

**Committee on Public Affairs**  
**Thursday, January 21, 2016**  
**Minutes (Draft)**

The Committee on Public Affairs met Thursday, January 21, 2016 in Ballroom 101 of the Alumni-Foundation Event Center at North Carolina A&T State University.

Committee members present included Chairman Powers, Vice Chairman Mitchell, Secretary Rippy, Mr. Hinton, Ms. Burris-Floyd, Mr. Grainger, Mr. Knott, Mr. Parrish, Mr. Sloan, Ms. Wiley, Mr. Holmes, Mr. Williford, Mr. Byers, Chancellor Cummings and Chancellor Roberts. Other members in attendance included Dr. Perry, Mr. Long, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Kotis, Mr. Sywassink and Ms. Gage.

The October 2015 minutes were approved.

Chairman Powers welcomed the two legislative guests, House Appropriations Education Chairmen Hugh Blackwell of Burke County and Craig Horn of Union County shared their priorities for the upcoming session. Items such as state employee compensation increases and successful implementation of NC Guaranteed Admissions Program (NC GAP) were among the list both Chairs supported. The chairs answered questions from members of the committee. The committee thanked Representatives Blackwell and Horn for coming to Greensboro.

Following the presentation, Vice President of State Government Relations Moretz gave a brief update of legislative activities during the interim. Vice President for Federal Relations Rhinehardt gave a brief update on the federal agenda at the March 2016 Board of Governors meeting.