

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Thursday, December 4, 2014
Minutes (Draft)

The Committee on Public Affairs met Thursday, December 4, 2014 in the Board Room of the Spangler Center in Chapel Hill.

Committee members present include Chairman Holmes, Vice Chair Parrish, Mr. Trask, Mr. Harrelson, Mr. McMahan, Ms. Goodnight, Mr. Powers, Mr. Grainger, Ms. Wiley, Dr. Roper and Chancellor Roberts. Other Board members attending include Chairman Fennebresque, Vice Chairman Bisette, Ms. MacNeil, Ms. Maxwell, Ms. Nelson, Ms. Maxwell, Dr. Perry, Ms. Gage, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Walker, Mr. Kotis, Mr. Pickett, and Mr. Parker. Vice President Moretz, Vice President Rhinehardt, and State Director Kappler, and Assistant Vice President Dickens attended as staff.

The October minutes were approved.

Sen. Josh Stein joined the committee for a discussion on his perspectives on the UNC system, higher education, and the role of higher education plays in the state's economy. He talked about the initial work and goals of the Higher Education Working Group, a bicameral, bipartisan group of legislators interested in furthering public higher education in North Carolina. He also shared his thoughts on preliminary revenue figures for the state. He left the committee with a mutual pledge to continue to work together.

Vice President Moretz discussed with the committee the development of the Board of Governors' Policy Agenda and proposed priorities for the 2015 long legislative session. The committee received a thorough presentation and had a good discussion and unanimously voted to approve the policy agenda.

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

James L. Holmes, Jr, Chair
Committee on Public Affairs

Henry Hinton, Secretary
Committee on Public Affairs