

COMMITTEE ON UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

April 11, 2014

Conference Room C, Spangler Center

Minutes

Attendees: Presided by Chairman Powers. Others: Vice-Chairman Lail, Mr. Harrelson, Mr. Grainger, Ms. Maxwell, Mr. McMahan, Dr. Perry, Mr. Rippy, Chancellor Ballard, Chancellor Becton, and Chancellor Carter.

Others: Ann Lemmon, Sue Carpenter, Tom Shanahan, Peter Hans, John Sherer, Carla Davis-Castro.

1. Approval of the Minutes of February 20, 2014: The minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting of the committee were reviewed and approved.

Approval of Agenda - The agenda as presented was approved.

2. Discussion of Vacancies on Councils and Boards of Trustees

- a. Umstead Review Panel: There are three positions on the Umstead Review Panel for the 2014 to 2018 term. In April, 2014, the Board of Governors will appoint members to the Umstead Review Panel, as provided by statute. A summary of the Umstead Act and the creation of the Panel were attached or reference. The current Panel members have indicated a willingness to be reappointed. Their reappointment is supported by UNC General Administration Office of Legal Affairs staff. The Committee voted to recommend the re-appointment of Ray Farris, Bob Warwick, and H.D. (Cobby) Reaves.

- b. UNC Greensboro: There is a partial-term ending on June 30, 2015, on the University of North Carolina at Greensboro Board of Trustees. This vacancy results from the resignation of Mr. Martin Weissburg due to relocation to Brussels, Belgium. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro liaison, Ed McMahan, is working with UNCG to identify candidates. The Committee voted to recommend the appointment of Brad Hayes to serve.

- c. UNC Press: UNC Press will have 3 vacancies on its Board of Governors for five-year terms beginning July 1, 2014. The Press has 15 elected members who serve 5 year terms and may be reelected for successive terms with a service limit of 3 full terms. Thirteen of the current members actively hold an academic position from universities including UNC-CH, UNC Greensboro, NCSU, NCCU, and Duke. According to its by-laws, the Press BOG creates a nominating committee and submits a slate to the Chancellor of UNC-CH who transmits it to the UNC system president, who presents it to the UNC Board of Governors. Following this process, the Committee voted to recommend the appointment the appointments of Dr. Vincas Steponaitis, Professor and Director of Research Laboratories in the Department of Anthropology at UNC-Chapel Hill, and Dr.

James H. Johnson, Jr., William Rand Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor in the Kenan-Flagler Business School at UNC-Chapel Hill. The third position will remain open for now.

3. Legal Update* There was none.

4. Other Business

a. At the February meeting, Chairman Hans made a recommendation to the Governance Committee that the next meeting the committee consider revising is Chancellor Selection, found in Section 500 B 1 of The Code and Appendix I, subpart I.D. This section requires the campus BOT to submit two names to the President, whereas the long-time practice is that the President requests three names. Mr. Hans suggested that we bring the policy in line with practice. Mr. Shanahan presented a revised policy, which the Committee discussed. The Committee approved a revised policy, and it will be on the consent agenda for the June meeting.

b. At its June 14, 2013, meeting the Board of Governors asked the President to review the student organization recognition policies of the constituent institutions, with a particular focus on the importance of protecting the freedoms of expression, inquiry, and association, consistent with the First Amendment, and the need to maintain an educational environment free of discrimination on bases prohibited by applicable law and policy. The President reported to the Board of Governors at its February meeting that the campuses have policies that permit student organizations to condition membership or participation on the commitment of members to a set of beliefs. Acting on the sentiment that the Board of Governors should reinforce the University's commitment to First Amendment principles by adopting its own such policy for system-wide application, the Governance Committee approved this new policy, and it will be on the consent agenda for the June meeting,

c. The members were provided with a list of the Spring Commencements, and asked to sign-up. The Board will be asked to sign up for any remaining slots.

d. Ms. Lemmon mentioned that she had been contacted by the School of Government about taking on a summer intern, and she thought development of an orientation template would be a good project for one. She introduced Carla Davis-Castro, who will be starting her internship in May.

5. Reference Materials: Susan Colby, Chair of the UNC Staff Assembly, had suggested that the campus liaisons might enjoy the opportunity to attend employee appreciation events on their assigned campuses. A schedule of events was provided for the committee.