

Board of Governors Meeting
March 19, 2014
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

The Board of Governors met in a special meeting on Wednesday, March 19, 2014, at the Spangler Center in Chapel Hill. Chairman Hans called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m. He welcomed all the guests. He recognized Chancellor and Mrs. Peacock. Chairman Hans welcomed former members of the Board, Mr. Adcock, Mr. Deal, and Mr. Daniels. He announced that this is an exciting day for Appalachian State University.

INVOCATION

Chairman Hans called on Mr. Long to give the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Grainger called the roll. The following members were present:

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| W. Louis Bissette, Jr. | W. Edwin McMahan |
| John C. Fennebresque | W. G. Champion Mitchell |
| Hannah D. Gage | Robert J. Nunnery |
| H. Frank Grainger | R. Doyle Parrish |
| Peter D. Hans | Therence O. Pickett |
| Thomas J. Harrelson | David M. Powers |
| James L. Holmes, Jr. | Robert S. Rippy |
| Rodney E. Hood | Harry L. Smith, Jr. |
| William (Marty) Kotis III | J. Craig Souza |
| G. Leroy Lail | G.A. Sywassink |
| Scott K. Lampe | Richard (Dick) Taylor |
| Steven B. Long | Phillip D. Walker |
| Joan G. MacNeill | Laura I. Wiley |
| Mary Ann Maxwell | |

The following members were absent:

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| Roger H. Aiken | Hari H. Nath |
| Fred N. Eshelman | Joan T. Perry |
| Ann B. Goodnight | Raiford G. Trask III |
| Henry W. Hinton | |

STATE ETHICS ACT

Chairman Hans stated that under the State Ethics Act, members have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Looking at the agenda for the meeting, Chairman Hans asked if any member had a conflict of interest or an interest that would give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest. There were none.

On motion by Mr. Souza and duly seconded, the board voted to convene in closed session to establish or instruct the staff or agent considering the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of employment contract; and to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, pursuant to North Carolina G.S. Sections 143-318.11 (a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(5) and (a)(6). The motion carried.

The Board of Governors went into closed session at 10:45 a.m. and returned to open session 11:15 a.m.

ELECTION OF A CHANCELLOR

President Ross announced it was his great pleasure to recommend to the Board of Governors a passionate, energetic and collaborative new leader for Appalachian State University. President Ross expressed his personal and sincere gratitude to Chancellor Peacock for the remarkable leadership he has shown for the past decade at Appalachian State University. President Ross called on Mr. Mike Steinback, Chair of the Board of Trustees and Chair of the Search Committee, for a brief summary of the search process. President Ross thanked Mr. Adcock, the Vice Chair of the Search Committee, and all the members who had served, for the great work they have done.

Mr. Steinback thanked the members of the Board, President Ross, the members of the Board of Trustees, the members of the Search Committee, faculty, and staff who were involved in the search process. The fine folks involved in the process accepted this high responsibility of

service with both excitement and a high degree of humility. He recognized the members the search committee and Ms. Ann Lemmon from General Administration who served as a fine mentor and partner throughout the process. Mr. Steinback provided a timeline of the committee's work. The Committee convened on August 27, 2013, with the charge from President Ross to find a candidate with several key leadership attributes and characteristics of the nominations which were sought. The Search Committee hired Baker & Associates to assist the Committee with recruitment for the position. Mr. Jerry Baker was an outstanding search consultant. Extraordinary measures were taken to obtain and solicit input and recommendations from thousands of constituents. The Committee held several public forums to seek gather information from staff, faculty, and the community. A web site was established and further input was received with some great insight and recommendations. A formal survey was developed and several hundred responses from Appalachian State constituents responded to that. He summarized a list of leadership characteristics which all embodied the chancellor-elect.

President Ross announced it was honor and privilege to recommend the election of Dr. Sheri Noren Everts, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Illinois State University, as the next chancellor of Appalachian State University. President Ross provided a summary of the charge he gave the Search Committee to find a leader for that region who could articulate the long-term vision that stretches beyond our current budget challenges and to find someone who would lead the institution to the next level. In addition, he wanted a leader who was passionately committed to the academic success of students, someone who understands integrity, athletics, among other key factors. The Search Committee and he found all those qualities and more in Sheri Noren Everts. She has two decades of academic and leadership experience at highly respected universities. Each step she has proven herself to be an effective and energetic leader, who encourages creative problem solving, promotes collaboration and inclusiveness and demonstrates a passionate commitment to academic excellence. A Nebraska native, Dr. Everts received her B.S, M.ED., and Ph.D degrees from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. President Ross provided an overview of her academic leadership positions and other academic achievements.

On behalf of the Board and a recommendation from the President, Mr. Lampe moved the approval of Dr. Sheri Noren Everts to become the next Chancellor of Appalachian State University effective July 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sywassink and passed.

Chairman Hans called on Chancellor-Elect Everts for her remarks. Chancellor Everts thanked President Ross and the Board of Governors. She remarked how excited she is to accept the honor of serving Appalachian State University and honored to join the University of North Carolina team with its premiere national reputation for affordability and excellence in higher education. She thanked the Appalachian family for all their support and for their presence today. In closing, Dr. Everts recognized Chancellor and Mrs. Peacock. The Appalachian State family will continue to work together during the transition to continue building upon the strengths of Appalachian State University and continue the focus on students and their successes.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m.

Vice Chairman