OPEN SESSION

FOR ACTION

1. Amendment to Trustees’ Regulation on Honorary Degrees
   Gene Davis, Committee Chair
   Attachment A

2. Resolution of Appreciation
   Gene Davis, Committee Chair
   Attachment B

3. Resolution of Pin Design Adoption
   Dave Boliek, Committee Vice Chair
   Attachment C

FOR INFORMATION ONLY
(No formal action is requested at this time)

1. Communications Update
   Joel Curran, Vice Chancellor for Communications

2. Public Affairs Update
   Clayton Somers, Vice Chancellor for Public Affairs & Secretary of the University

*Some of the business to be conducted is authorized by the N.C. Open Meetings Law to be conducted in closed session.
SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO TRUSTEES’ REGULATION ON HONORARY DEGREES

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

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RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
VINCAS P. STEPONAITIS
THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, Vincas P. Steponaitis provided outstanding leadership and keen vision to our University community, as Secretary of the Faculty from 2016 to 2021; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis gave invaluable advice and counsel to the University’s administration, including its Board of Trustees, and faculty governance chairs; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis helped guide faculty governance through some of the University’s most pressing challenges in its history including a new budget process through service on the University’s Budget Committee, the shift to remote teaching for faculty during the pandemic, and the implementation of Carolina Next; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis provided exceptional leadership in facilitating and coordinating the work of the various bodies and committees of Faculty Council by overseeing elections and ensuring that its critical processes run effectively and timely; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis served ex officio on the Faculty Council represented the voice of the faculty on a number of committees to the General Faculty, including the Advisory, Faculty Executive, Agenda, Honorary Degrees, University Government, Commencement, and University Day committees; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis frequently was called on to draft resolutions for Faculty Council and served as parliamentarian at the Council’s monthly meetings ensuring that meetings ran smoothly; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis convened and chaired the Nominating Committee of the faculty and conducted the annual elections of the General Faculty and the Faculty Council for five consecutive years, serving under two chancellors and with four chairs of the faculty; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis annually organized the honorary degrees and special awards process, soliciting nominations and maintaining files of all nominations and citations including composing and delivering citations for awardees at Commencement, University Day and special faculty awards; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis managed and effectively administered the Office of Faculty Governance which reports to the Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Steponaitis led efforts to prepare numerous Faculty Council agendas; maintained the meeting minutes and all related materials of all meetings of the Faculty Council and of the General Faculty, providing a wide array of support services to members of the Faculty Council and its committees; and,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill expresses its profound gratitude to Vincas P. Steponaitis and offers its deepest appreciation for his thoughtful leadership, his unwavering commitment to the University and its faculty, and for his distinguished service.
Trustees’ Lapel Pin

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill adopts a lapel pin for Trustees, the design of which conforms to requirements established by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for official insignia.
Board of Trustees

Special Project
PRODUCTION SPECIFICATIONS

Quantity: 40
Size: .955" Diameter
Material: Hard Enamel
Color: Carolina Blue (PMS 542 C) & Silver Metal
Pin Back: Magnetic
Optional: Backstamp
QUESTIONS?
We would be happy to chat!

If you have any questions about branding or would like to schedule a time to discuss a new project please let us know.

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Board of Trustees Meeting

March 24, 2021

Presentation by:
Joel Curran, Vice Chancellor
Media inquiries managed related to news across the University

Media Pitches:

- Total ideas pitched to media: 95
- Total stories placed from pitches: 96
Researchers say drug tested at UNC was found to effectively treat and prevent COVID-19 in mice.
UNC study: Teachers want more -- testing, training, support, safety -- before return to the classroom
Carolina receives 31,940 applications for its first-year early action admission deadline | UNC-Chapel Hill

How to make friends during a pandemic | UNC-Chapel Hill

Message from University leaders on last night and in-person undergraduate classes | UNC-Chapel Hill

Carolina clinical trial tests effectiveness of mouthwash to kill coronavirus | UNC-Chapel Hill

New year, new goals | UNC-Chapel Hill
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Top Social Posts

**JANUARY 2021**
- 77,548 impressions
- 7,000 likes
- 31 comments
- 61 shares

**FEBRUARY 2021**
- 45,000 impressions
- 827 engagements
- 193 link clicks

**SHOULD YOU WEAR 2 MASKS?**
There’s a lot of talk about whether wearing two masks helps better protect against the spread of COVID-19, especially with new variants of the virus.
Top Social Posts

JANUARY 2021

- 29,590 impressions
- 585 reactions
- 132 shares
- 25 comments

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
January 28

The first snow of 2021 in Chapel Hill calls for a special sounds of Carolina! Play the full hourlong video in the background while you study or work and enjoy a snow day at #UNC.

https://unc.live/3pteysD

FEBRUARY 2021

- 30,824 impressions
- 435 reactions
- 14 comments
- 20 shares

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
February 1

Carolina scientists are finding solutions not only for the COVID-19 pandemic, but also preparing for when the next virus emerges. See how a collaboration between researchers at UNC School of Medicine, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health and UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy is tackling this challenge #UNC

UNC.EDU
READDI, not reactive | UNC-Chapel Hill
The Rapidly Emerging Antiviral Drug Discovery Initiative (READDI) is not only finding solutions to the COVID-19 pandemic, but also drugs and...
Top Social Posts

JANUARY 2021
- 163,566 impressions
- 132 retweets
- 590 likes

FEBRUARY 2021
- 55,939 impressions
- 194 likes
- 40 retweets
- 7,482 video views

Congratulations and welcome #UNC25 to the Tar Heel family! 🏳️‍🌈❤️ #UNC

In Kinston, North Carolina sits a perfectly-sized replica of the Old Well in honor of Harvey Beech — one of #UNC's first Black students. Learn more about the Carolina trailblazer: unc.live/3uBPdy

A small town's Old Well honors a trailblazing Tar Heel
More than 100 miles east of Chapel Hill, in Kinston, North Carolina, sits a perfectly-sized replica of the Old Well in honor of one of Carolina's first Black students.
Top Social Posts

JANUARY 2021

- 42,603 impressions
- 938 reactions
- 25 shares
- 22 comments

Two donors have contributed $1.1 million to launch a new scholarship for first-generation students from low- and middle-income families. The Stephen Farmer First-Generation Scholarship Fund honors Carolina's former vice provost and his legacy of improving accessibility and affordability at #UNC.

FEBRUARY 2021

- 49,667 impressions
- 1,081 reactions
- 62 comments
- 34 shares

National champions once again! Congratulations to the #UNC men’s tennis team on its second title. Sunday night’s victory makes UNC the first university since 2000 to win both the men’s and women’s ITA Indoor Championships in the same year.
Behind the Numbers is a series that takes an in-depth look at the figures and policies that make up Carolina’s finances. We aim to shed light on the University’s financial situation, how various financial buckets fit together and what policies guide decision-making.

UNDERSTANDING CAROLINA’S BUDGET

With Carolina facing a projected $300 million budget shortfall, it’s never been more important to understand University finances.

CAROLINA’S MONEY: WHERE WE GET IT; HOW WE SPEND IT

The University’s revenue sources vary, but nearly all have restrictions, while the University’s largest expense goes to salaries and benefits for its employees.