

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Minutes

363rd meeting, May 10, 2007

Members Present: Mr. Burns, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Hayes, Ms. Owen, Mr. Pantiel, Ms. Sanders, Dr. Taylor

Chancellors Present: (ex officio members) Chancellor Bryan, Chancellor Gilchrist, Chancellor Ponder

Other Board Members Present: Mr. Daniels, Dr. Flood, Mr. Keeber, Ms. Key, Ms. Robinson

Other Chancellors Present: Chancellor Dubois, Chancellor Emeritus Leutze, Chancellor Sullivan, Chancellor Howard-Vital

Others Present: Mr. Atkins, Dr. Brewington, Ms. Chapman, Dr. Kanoy, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Lea, Dr. Mabe, Dr. Martin, Dr. McDuffie, Mr. O'Quinn, Dr. Prochaska, Ms. Render, Dean Roper, Dr. Sadler, Mr. Swett, Mr. Thomas, Ms. Thompson, Dr. Uprichard, Ms. Winner

Chairman Taylor called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room of the UNC General Administration Building.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the March 15, 2007 meeting, it was moved and seconded that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion passed.

The following items were Administrative Action items (*action by consent*):

Request for authorization to discontinue the following master's degree program:

- Master of Science in School Psychology at North Carolina State University

Request for authorization to discontinue the following doctoral degree program:

- Doctor of Philosophy in School Psychology at North Carolina State University

Request for authorization to establish the following baccalaureate degree programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Respiratory Therapy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- Bachelor of Arts in Motorsport Management at Winston-Salem State University

Request for authorization to establish the following master's degree programs:

- Master of Social Work at North Carolina Central University
- Master of Science in Bioinformatics at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte (Professional Science Master's Degree)
- Master of Science in Physics at North Carolina Central University

Request for authorization to plan the following doctoral degree program:

- Doctor of Philosophy in Bioinformatics and Computational Biology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Request for authorization to establish the following doctoral degree program:

- Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Administration at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Reports for Information:

- Teacher Education Distance Learning Report
- Academic Program Development Semi-Annual Status Report – 5-10-07
- Change of Comprehensive Articulation Agreement into Policy and Regulations Format

It was moved by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Dixon that the items on the Consent Agenda be approved. Motion passed.

Chairman Taylor recognized Dr. Martin for a discussion on the acceptance of the Feasibility Study of North Carolina Wesleyan College Becoming a UNC Constituent Institution. It was conducted by a feasibility study team composed of Jim Leutze, Chancellor Emeritus at UNCW, Chair; William Gordon, Provost at Wake Forest University; Clarence Newsome, President of Shaw University; Elizabeth Riley, Attorney with Womble Carlyle; and George Worsley, Vice Chancellor Emeritus at NCSU. Dr. Leutze was recognized to outline the process used and summarize the study team's findings. They found that it would be very expensive to bring the Wesleyan campus to a level comparable to other UNC campuses, and that it would take many years to do so. They concluded that "after very careful and thorough analysis, we recommend that NC Wesleyan College NOT be made a constituent institution of the University of North Carolina at this time." At the same time, the study team recommended additional ways that UNC might serve the region and particularly urged the UNC Tomorrow initiative to pay close attention to the needs of the region.

The motion was made by Mr. Burns and seconded by Ms. Sanders to accept the Feasibility Study of North Carolina Wesleyan College Becoming a UNC Constituent Institution and to recommend its acceptance by the Board of Governors and its conveyance to the General Assembly upon Board approval. Motion passed.

Chairman Taylor stated that relevant committees of the Board have had the proposed Accountability Plan and Performance Measures on their agendas for the past two Board meetings and there has been a Board workshop on the topic. The Planning Committee has reviewed version eight of the proposal and is satisfied that this voluntary accountability plan is ready for Board approval. At Chairman Taylor's request, Dr. Martin and Dr. Mabe gave an overview of the Plan for the benefit of the new Board members in attendance. The Committee considered the resolution:

That the Board of Governors authorize the President to implement the Accountability Plan and Performance Measures, to report to the Board periodically regarding the implementation of the Plan and Measures, and to develop an annual reporting format to inform the Board of progress in meeting the goals of the Accountability Plan and Performance Measures.

The motion was made by Mr. Dixon and seconded by Ms. Sanders to approve the Resolution and recommend that the Board of Governors authorize the President to implement the Accountability Plan and Performance Measures. Motion passed.

Resolution on The University of North Carolina Online

UNC campuses have diligently developed and offered a large number of online degree programs, certificates, and courses as a way to provide greater access to post-secondary education in North Carolina. General Administration has led a development effort over the past six months to bring information about and access to the campus programs together in one online site under the name The University of North Carolina Online.

The resolution before us is that the Board of Governors endorse this direction and authorize the President to launch The University of North Carolina Online and to develop plans for its further development and enhancement, reporting back to the Board periodically on its development and success.

The motion was made by Mr. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Dixon to accept the Resolution on The University of North Carolina Online and recommend it to the Board for endorsement. Motion passed.

The North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro have worked together to plan a joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering. Chairman Taylor recognized Dr. Ed Uprichard, Provost at UNCG, and Dr. Janice Brewington, Interim Provost at NC A&T State University, to answer questions about this proposal and the significant impact that it will have on economic development. Dr. Brewington commented that the collaboration between both institutions will attract businesses in the field to the region. Dr. Uprichard said that this is a new way of thinking about the sciences to put North Carolina on the cutting edge for the future.

The motion was made by Ms. Owen and seconded by Ms. Sanders to approve the establishment of the NCA&T / UNCG Joint School of Nanoscience and Nanoengineering. Motion passed.

Chancellor Gilchrist was recognized to speak on the aviation initiative at Elizabeth City State University. Chancellor Gilchrist reported that an advisory board has been formed and they are working collaboratively with local businesses on the development of an aviation program at ECSU. He said there is a lot of interest in aviation science in northeast North Carolina. The Committee was very supportive and expressed interest in being updated on the progress of this initiative.

Chairman Taylor adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.