

Board of Governors Meeting

May 3, 2011

Wilmington, North Carolina

The Board of Governors met in special session on May 3, 2011, at the Watson College of Education Building, Room 162, on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW). Chairman Gage called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She thanked the staff of UNC Wilmington for facilitating the meeting. She remarked that the Board was thrilled to be on campus for this special meeting. Several members of the Board joined the meeting via teleconference. Chairman Gage welcomed the faculty, staff, members of UNCW's Board of Trustees, and members of UNCW's Search Committee. She commended Mrs. Wendy Murphy, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Search Committee, for her extraordinary work throughout the search process.

INVOCATION

Chairman Gage called on Dr. Roseman to give the invocation.

ROLL CALL

The Secretary of the University, Mr. Corgnati, called the roll. The following members were present.

Brent D. Barringer
Atul C. Bhula
Peaches G. Blank
R. Steve Bowden
Laura W. Buffaloe
Walter C. Davenport
James M. Deal, Jr.
Phillip R. Dixon
Dudley E. Flood
Paul Fulton
Hannah D. Gage
Ann B. Goodnight
Clarice Cato Goodyear
Peter D. Hans

Charles A. Hayes
James E. Holshouser, Jr.
Adelaide D. Key
G. Leroy Lail
Ronald C. Leatherwood
Franklin E. McCain
Charles H. Mercer, Jr.
Fred G. Mills
Burley B. Mitchell, Jr.
Marshall B. Pitts, Jr.
Irvin A. Roseman
Estelle 'Bunny' Sanders
Priscilla P. Taylor
David W. Young

The following members were absent:

John M. Blackburn
Frank Daniels, Jr.
Bill Daughtridge, Jr.

John W. Davis III
J. Bradley Wilson

STATE ETHICS ACT

Chairman Gage stated that under the State Ethics Act, members have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearance of conflicts. Looking at the agenda for the meeting, Chairman Gage asked if any members were aware of any conflict of interest or an interest that would give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest. There were none.

On motion by Dr. Taylor and duly seconded, the board voted to convene in closed session to establish or instruct the staff or agent considering the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of employment contract; to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to North Carolina G.S. Sections 143-318.11 (a)(5) and (a)(6). The motion carried.

The Board of Governors went into closed session at 2:15 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND TENURE

Mr. Mills, Chair of the Committee on Personnel and Tenure, announced that the committee had met earlier in the day to hear a report and a recommendation from President Ross regarding the nomination of a chancellor for the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Mr. Mills called on President Ross for his report.

ELECTION OF A CHANCELLOR

President Ross expressed his sincere gratitude to Chancellor DePaolo for her remarkable leadership and noted her many accomplishments that have taken place on the campus during her tenure. Next, President Ross called on Mrs. Wendy Murphy, Chair of the Board of Trustees at UNC Wilmington and Chair of the Search Committee, to give a brief summary of the search process.

Mrs. Murphy welcomed the members of the Board of Governors, the members of the Board of Trustees, the faculty, staff, and other guests. Mrs. Murphy reported that Chancellor DePaolo had announced her retirement last October. A search committee was formed shortly thereafter. The 16-member Search Committee was comprised of students, faculty, staff, alumni, trustees, and community supporters. The Search Committee convened on November 12, 2010, and received the charge from President Ross to find and recommend an experienced individual with great integrity to become the next leader at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. In December 2010, the Search Committee hosted several campus forums where they met with various constituencies of the University. The information and feedback received from the forums enabled the Committee to distill a consensus list of the essential qualifications that would be desirable in UNCW's next chancellor. Parker Executive Search – a national search consultant firm – was retained to help the Committee recruit and evaluate candidates. A strong, diverse pool of more than 90 well-qualified candidates from across the country was presented. The candidates' backgrounds ranged from deans and provosts to sitting presidents and chancellors. The pool included a number of candidates outside the higher education arena. Throughout the year, the Committee met regularly to narrow the list of potential candidates.

In late March, the Search Committee convened in Chapel Hill to assess five candidates who possessed the credentials and attributes that reflected the charge given to the Committee. Last month, those five candidates visited the campus and met with the UNCW's senior leadership team, members of the Board of Trustees, selected faculty and staff, and student government representatives. At the conclusion of the campus visits and the interview process, three finalists were recommended and approved by the Board of Trustees. Names of the three finalists were submitted to President Ross.

Mrs. Murphy concluded her remarks by recognizing the members of the Search Committee. She thanked the entire Seahawk family for all their trust and support. She stated that the process had been an extremely rewarding experience.

President Ross remarked that he was delighted to recommend the election of Dr. Gary L. Miller, provost and vice president for academic affairs and research at Wichita State University, as the next Chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. President Ross reflected on his meeting last fall with the members of the Search Committee. He charged the Search Committee with finding the right person to lead UNC Wilmington at this precise time in its history; a leader who had a long-term vision that reached beyond the current budget crisis; someone who would continue building on the success of the campus; someone who understood UNC Wilmington's great strengths, weaknesses and potential; and someone who could keep moving the campus forward in the years ahead.

Further, President Ross stated that the next leader must be a strong administrator with a commitment to the larger community, have an appreciation for the goals of UNC Tomorrow, have an understanding of the critical role of faculty and staff, and be passionately committed to the academic success of students. The next leader must be able to raise the external funds which are needed to provide our students with the margin of excellence that is only possible through the generous support of alumni and donors. In addition, the next leader must be a great partner for him and for the other Chancellors. The next leader must display strong integrity and be able to foster trust within the campus and the larger community. President Ross noted that at the end of the search process, he and the members of the Search Committee had found Dr. Gary L. Miller to be the right person for this time in the history of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington.

President Ross provided a brief summary of Dr. Miller's academic experiences and achievements. Dr. Miller has taught and has held key leadership positions at several highly respected universities. He has proven to be an innovative leader who promotes collaboration and understands the integral relationship between excellent undergraduate instruction and high quality hands-on research. A native of Harrisonburg, Virginia, Dr. Miller earned his bachelor's degree in biology (with a minor in anthropology) and his master's degree in biology from the College of William & Mary; he earned his doctoral degree in biological sciences from Mississippi State University. Dr. Miller also attended programs in educational leadership at Harvard University and Yale University.

Dr. Miller began his academic career in 1983 as an assistant professor of entomology at Mississippi State University. In 1985, he served as an assistant director of the Museum of Natural Sciences at Weber State University and as an assistant professor of zoology and in 1988

he became an associate professor of zoology. In 1989, Dr. Miller joined the faculty at the University of Mississippi. From 1995 – 2002 he served as chair of the Department of Biology. In 2002, he was recruited to the University of the Pacific in Stockton, California, where he served as dean of the arts and sciences. At the University of the Pacific, Dr. Miller was instrumental in expanding programs in sciences, organizing a full revision of the general education program, and increasing enrollment. Since 2006, Dr. Miller has served as provost and vice president for academic affairs and research at Wichita State University.

Dr. Roseman moved, seconded by Mr. Pitts, that President Ross' recommendation of Dr. Gary L. Miller to serve as the next Chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, be approved. The motion carried. For Dr. Miller's remarks, please see Appendix A.

In closing, Chairman Gage thanked everyone for attending. She thanked Mrs. Murphy and the members of the Search Committee for all their hard work. She announced that a press conference was scheduled with Chancellor-Elect Miller at the conclusion of this meeting.

Dr. Roseman moved that the meeting be adjourned. Dr. Taylor seconded and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.