Charles Streeter please rise.
- Bruce elected Chair of Faculty Council in July 2014; *Charles elected Chair of Employee Forum in June 2013.*
- Their thoughtful leadership has helped the entire Carolina Community; *addressing substantive issues; building outreach across UNC.*
- I thank Bruce & Charles for their service – and I ask for a round of applause. [*lead applause*]
- Thank you.
- Now, I ask our three Chancellor's Fellows to please stand.
- Dale Bass, Rachel Gogal & Julia Stroup set the *bar of excellence* for all future graduates who have the *opportunity to serve their alma mater as Fellows.*
- From Arts Everywhere & work supporting our international footprint, *to campus safety applications, Carolina Conversations & University Day projects...*
- Wherever we needed thoughtful support & spirited assistance – *they have been there with enthusiasm & big smiles.*
- Thank you for your service – and I ask for a round of applause. [*lead applause*]

Highlights of Academic Year & Past Few Months

- Amazing year—many accomplishments; *will recap some highlights...*
- Commencement; Class of 2017:
 - 3,790 undergraduates,
 - 1,337 master's students,
 - 614 professional students,
 - 294 doctoral students
- And 645 Carolina Firsts; *20 Chancellor's Science Scholars, 1st Cohort.*
- Special relationship with Class.
- Over Class of 17's four years: *6M course hours; 500K days traveling & studying abroad; & ~ 4M hours of public service; & 4 National Championships & 25 ACC... and 400K meals of late-night pancakes at Rams.*
- Brooke Baldwin ('01): spoke about relationship with UNC; no matter how much work in her inbox, 2 words in subject line get her to stop, read, respond... *TAR HEEL.*

- Honorary Degrees: *Special Tar Heels*; Fred Eshelman, Patricia Horoho, Thomas Kelly.
- Busy commencement period; *many other events celebrating special accomplishments...*
- Hooding Ceremony; Dr. Rich Lenski spoke; *Approx. 600 dissertations* for 2016-17 Academic year.
- Special Events such as AIC, LGBT-Q/Lavender, athletes in competition ceremony.
- Commitment to those who serve: R.W.B., 25 ROTC graduates; 18 Vets, Reservists, National Guard & Active Duty.
- Old Students, GAA Luncheon.

UNC – A Great Global University

- Short international update—*UNC without borders...*
- As Chancellor, great privilege to visit faculty & students working to change lives across globe.
- UNC Global Leadership Council in London; first meeting outside of U.S.; relationship with King’s College London (*public research Univ. almost as old as UNC, est. 1829.*)
- On campus meetings this week; *Global Task Force*.
- June visit: UNC Project Malawi since 1990; *now 364-person staff* (majority Malawian).
 - Dedicating new library & *new Project Annex* space- w/labs, teaching space; & home for UNC Malawi Lineberger Cancer Center.
- In June, commencement at USF-Q; partner university, about 400 *UNC students have studied there since partnership’s inception.*

UNC Closer to Home

- Since last meeting: *Horizons*, hear more about this in a few minutes.
- In April, visited Carolina College Advising Corps, (CCAC) program in Guilford County; four advisers working in high schools there.
 - Program supports low-income students navigating college admissions & aid process.
- CCAC now in 10th year; serves 23% of all low-income students *in NC public schools*. Some results:
 - 2007: 8 partner schools, 1,400 graduating seniors served... grown to...
 - 2017: 71 partner schools, 14,000 graduating seniors served.
 - Schools in program realize ~ 19% increase in college enrollment rates.
- On Monday: *20-year Service Society Banquet*; recognized 156 members of UNC; *representing 3,120 years of service to UNC & North Carolina.*
- Planetarium programs: Brief by Todd Boyette at *External Affairs Comm.* yesterday; directly benefits people in N.C.
- \$5.2M Planetarium transformative renovation; no state funds; 75% raised...
- AND Visit of *Capt. James Lovell (Apollo 13)* on Apr. 6 kicked-off N.C. Science Festival; travelled around State to *bring excitement of science to children.*
- Yesterday: Shuford \$18M gift; *Shuford Program in Entrepreneurship*; expands I & E across College.
- And... Innovate Carolina Roadmap report released; *highlights initiative since 2010 creation.*
 - Examples: Developed KickStart Venture, Carolina Research Ventures Fund; Launch Chapel Hill accelerator; Carolina Angel Network.

- Comparing 5-year roadmap to prior 5-years; *patents issued up 47%*; new IP-based startups more than doubled; *revenue up 73%*; just a highlight of report that is on line.
- Final note: Federal budget...
- Last time briefed you on UNC work following proposed federal budget; *potential impact on federal research funding.*
- Since that time: Met with *10 of North Carolina's 15 member Congressional Delegation...*
- We will continue high-level engagement with Congress, both sides of the aisle; *I believe a good understanding-support of our issues.*
- Will now introduce our two presentations for today...

Closing – Presentations

First Presentation – UNC Horizons Program

- In April, a special opening; *took internationally recognized UNC Horizons Program to next level.*
- Gov. Cooper & Sen. Burr joined us; *new state-of-the-art facilities under one roof.*
- UNC Horizons started 24 years ago; *response to epidemic of drug use... part of UNC Dept. of OB-GYN in School of Medicine*
- Brilliant idea of Dr. John Thorp, *UNC obstetrician & maternal-fetal specialist.*
- In 2013, Dr. Thorp recruited and hired Dr. Hendrée [Ahn-Dray] Jones; internationally respected psychologist; top research expert in *substance use disorder treatment.*
- Now my pleasure to ask Dr. Bill Roper to come forward to make introductions.

Second Presentation – Dental School Community Service

- UNC School of Dentistry, a leading school of dentistry *listed among the best in education, research, patient care & community service.*
- Pleased Dean Scott De Rossi accepted UNC's offer to become 8th Dean of UNC School of Dentistry.
- The School – under Scott's leadership – is committed to developing nimble oral health professionals... and...
- Leadership in another critical area: Outreach & public service.
- This is one of the key roles of a great Public University.
- Now ask *Dr. Scott De Rossi* to come forward to make introductions. [*Scott introduces Sarah Strickland & Nehemiah Lawson, Co-Presidents, American Student Dental Association.*]

Dr. Scott De Rossi introduces the two students.