

January 25, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.
University of North Carolina General Administration
Center for School Leadership Development, Room 128
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. [Approval of Minutes from December 15, 2017](#) Alex Mitchell
- A-2. [Analysis: Summer Session and Student Progress](#) Andrew Kelly and Dan Cohen Vogel
- A-3. [Introduction to Strategic Plan Dashboards](#) Andrew Kelly
- A-4. Other Business Andrew Kelly
 - a. Follow-up to November's Financial Aid Discussion
- A-5. Adjourn

DRAFT MINUTES

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This joint meeting of the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs and the Committee on Strategic Initiatives was presided over by Chair Anna Nelson and Chair Alex Mitchell.

The following committee members from the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs were present: Darrell Allison, Rob Bryan, Thom Goolsby, Tyler Hardin, Jim Holmes, Joe Knott, and Marty Kotis.

The following committee members from the Committee on Strategic Initiatives were present: Pearl Burris-Floyd, Steve Long, Ann Maxwell, Doyle Parrish, Randy Ramsey, Temple Sloan, and Harry Smith.

Chancellors participating were James Anderson, Johnson Akinleye, Sheri Everts, Frank Gilliam, and Philip Dubois. Dr. Gabriel Lugo, the UNC Faculty Assembly Chair and Dr. Bill Roper, were also in attendance.

Staff members present included Junius Gonzales, Andrew Kelly, Kimberly van Noort, and others from General Administration.

1. Call to Order

Chair Nelson called the meeting to order at 11:48 a.m., on Friday, December 15, 2017.

2. Approval of Committee on Strategic Initiatives Open Session Minutes from November 2, 2017 (Item A-1)

Chair Mitchell called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of November 2, 2017.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Strategic Planning Committee approve the open session minutes of November 2, 2017, as distributed.

Motion: Temple Sloan
Motion carried

3. Approval of Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs Minutes from October 31, and November 2, 2017 (Item A-2)

Chair Nelson called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of October 31 and November 2, 2017, as distributed.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs approve the open session minutes of October 31 and November 2, 2017, as distributed.

Motion: Thom Goolsby

Motion carried

4. Revised Credit Hour Policy Discussion and Vote (Item A-3)

Chair Nelson opened the discussion with a review of the draft policy and associated regulations that would set credit hour requirements for four-year undergraduate degree programs at the 120-credit standard established by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS COC). The discussion was turned over to Chair Mitchell to summarize the discussion from the November 2 meeting discussion regarding the draft policy. He shared that the draft policy includes flexibility for institutions to petition their Board of Trustees for an exception for programs that have compelling reasons to be longer than 120 credits. The draft policy calls on institutions to report on those exceptions to the president and Board of Governors by the end of 2018 and annually thereafter.

The discussion included an acknowledgement of the broad consensus that was sought and affirmed from Chancellors, Chief Academic Officers, the Faculty Senate, the Staff Assembly, the Association of Student Governments, and others regarding the draft policy and regulations; the expectation that lowering credit requirements to 120 will improve time to degree across the UNC system; and enthusiasm for the manner in which the committees worked together to address this issue, as well as an appetite to tackle other important student-success policies and initiatives in the future.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs and the Committee on Strategic Initiatives approve the Revised Credit Hour Policy and recommend it to the Board of Governors for a vote through the consent agenda at the January 2018 Board of Governors meeting.

A separate vote was taken for each committee.

Motion: Darrell Allison - Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Motion: Darrell Allison - Strategic Initiatives

Motion carried

5. AHEC Annual Report on Primary Care Physicians to the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs (Item A-4)

Dr. Warren Newton, Director of the North Carolina Area Health Education Centers (AHEC) Program and Vice Dean for the UNC-CH School of Medicine, presented a report on the Primary Care Outcomes of North Carolina's Medical Schools and the Importance of Keeping Students in State for Residency.

Strategies to increase in-state residencies and retaining primary care physicians were discussed in detailed.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs approve the AHEC Annual Report on Primary Care Physicians and recommend it to the full Board of Governors for a vote through the consent agenda.

Motion: Jim Holmes

Motion carried

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Darrell T. Allison, Secretary
Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

Randy Ramsey, Secretary
Committee on Strategic Initiatives

AGENDA ITEM

A-2. Analysis: Summer Session and Student Progress.....Andrew Kelly/Dan Cohen Vogel

Situation: Over its last three meetings, the Committee on Strategic Initiatives has discussed student success and time to degree. One topic that has received considerable attention is how students might use summer session to stay on track to a degree. In this meeting, new data and analyses of UNC undergraduates' credit accumulation and use of summer session will be presented to the Committee on Strategic Initiatives for the Committee's consideration.

Background: The UNC Strategic Plan *Higher Expectations* has set ambitious goals for student success, with the aim of improving five-year graduation rates across UNC, increasing the number of undergraduate degrees produced across UNC, and boosting the productivity of state investments by encouraging timely completion of a degree.

Key to these measures of progress is the pace at which UNC undergraduates accumulate credits toward their degrees. Data regarding student progress across UNC institutions reveal differences in credit accumulation patterns, use of summer session, and time to degree. These patterns have implications for system-level progress on strategic plan goals.

The data suggest some potential opportunities to increase student success and reduce time to degree, including: encouraging enrollment in summer courses and creating incentives for students to stay on track to a degree.

General Administration staff will present data to the Committee on Strategic Initiatives, followed by a discussion of potential policy solutions.

Assessment: General Administration staff will present data and analyses to the Committee on Strategic Initiatives for discussion.

Action: This item is for discussion only.

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A-3. Strategic Plan Dashboard Introduction.....Andrew Kelly

Situation: General Administration has developed data-visualization tools for tracking the progress of the UNC System and UNC institutions in achieving the goals articulated in the UNC Strategic Plan. The Committee on Strategic Initiatives will receive an introduction to these data-visualization tools that will be made available to the public on the UNC System website.

Background: The UNC Board of Governors approved the UNC Strategic Plan *Higher Expectations* in January of 2017. Since then, the system-level goals have been translated into institutional contributions via Performance Agreements.

General Administration has created a set of interactive Strategic Plan Dashboards that will be available to the public and updated regularly.

The Committee on Strategic Initiatives will receive an introduction to the Strategic Plan Dashboards.

Assessment: Staff from General Administration will present data from the Strategic Plan Dashboard to the Committee on Strategic Initiatives for discussion.

Action: This item is for discussion only.