



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Committee on Strategic Initiatives

July 26, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development, Room 276
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. [Approval of the Minutes of June 27, 2018](#) Alex Mitchell
- A-2. [Review of Student Success Trends](#)..... Andrew Kelly
- A-3. [Discussion of 2018 – 2019 Plan of Work](#) Alex Mitchell
- A-4. Adjourn

Additional Information Available:

- A-2. [System Dashboards](#)
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- A-2. [AP Credit Acceptance Policy](#)

DRAFT MINUTES

June 27, 2018

University of North Carolina System Office
Spangler Center, Conference Room C
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

This meeting of the Committee on Strategic Initiatives was presided over by Chair Alex Mitchell. The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were also present by phone: Randall Ramsey, Pearl Burris-Floyd, Robert Bryan, Steven Long, and Ann Maxwell. The following committee members were absent: Anna Nelson, Darrell Allison, Doyle Parrish, Temple Sloan, Harry Smith, and Bettylenah Njaramba.

Chancellor participating was James Anderson.

Staff members present included Andrew Kelly and others from the UNC System Office.

1. Call to Order and Approval of OPEN Session Minutes (Item A-1)

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, and called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of May 23, 2018.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives approve the open session minutes of May 23, 2018, as distributed.

Motion: Pearl Burris-Floyd

Motion carried

2. Vote on Proposed Policy on Awarding Undergraduate Credit on the Basis of Advanced Placement Exam Scores (Item A-2)

Chair Mitchell opened the meeting by providing a review of the committee's work on the AP policy and its decision, made in the May 2018 meeting, to postpone voting on the matter for another cycle so that the committee could obtain additional feedback from the stakeholders. This work has been completed. He stated that the stakeholders have provided positive feedback on the proposed policy. Andrew Kelly provided an overview of the information that was received from the institutions and faculty and staff assemblies. The details of the implementation and timeline will be discussed after the policy moves forward.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives approve the proposed Policy on Awarding Undergraduate Credit on the Basis of Advanced Placement Exam Scores and recommend it to the full Board of Governors for a vote through the consent agenda.

Motion: Rob Bryan
Motion carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Robert Bryan III, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM

A-2. Review of Student Success Trends and Issues Andrew Kelly

Situation: The BOG Committee on Strategic Initiatives has spent the past 12 months focused on efforts to improve student success and timely degree completion. The focus on student success reflects the UNC System Strategic Plan, which calls for significant gains in degree completion. To provide context for the committee's ongoing work on student success, Andrew Kelly will present data on student success trends in the UNC System, review the factors that shape retention and completion, and discuss possible areas of focus for the coming year.

Background: Many factors affect a student's ability to enroll in college, make progress toward a degree, and graduate in a timely fashion. Some factors relate to student choices and behavior, while other factors are outside of the students' control such as state, federal, and institutional policies, practices, and programs.

Institutions and policymakers have learned a good deal about the ways in which policies, programs, and student choices can help or hinder student success. Policies governing credit acceptance and transfer, degree program credit hour requirements, financial aid eligibility, and summer enrollment can create obstacles to timely degree completion. Likewise, research indicates that improving student coaching and advising, developing clear degree pathways, and creating incentives for students to earn 30 credits per academic year can improve student success rates.

This past year, the committee made progress in three key areas: credit requirements for degree programs, the importance of summer school in promoting timely degree completion, and policies that govern the awarding of Advanced Placement credit.

In this session, the committee will review the work to date, examine the key issues related to student success, and present the latest data on student success in the UNC System. The presentation will touch on various factors that the Committee on Strategic Initiatives might consider as it works to identify and implement policy reforms and programs that can increase student success.

Assessment: The committee will examine the key issues related to student success and present the latest data on student success in the UNC System.

Action: This item is for discussion only.

AGENDA ITEM

A-3. Discussion of 2018 – 2019 Plan of Work.....Alex Mitchell

Situation: The Board Committee on Strategic Initiatives focuses on opportunities to help the University of North Carolina System meet the student success goals at the center of the System's 2017-22 Strategic Plan. The committee will discuss the potential issues to tackle over the course of the 2018-19 session.

Background: Over the past year, the Board Committee on Strategic Initiatives has focused on efforts to improve student success and timely degree completion. The committee's work to date has resulted in important changes to System policies on undergraduate degree program requirements and credit acceptance policies for Advanced Placement exam scores. In addition, the committee's work has renewed attention to how the System can leverage summer school to help more students earn a degree on-time. The committee will consider additional topics in the 2018-19 session.

After summarizing key student success trends and issues, the committee will discuss potential topics to consider over the course of the 2018-19 session.

Assessment: The committee will discuss potential topics to consider over the course of the 2018-19 session.

Action: This item is for discussion only.