

## UMSTEAD REVIEW PANEL MEETING MINUTES

April 8, 2009, 9:30 a.m.

Law Library and Via Telephone Conference Call, General Administration Building  
The University of North Carolina  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

I. Roll. Meeting convened at: 9:30 a.m.

*Attendees (by telephone conference call):* Marty Beam, Patricia Clark, Bill Warden, Robert Warwick, Linda Willey, David Harrison, Sarah Oettinger, and Karin Szypszak. Mr. Warden served as chair for the panel. Representatives from the North Carolina Arboretum were George Briggs, Angie Chandler, Cindy Blankenship, and Clara Curtis.

*Absent:* Bert Collins, Joyce Grant, and William Tatum. John (Jack) Cecil recused himself from participation in the meeting because of a conflict of interest as a member of the NC Arboretum's Board of Directors.

II. Introduction. Mr. Harrison began the meeting with a welcome to the members and representatives of the North Carolina Arboretum. Mr. Harrison explained that the Umstead Panel was meeting to consider the Arboretum's proposed wedding program. Mr. Harrison further explained that the Arboretum is seeking an exemption under North Carolina General Statutes § 66-58(b)(8)o. The panel was to determine whether the proposed wedding program is authorized and serves the public, and does not present unfair competition.

III. Presentation. Mr. Brigg's began the presentation with a brief depiction of the North Carolina Arboretum, and a review of the proposal which is the rental of the Arboretum facilities for "green weddings." Additional presentations were made by Angie Chandler and Clara Curtis regarding the services offered by the Arboretum and the proposed wedding program.

IV. Panel Discussion. After the presentation, discussion and questions ensued regarding the request. In response to questioning, the Arboretum representatives confirmed that they intended to engage in facilities rental and education only, and as a partner in regional tourism, the Arboretum's wedding program would enhance the region as a wedding-destination market and support economic development of regional businesses and vendors that service weddings.

V. Decision. The panel deliberated on the evidence and arguments presented and, recognizing the potential for the proposed wedding program to advance the mission of the Arboretum and promote regional economic development, voted unanimously to approve the Arboretum's request. It is the determination of the Umstead Review Panel that the Arboretum's requested activities are authorized under N.C.G.S. 66-58 (b)(8)o and are not unfair competition.

VI. Adjourn. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:02 a.m.