

## **Special Committee on Military Affairs**

**Thursday, December 10, 2015 12 p.m.**

### **Minutes**

The Special Committee on Military Affairs met Thursday, December 10, 2015 at the Center for School Leadership Development (UNC-GA) in Chapel Hill, NC. Committee members present include Chairman Long, Vice Chair Goolsby, Secretary Maxwell, Mr. Mitchell, and Chancellor Anderson. Provost Dana Dunn attended on behalf of Chancellor Gilliam. Chancellor Folt and Dr. Perry attended the meeting as well. Vice President Dixon, Vice President Rhinehardt, and Ann Marie Beall, Director of Military Education, attended as staff.

The September 2015 minutes were approved.

Chairman Long recognized UNCW and UNCTV for the successful screening event of the documentary "Debt of Honor" by Ric Burns.

Chairman Long introduced Rob Bruce, Director of the Friday Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, to provide an update on UNC Core, an academic certificate program designed to provide flexible courses for active-duty military students. In his presentation, Dr. Bruce discussed publicity surrounding the launch of the program and the types of courses both available and attractive to service members. UNC Core will provide an opportunity for active duty service members to complete the general education requirements needed to enroll in degree completion programs at UNC constituent institutions.

Chancellor Folt thanked the committee and the Board of Governors for their support of UNC Core. The Chancellor noted that the Kenan-Flagler School of Business online MBA program was named the #1 online MBA program for veterans. The Chancellor also shared that UNC-Chapel Hill's new Physician's Assistant (PA) program recently received accreditation. The PA program was designed with input from veterans and Special Operations soldiers with the goal of meeting the needs of service members transitioning into civilian employment. The first class begins in January 2016. The program received over 800 admission applications for 20 enrollment spots. Half of the enrolled students are military-affiliated. Chancellor Folt remarked that the School of Medicine intends to double enrollment in the future.

UNC-GA Director of Military Education, Ann Marie Beall, briefly discussed the UNC Military Affairs Council and UVIZE, an online student veteran's center.

The meeting adjourned at 1 pm.