Minutes of the Committee on Public Affairs UNC Board of Governors June 12, 2008

The following Board of Governors members were present:

Brent Barringer, Chair
Peaches Blank, Vice Chair
Fred Mills, Secretary
Hannah Gage
Ann Goodnight
Governor Holshouser
Cheryl Locklear
Marshall Pitts
Gladys Robinson
Al Roseman

Charles Hayes

The following staff and others were present:

Andy Willis Caroline Krisel
Kimrey Rhinehardt Judith Wegner

Lesley Boney Brenda Killingsworth
Erin Schuettpelz Rosemary DePaolo

Ginger Burks

Chairman Barringer called the meeting to order.

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- 1. The minutes were approved on a motion from Mr. Hayes, and seconded by Ms. Blank.
- 2. Ms. Rhinehardt gave the committee a Federal Affairs update. Most notably was that the Southeast Crescent Authority was included and authorized in the Farm Bill. Ms. Gage thanked the Board for their work on getting this Authority included, and expressed how it will help rural Eastern North Carolina. Ms. Rhinehardt also reported that HEA Reauthorization was nearing the end. FSU, ECSU, and WSSU were included in the Historically Black Graduate Institutions which will guarantee money for the next six years.
- 3. Mr. Willis gave the committee an update on the policy agenda items. The HR Substantially Equivalent plan was pulled because it was too difficult to gain support for it in the short session. The qualified immunity provision in campus safety will be held until the long session. The School of the Arts name change passed the Senate Education Committee. The creation of an airport authority passed in the self-liquidating bill.
- 4. Mr. Willis gave the committee an update on the state budget. He reported that the capital budget was on the best in years, but expressed concern over the proposed \$25 million in reductions. Currently enrollment funding is \$20 million short, but it will likely be fully restored.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.