

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Committee on Public Affairs

April 10, 2014

1. Open Minutes of February 20, 2014 W. Edwin McMahan, Committee Chair

Situation: The minutes of the February meeting will be reviewed.

Background: Open minutes must be approved before the next meeting can begin.

Assessment: N/A

Action: This is for a vote.

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Thursday, February 20, 2014
Minutes (Draft)

The Committee on Public Affairs met Thursday, February 20, 2014 in the Board Room of the Spangler Center in Chapel Hill.

Committee members present include Chairman McMahan, Vice Chairwoman Wiley, Secretary Walker, Mr. Trask, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Hinton, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Fennebresque, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Souza, Ms. Goodnight, Mr. Powers, Ms. Maxwell, Mr. Nath, Dean Roper and Chancellor Roberts. Other Board members attending include Chairman Hans, Mr. Hood, Mr. Kotis, Mr. Long, Mr. Rippy and Mr. Nunnery. Vice President Moretz, Vice President Rhinehardt, Assistant Vice President Dickens, and State Director Kappler attended as staff.

Guest Marlena Brokob, a UNC Chapel Hill student, was also present.

The January minutes were approved.

UNC Chapel Hill student veteran Marlena Brokob was introduced by Vice President Rhinehardt. Ms. Brokob shared her perspective as student veteran, highlighting the challenges associated with transitioning into the role of student after serving in the military and what resources exist to support students affiliated with the military. She also voiced support for a Veterans Center on campus.

Vice President Moretz presented the Proposed 2014 State Legislative Policy Agenda, detailing agenda items that are carried over from the long session legislative agenda approved by the Board of Governors in 2013 in addition to several policy proposals that would be new to the policy agenda. Mr. Walker made a motion, seconded by Ms. Goodnight, adding need- and merit-based aid to list of approved uses for funds from expanded carry forward authority. The motion passed.

Additional discussion took place about the proposed policy item regarding expanded carry forward authority. Mr. Holmes made a motion that the request to carry forward be increased up to 10% of General Fund appropriations, Mr. Walker seconded. The motion passed.

Mr. Mitchell questioned the value of spending political capital on the proposed policy item regarding the elimination of required preapproval of salary adjustments. Mr. Mitchell moved this item be removed, Mr. Fennebresque seconded. The motion passed and that proposed policy item was removed from the policy agenda.

Committee members engaged in discussion related to costs associated with the Affordable Care Act, the University Cancer Research Fund, and the policy item regarding tuition surcharge. Mr. Powers made a motion to that the tuition surcharge credit hours earned at non-UNC and NCCCS institutions be removed from the agenda, Mr. Holmes seconded. The motion passed and the item was removed from the policy agenda.

Mr. Powers proposed asking the General Assembly to exempt research activities from the public records law. Vice President Moretz committed to researching the issue and will bring a policy proposal to the committee for their consideration during their April Board meeting. Chairman McMahan asked VP Moretz to explain the omission of two policy items related to ECU and UNC Healthcare. VP Moretz reiterated the UNC system's commitment to these two issues. Chairman McMahan asked for a motion to approve the policy agenda as modified. Mr. Fennebresque made the motion to approve the policy agenda as modified, Mr. Mitchell seconded. The motion passed.

Vice President Moretz provided a brief update on state legislative activities focused on the recent and upcoming presentations by UNC system staff to several legislative oversight and study committees on a wide range of topics.

Mr. Nunnery updated the committee on the state policy issues currently being discussed by the Association of Student Governments.

Mr. Trask gave the committee a brief update on the work of the Military Affairs committee by letting Board members know that someone from the committee will be reaching out to Board members about the UNC Joining Forces Initiative.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

W. Edwin McMahan, Chair
Committee on Public Affairs

Phillip D. Walker, Secretary
Committee on Public Affairs