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**Minutes of the Committee on Public Affairs
UNC Board of Governors
September 6, 2007**

The following Board of Governors members were present:

Brent Barringer, Chair
Peaches Blank, Vice Chair
Fred Mills, Secretary
John Davis
Phil Dixon
Ray Farris
Hannah Gage

Ann Goodnight
Frank Grainger
Charles Hayes
Cheryl Locklear
Marshall Pitts
Al Roseman

The following staff, and others were present:

Andy Willis	Laura Foxx
Kimrey Rhinehardt	James Smith
Chancellor DePaolo	Alfred Mays
Erin Schuettpelez	Drupti Chauhan
Robyn Render	Brenda Killingsworth
Leslie Winner	Arkeem Fleming
Leslie Boney	

Vice President Willis called the meeting to order.

1. The first order of business was to elect officers. Upon motion from Dr. Roseman, Mr. Barringer was elected Chair, Ms. Blank Vice Chair and Mr. Mills Secretary. The committee voted unanimously to elect the nominated slate.
2. The minutes were approved on a motion from Dr. Roseman, and seconded by Mr. Hayes.
3. Kimrey Rhinehardt, Vice President for Federal Relations and Andy Willis, Vice President for Government Relations provided an update on North Carolina's bid for the National Bio and Agro-Defense Facility. The Department of Homeland Security is currently traveling to the top five finalists – Georgia, Texas, Kansas, Mississippi and North Carolina – for scoping meetings. These are hearings to allow for public comment on the facility. The University is very engaged with state leaders, both in government and industry to organize our scoping meeting on September 18th in Creedmoor. This project could mean a \$1.65 billion in new revenue for North Carolina during the first 20 years.
4. Ms. Rhinehardt provided a federal update. Congress is busy working on several high profile items and the University is very engaged in the financial aid debate.

5. Mr. Willis provided a review of the state budget and the final results of the University's Policy Agenda. All ten items from the agenda passed the NC General Assembly, including several PACE efficiencies. It was a very successful year.
6. Mr. Barringer outlined his plans for the Public Affairs committee during the 2007-2008 year. He asked the committee to consider three subcommittees: Economic Transformation; Public Service and a committee to focus on the NBAF project. He also asked staff to put together a proposal for the Board of Governors to visit with legislators in their districts in the interim.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.