

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Minutes

373rd meeting, September 11, 2008

Members Present: Mr. Barringer, Mr. Daniels, Mr. Dixon, Mr. Farris, Dr. Key, Mr. Pitts

Members Absent: Dr. Buffalo, Ms. Goodyear, Mr. Phillips

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

Other Board Members Present: Mr. Bowden, Mr. Davis, Ms. Gage, Mr. Hays, Governor Holshouser, Mr. Leatherwood, Mr. Mills, Ms. Sanders, Dr. Taylor

Others Present: Ms. Bender, Dr. Blouin, Mr. Bostic, Chancellor Brady, Dr. Dixon, Mr. Ferreri, Dr. Jenkins, Dr. Joyner, Dr. Mabe, Dr. Martin, Dr. McDuffy, Dr. Pollock, Dr. Roper, Ms. Schuettpeitz, Ms. Thompson, Ms. Thornton, Dr. Warrick

Chairman Dixon called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in Board Room 1 of the Spangler Center.

There being no corrections or additions to the minutes of the June 12, 2008 meeting, it was moved by Mr. Pitts and seconded by Mr. Daniels that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion passed.

There were no items for administrative action.

Dean William Roper presented the annual report on the UNC Health Care System. This annual report is on the implementation of flexibility legislation approved by the General Assembly. This flexibility was granted for personnel, purchasing, property, and property construction. The annual report provides many examples of quality improvements and cost savings as a result of flexibility. An example of the former has been greater stability in the nursing work force, and of the latter, savings of over \$3.9 million in purchasing in FY 08; in the nine years of flexibility the cumulative savings for purchasing are approximately \$24 million.

The Health Care System has initiated a program, Commitment to Caring, with a goal of being the nation's leading public academic health care system. Improvements have been realized in hiring, retention, and employee satisfaction. New systems have also resulted in a 37% reduction in the average number of days patients wait for a scheduled appointment.

The use of a single-prime contractor for construction projects has contributed to greater efficiency. Dean Roper will follow up by providing more detailed information about minority participation in Health System construction projects. UNC Health Care system has effectively used the flexibility provided by the General Assembly to increase quality of care and to significantly reduce costs in many areas. The UNC Health Care System provided over \$132 million of uncompensated care in FY 08 an increase of \$10 million over the previous year, and uncompensated care was provided to residents of all 100 counties in North Carolina.

The motion was made by Mr. Daniels and seconded by Mr. Farris to accept the Report on the UNC Health Care System and to submit it to the Board of Governors for approval for conveyance to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations of the General Assembly. Motion carried.

The Committee heard a report on the partnership between UNC Chapel Hill and Elizabeth City State University for delivering the Pharmacy program at ECSU. Dean Blouin and Dean Warrick provided an account of the technology that allows full interaction among students and faculty on each campus. This is the fourth year of the program and the first class will graduate this May. There are a total of 44 students enrolled. There was some discussion of expected program format and tuition arrangement, which will be followed up by GA staff.

Dr. Mabe reviewed a draft plan for the Committee's implementation of UNC Tomorrow initiatives during the 2008-09 year.

Chairman Dixon adjourned the meeting at 3:40 p.m.