

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Draft Minutes: November 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.
North Carolina State University, Hunt Library, Multipurpose Room

OPEN SESSION

The following members were present: Chairman McMahan, Vice Chairwoman Wiley, Mr. Fennebresque, Ms. Goodnight, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Nath, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Smith, Mr. Souza, Mr. Trask, Chancellor Brady, Chancellor Roberts, and Dr. Roper. Chairman Hans attended as well.

The following staff were present: Chief of Staff Kevin FitzGerald, Vice Presidents Andrew Moretz and Kimrey Rhinehardt, Assistant Vice President Emily M. Dickens, Director Jonathan Kappler and other General Administration staff, Chancellors and other faculty/staff from the universities.

The Open Minutes of October 10, 2013 were properly approved, as amended, and seconded.

1. Dr. Gilleskie gave a presentation on the Biomanufacturing Training and Education Center (BTEC). Founded to help establish, attract and expand biomanufacturing in North Carolina and thus drive innovation and job creation, BTEC provides educational and training opportunities to develop skilled professionals for the biomanufacturing industry and create the best-trained, most industry-focused workforce possible. It is located on North Carolina State University's Centennial Campus and operates under the auspices of the university's College of Engineering (COE). The 82,500-gross-square-foot center, the largest of its kind in the U.S. and the world, features more than \$12.5 million of industry-standard equipment and a simulated cGMP (current Good Manufacturing Practice) pilot plant facility capable of producing biopharmaceutical products using cell growth and expression, recovery and purification processes in a sterile environment. Undergraduates, graduate students, and working professionals come to BTEC for hands-on learning with the latest biomanufacturing technologies.
2. Vice President Moretz provided an update on state legislative activities during the interim. Committees continue to meet and his team is monitoring the impact on the University. Vice President Moretz shared that the University was commended by the State CIO for providing support with some of their infrastructure issues. His team continues to meet with legislators and is still conducting campus visits.
3. Vice President Rhinehardt provided an update on federal relations, reminding the committee that the previous meeting had taken place during the shut-down of the federal government. The new deadline for a budget agreement is January 15, 2014. Expectations are low for a "grand bargain". The federal relations team is preparing to work on the multi-year reauthorization of the Higher Education Act, a piece of legislation that will have a huge impact on multiple areas of the UNC System, including financial aid, international education, and reporting requirements. Vice President Rhinehardt also shared that Representative Howard Coble, who has represented

the NC-6 district for the last 32 years, has announced his retirement upon completion of his current term.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 P.M.

W. Edwin McMahan, Chair
Committee on Public Affairs

Phillip D. Walker, Secretary
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