

## **COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC PLANNING**

Minutes: October 29, 2015

The following members were present: Chair Mitchell, Mr. Knott, Mr. King, Mrs. Gage, and Mr. Souza.  
Staff: Mr. FitzGerald, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Boney.

1. Vice President Brown introduced and presented a video on the Pharmaco Engineering project that has been funded through the UNC Research Opportunities Initiative. The research team is fighting brain cancer by attempting to transform skin cells into brain cells.
2. The Committee approved an expansion of the SBTDC internship program. Vice President Boney updated the Committee on the current status of the SBTDC Internship Program, and requested that the program be expanded to all 16 campuses. Currently, the six campuses participate in the program. The partnership would create new paid internship programs with small and midsize business for 220 students over four years.

Respectfully submitted  
Chair Mitchell

## **DRAFT MINUTES**

January 21, 2016

North Carolina A&T State University  
Alumni Foundation Event Center  
Greensboro, North Carolina

This regular meeting of the Special Committee on Strategic Directions was presided over by Chair W.G. Champion Mitchell. The following committee members, not constituting a quorum, were present: Therence Pickett and Zack King. The following committee members were absent: Hannah D. Gage, H. Frank Grainger, Joe Knott, O. Temple Sloan III, J. Craig Souza, and George A. Sywassink. Staff members present were Chief of Staff Kevin FitzGerald and James Whalen.

Others present included: Vice President for International, Community, and Economic Engagement Leslie Boney and Associate Vice President for Institutional Research Dan Cohen-Vogel.

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### **1. Call to Order and Approval of OPEN Session Minutes**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:33 p.m. on Thursday, January 21, 2016. Since a quorum was not present, the open session minutes of October 29, 2015 were not approved.

### **2. UNC Data Dashboard Briefing**

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

### **3. Innovation to Jobs (I2J) Update**

Vice President for Research Chris Brown presented information on the University Innovation Council. The Council required no funding and had strong support from the Governor's Office as well as from Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Junius Gonzales.

### **4. Prior Learning Assessment**

A comprehensive presentation on Prior Learning Assessment and Competency Based Education was explained to those in attendance. Director for Prior Learning Assessment and Military Credit Chuck Gross briefed on efforts to award academic credit to incoming students for prior learning, including military training and corporate training. Director for Competency Based Education and Assessment Michelle Solér described a Competency Based Education pilot program at Winston-Salem State University, which would allow students to receive credit by passing competency assessments on their own time.

### **5. Action Items Progress Report**

Due to time constraints, this item was not discussed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

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Joe Knott, Secretary