January 16, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development, Board Room
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

A-1. Approval of the Minutes of November 2019.................................................................C. Philip Byers

A-2. State Government Relations Update............................................................................Drew Moretz

A-3. Federal Affairs Update..............................................................................................Elizabeth Morra

A-4. Adjourn
DRAFT MINUTES

November 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m.
Elizabeth City State University
K.E. White Graduate Center, Room 114
Elizabeth City, North Carolina

This meeting of the Committee on Public Affairs was presided over by Chair C. Philip Byers. The following committee members, constituting a quorum, were also present: W. Marty Kotis, III, N. Leo Daughtry, Steven B. Long, and R. Doyle Parrish.

Chancellors participating were Karrie Dixon and Robin Cummings.

Staff members present included Drew Moretz, Elizabeth Morra, Timothy Minor, and others from the UNC System Office.

1. Call to Order and Approval of OPEN Session Minutes (Item A-1)

The chair called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, 2019, and called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of September 20, 2019.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of September 20, 2019, as distributed.

Motion: N. Leo Daughtry
Motion carried

1. State Government Relations Update (Item A-2)

The chair called upon Drew Moretz to provide the committee with updates on the current legislative session and the status of the State budget. Mr. Moretz provided background detail on several bills impacting the UNC System since the committee’s last meeting and the UNC System policy priorities that were included in this conference report. Mr. Moreetz stated that his team has already begun to reach out to institutions to build their policy priorities for the next session.

This item is for information only.
2. **Federal Affairs Update (Item A-3)**

The chair called upon Elizabeth Morra to update the committee on the Higher Education Reauthorization bill, as well as on the federal budget. Mrs. Morra also briefed the committee on a successful UNC System luncheon briefing on Capitol Hill with NC delegation and key committee staff.

*This item is for information only.*

3. **University Advancement Update (Item A-4)**

The chair called upon Timothy Minor to provide the committee with a brief overview of the UNC System Advancement office and how they interact with out Universities with centralized shared services. Mr. Minor explained the benefits of the gift planning shared service and how UNC System Donor-Advised Fund shared services program allows institutions to create their own institutionally-branded DAF with TIAA Charitable.

*This item is for information only.*

4. **Historically Minority-Serving Institutions Update (Item A-5)**

The chair called up on Timothy Minor to share updates on the major activities pursued by the UNC Board of Governors Committee on Historically Minority-Serving Institutions. His presentation focused on the success of a televised broadcast titled *Focus on the Future: Innovations at NC’s Historically Minority-Serving Institutions*, which aired on October 22, 2019 on UNC-TV. Mr. Minor stated that program featured three UNC System leaders and six UNC System Chancellors and attracted an audience of over 10,000 viewers.

*This item is for information only.*

5. **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.

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N. Leo Daughtry, Secretary
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A-1. State Relations Update .............................................................................................................. Drew Moretz

Situation: The committee will receive an update on legislative issues.

Background: The 2019 legislative session adjourned without a budget, but with a number of positive bills for the University. The legislature returns on Tuesday, January 14th, to address outstanding issues, which may include the FY19-21 budget and a separate compensation bill that was also vetoed.

In October, the UNC System External Affairs division sent a Request for Proposal to the institutions and other System divisions for policy items for the legislative short session. While the long session’s results remain uncertain, System Office staff will preview those items submitted from the institutions or divisions within the UNC System with a goal of a February approval.

Assessment: This briefing will focus on institutions’ and UNC System divisions’ proposed policy items for the legislative short session.

Action: This item is for discussion only.
AGENDA ITEM

A-3. Federal Affairs Update ............................................................ Elizabeth Morra

**Situation:**
Elizabeth Morra will give an update on the federal budget and the Higher Education Act.

**Background:**
Since the last meeting, Congress passed two minibus appropriations bills completing federal spending for FY 2020. Ms. Morra will discuss the minibus appropriations bills, focusing on research and education spending. Ms. Morra will provide an update on the Higher Education Act.

**Assessment:**
This briefing will summarize the federal spending for FY 2020.

**Action:**
This item is for information only.