

## **COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

Thursday, April 10, 2014

### **Minutes**

The Committee on Public Affairs met Thursday, April 10, 2014 in the Board Room of the Spangler Center in Chapel Hill.

Committee members present include Chairman McMahan, Vice Chairwoman Wiley, Secretary Walker, Mr. Trask, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Fennebresque, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Souza, Ms. Goodnight, Mr. Powers, Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Nath, Dean Roper and Chancellor Roberts. Other Board members attending include Chairman Hans, Mr. Hood, Mr. Kotis, Mr. Long, Mr. Rippey and Mr. Nunnery. Vice President Moretz, Vice President Rhinehardt, Assistant Vice President Dickens, and State Director Kappler attended as staff.

Chancellor Carol Folt of UNC-CH and Chancellor Steve Ballard of ECU were also present. The February minutes were approved.

Vice President Rhinehardt gave the Committee a recap of the 2014 Federal Relations Council (FRC) Meeting, which took place in Washington, D.C. during the first week of March. During this meeting, the FRC discussed national legislation of importance to the University, reviewed lobbying law and compliance, and engaged with Members of Congress and their staff. A breakfast with the NC Congressional Delegation was held on the final day of the two-day meeting and was thoroughly enjoyed by those in attendance. Earlier this month, Vice President Rhinehardt accompanied President Ross to DC for the Tar Heel Circle Luncheon, meetings with the delegation and staff and dinner with the Carolina Burch Scholars.

Vice President Moretz provided an update on activities at the NC General Assembly. He reported support from members of the General Assembly to put the Board's proposal on in-state tuition for military-affiliated students into statute. Vice President Moretz also noted the efforts made in allowing for an alternative, ACA-compliant health plan for workers working under 40, but over 30, hours a week. His team continues to engage in discussion related to the budget and the remainder of the policy agenda.

The Committee then heard a presentation on UNC research expenditures. Vice President Rhinehardt began with an overview of the history of Facilities & Administration cost reimbursements (F & A) and the various uses for the funds, including covering costs incurred as a result of compliance and reporting requirements. Chancellor Steve Ballard and Chancellor Carol Folt followed with presentations about how F & A is used on their campuses. Chancellor Ballard shared that at ECU, these funds cover research staff salaries as well as the construction of labs. He shared an example of how the state contributes to campus research but F & A covers the majority of the costs. A new building was recently constructed with state funds, but it was outfitted with research labs funded entirely by F & A. Chancellor Folt reminded us that

the grants follow the faculty member, so if we are unable to retain the faculty member we will lose the grants and the F & A will follow.

Mr. Trask provided the Committee with an update on the Special Committee on Military Affairs. There is a favorable outlook on the Board's residency proposal and significant progress on the UNC Joining Forces Initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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W. Edwin McMahan, Chair  
Committee on Public Affairs

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Phillip D. Walker, Secretary  
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