



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs

October 21, 2020 at 1:45 p.m.
Via Videoconference and UNC-TV Live Stream
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development, Room 128
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of July 22, 2020 N. Leo Daughtry
- A-2. UNC Military Affairs Update Siobhan Norris and Kathie Sidner
- A-3. Presentation on the Governor's Challenge for Veteran Suicide Prevention Dr. Patricia Oliver
- A-4. Adjourn

Additional Information Available

- A-2. [NC Session Law 2020-97, Patriot Star Family Scholarship Program](#)
- A-2. [North Carolina Residency Determination System Guidebook](#)
- A-2. North Carolina General Statute [§ 116-143.3. Tuition of Armed Forces personnel and their dependents](#) and [§ 116-143.3A. Waiver of 12-month residency requirement for certain veterans and other individuals](#)



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DRAFT MINUTES

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This meeting of the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs was presided over by Chair Leo Daughtry. The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were also present in person or video conference: Thomas C. Goolsby, Jimmy D. Clark, Mark Holton, and Isaiah Green.

Chancellors participating were Ron Mitchelson from East Carolina University and Peggy Valentine from Fayetteville State University.

Staff members present included Siobhan Norris, Kathie Sidner, 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 1:33 p.m., on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, and called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of February 20, 2020.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs approve the open session minutes of February 20, 2020, as distributed.

Motion: Mark Holton

Motion carried

Roll Call Vote	
Daughtry	Yes
Goolsby	Yes
Holton	Yes
Clark	Yes

2. UNC Military Affairs Update (Item A-2)

The committee heard from Siobhan Norris on how military-affiliated students benefit the state of North Carolina, not only while in the University, but also after graduating and entering the work force. She then

provided the committee with its charge, which was voted on during a previous meeting. The committee charge includes increasing enrollment; improving retention, graduation and employment success; growing strategic partnerships; providing academic credit for military education; providing flexible pathways and programs; and implementing military-supportive policies.

Next, the committee heard from the newly appointed faculty liaison, Dr. Alan Frietag, and alternate liaison, Dr. Clark Maddux, as well as Dr. Timothy Ives, the Faculty Assembly chair. Dr. Frietag spoke about the need to be heavily involved in the local, state, and federal level support networks for military and veterans in order to successfully recruit military-affiliated students. He also emphasized the importance of finding ways to fit military-affiliated students' need for higher education with their other needs, such as healthcare, housing, spousal employment, and mental health support services. Dr. Maddux provided the committee with a background of his military service and his commitment to bringing military-affiliated students to the UNC System and helping them succeed. Dr. Ives wrapped up the conversation by mentioning how the Faculty Assembly is working on access, affordability, and equity and how this applies to the military-affiliated student.

The committee then heard from Kathie Sidner about the numbers associated with military-affiliated students. In fall 2019, there were more than 19,000 military-affiliated students attending institutions within the UNC System. From the Post-9/11 GI Bill and Department of Defense Tuition Assistance programs alone, military-affiliated students brought \$60,939,855 to the UNC System in 2019-20. This number does not include other VA/DOD benefits and grants.

Finally, Siobhan Norris asked for ideas which the committee could explore in the future. Governor Holton mentioned the need to maximize outreach in order to bring the military-affiliated students to the UNC System. Dr. Frietag encouraged the members of the committee to attend any education fair hosted at military installations and see how the competition markets to the military-affiliated student.

3. Presentation on the Governor's Challenge for Veteran Suicide Prevention (Item A-3)

Due to a lack of time, the presentation on the Governor's Challenge for Veteran Suicide Prevention was postponed to a later meeting.

4. Adjourn (Item A-4)

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Mark Holton, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM

A-2. UNC Military Affairs Update Siobhan Norris and Kathie Sidner

Situation:	Committee members will receive a presentation from UNC System staff on a variety of initiatives related to the priorities of the special committee.
Background:	Special committee members voted to approve the following priorities in 2019: improve enrollment, retention, graduation, and employment success for military-affiliated students; grow strategic internal and external partnerships; award more academic credit for military experience; grow digital learning opportunities; and provide up-to-date military-supportive policies.
Assessment:	UNC System staff will provide an update on efforts to reduce barriers for attracting and supporting military-affiliated students, including outreach initiatives, and will introduce the topic of in-state tuition for military students.
Action:	This item is for discussion only.

AGENDA ITEM

A-3. Presentation on the Governor's Challenge for Veteran Suicide Prevention..... Dr. Patricia Oliver

Situation: Committee members will receive an update on the UNC System's involvement with the North Carolina Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families.

Background: In November 2019, North Carolina received the invitation to participate in the US Department of Veterans Affairs Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Governor's Challenge to Prevent Suicide Among Service Members, Veterans, and their Families. The Governor's Challenge is a call to action, asking state, military, and civilian interagency teams to embark on a process of collaborating, planning, and implementing suicide prevention best practices and policies for service members, veterans, and their families statewide. Technical assistance offered through this initiative is designed to provide a forum for states to consider how existing policies, practices, infrastructure, and resources influence the effectiveness of the systems that support service members, veterans, and their families.

Assessment: Presently, the NC Governors Working Group, NC Department of Veterans and Military Affairs, the NC Department of Commerce, the NC Department of Health and Human Services, the NC Regional Benefits Office, VISN 6, and the Veterans Healthcare Administration will team with SAMHSA to implement a comprehensive plan informed by lessons learned and evidence-based best practices. These best practices will be implemented in a statewide effort to reduce suicide. Dr. Oliver will discuss the University's role in supporting this initiative.

Action: This item is for information only.