



MEETING OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Committee on Military and Public Affairs

April 6, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Live Stream
A.K. Hinds University Center, Grand Room (3rd Floor)
Western Carolina University
Cullowhee, North Carolina

AGENDA

- A-1. Approval of the Minutes of January 19, 2022C. Philip Byers
- A-2. State Government Relations Update.....Bart Goodson
- A-3. Federal Government Relations UpdateElizabeth Morra
- A-4. Military Affairs Update Thomas Walker
- A-5. Adjourn

DRAFT MINUTES

January 19, 2022
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development, Room 128
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

This meeting of the Committee on Public Affairs was presided over by Chair C. Philip Byers. The following committee members were also present in person or by video: N. Leo Daughtry, Temple Sloan, Kirk Bradley, John Fraley, and Joel Ford.

Chancellor participating was Kevin Guskiewicz.

Staff members present included Bart Goodson, Elizabeth Morra, Thomas Walker, and others from the UNC System Office.

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

Chair Byers called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m., on Wednesday, January 19, 2022.

Chair Byers called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of September 15, 2021.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Military and Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of September 15, 2021, as distributed.

Motion: N. Leo Daughtry

Motion carried

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

Chair Byers called on Mr. Bart Goodson to provide a state government relations update to the committee. The committee received an update on the state short session agenda calendar and committee work overview for the coming months.

3. Federal Government Relations Update (Item A-3)

Chair Byers called upon Ms. Elizabeth Morra to provide a federal government relations update to the committee. Ms. Morra provided a federal update on the congressional agenda, including the status of the Build Back Better Act, the bipartisan infrastructure bill, and ongoing negotiations over stalled annual appropriations bills.

4. Military Affairs Update (Item A-4)

Chair Byers called upon Dr. Thomas Walker to provide a military affairs update to the committee. Dr. Walker along with Mr. Bradley Wrenn and Ms. Kathie Sidner provided an overview to the committee of UNC System military affairs infrastructure, services, programs, partnerships, and opportunities for growth. Staff shared detailed data regarding military-affiliated student demographics, outcomes, needs, and opportunities for attracting and serving more of this adult learner student population. Additionally, staff discussed active partnerships with North Carolina-based veteran-serving organizations and operational military commands. Finally, staff provided brief updates on changes to federal legislation, such as the 2020 Isakson and Roe Act and the 2021 REMOTE and THRIVE Acts, and the resulting impacts to UNC System military students.

5. Adjourn (Item A-5)

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting adjourned at 12:04 p.m.

O. Temple Sloan, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM

A-2. State Relations Update..... Bart Goodson

- Situation:** Mr. Goodson will give an update on the 2022 short session of the North Carolina General Assembly.
- Background:** Each year the committee approves the policy agenda for state relations. The NCGA short session begins after May 18, 2022.
- Assessment:** The policy agenda will be discussed and voted on during the joint committee meeting with the Committee on Budget and Finance. It will come before the full Board.
- Action:** This item is for information only.

AGENDA ITEM

A-3. Federal Relations Update Elizabeth Morra

- Situation:** The committee will receive an update on federal legislation impacting the UNC System.
- Background:** Ms. Morra will provide a federal update on the congressional agenda, including the annual appropriations process and recent actions on U.S. competitiveness bills that include the authorizations for federal investments in manufacturing and science technology.
- Assessment:** Enclosed is the presentation that will be delivered by staff.
- Action:** This item is for information only.



AGENDA ITEM

A-4. Military Affairs Update Thomas Walker

Situation: Dr. Thomas Walker will provide a brief update on military affairs initiatives.

Background: The UNC System Military Affairs team is leading initiatives aimed at supporting military-affiliated student enrollment and success, including awarding academic credit for military training and experience.

Assessment: Enclosed is the presentation that will be delivered by staff.

Action: This item is for information only.



COMMITTEE ON MILITARY AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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April 6, 2022



STATE RELATIONS UPDATE

Bart Goodson

State Relations Update

- May 18, 2022:
 - NCGA short session will begin after this date.
- Expectations for the NCGA short session?
- Revenue forecast surplus?
- Bill filing deadlines:
 - Budget bills must be filed by May 26th



FEDERAL RELATIONS UPDATE

Elizabeth Morra

Budget & Appropriations Update

FY 2022 Omnibus Spending Bill (Signed into Law March 15)

Higher Education Priorities

- \$3 billion for higher education, +\$452 million
- \$400 increase in maximum **Pell Grant**, now \$6,895
- **Federal Work Study (FWS)** +\$20 million, now \$1.2 billion
- **SEOG** +\$15 million, now \$895 million
- **GEAR UP** +10 million, now \$378 million
- **HBCU/MSI (Title III)** accounts +\$96 million, now \$885 million
 - **Strengthening HBCUs** +\$25 million, now \$362.8 million
 - **Strengthening NASNTI (Native American Nontribal Serving Institutions)** +\$2.8 million, now \$7.8 million (UNC-P)

Omnibus Cont'd

Community Project Funding (Earmarks)

- UNC System Office (Next Step)
- PBS North Carolina (NextGen TV Pilot)
- UNC-Chapel Hill (Assessing & Tracking Tactical Forces Initiative)
- UNC-Greensboro (High-Speed Educ Access Pilot)
- NC State (Computer Science Professional Dev)

Programmatic Funding:

- Pathfinder Airborne (\$8 million) UNC System Military Affairs/Ft. Bragg

Omnibus Cont'd

Federal Research Priorities

- NIH (Nat'l Institutes of Health) +\$2.2 billion, now \$45 billion
 - New ARPA-H received \$1 billion over three years
- NSF (Nat'l Science Foundation) +\$350 million, now \$8.8 billion
- NASA (Science Mission Directorate) +\$300 million, now \$7.6 billion
- NIST (Nat'l Institute for Science & Tech) +8 million, now \$158 million
- NOAA Research (Nat'l Oceanic and Atmospheric Association) +30 million, now \$600 million
- Dept of Defense (DOD) +2 billion, now \$18.8 billion, Science & Tech
- DOE (Office of Science) +\$400 million, now \$7.4 million
- NEH (Nat'l Endowment for Humanities) +\$13 million, now \$180 million

UNC System Federal Priorities Update

- Letter from President Hans Sent to NC delegation early February in advance of CR February 18 deadline; meetings held with all NC delegation offices
- Thank you: Three Covid relief bills (HEERF) and REMOTE Act
- Asks:
 - ✓ **Finish FY 2022 spending bills**
 - Funding increases for major research agencies
 - Increases for student and campus aid
 - Community project funding requests (earmarks)
 - **Prioritize federal research and education funding for FY 2023**
 - NSF, NIH, NASA, USDA, NIST, NOAA, NEH etc
 - Pell Grants and campus aid programs
 - Programs supporting student veterans

President Biden's FY 2023 Budget Request

Higher Education

- Dept of Education funding +\$12 billion over the current funding year, or 15% increase.
- Maximum Pell Grant award is increased \$2,175 to \$8,670 (mostly mandatory funding) and calls for doubling the max Pell by 2029.
- Supplemental Educ Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Federal Work Study (FWS) flat funded.
- GEAR UP, +\$40 million over current funding to \$408 million.
- \$1 billion for student mental health – hiring counselors, school psychologists.
- \$282 million increase from current funding to enhance/expand capacity at HBCUs, MSIs. \$450 million new initiative HBCU/MSI infrastructure.
- Native American Serving Nontribal Institutions (NASNTIs), +\$2 million to \$12 million (UNC-P).

Research

- NSF, \$10.5 billion, +\$1.7 billion over current funding.
- NIH, \$62 billion, \$20 b more than last four years, includes \$5 billion specifically for ARPA-H.
- NASA, \$26 billion, largest increase for science in space in history.

American Competitiveness Legislation

- *Goal: To bolster US manufacturing and R&D to ease dependence on China*
 - House: America Competes Act
 - Senate: US Innovation and Competition Act (USICA)
- Authorizes new increased funding levels for NSF, NIST and DOE research
- Research security provisions
- \$52 billion domestic chip research & production
- Next Step: House/Senate conference agreement
- Timing: Possible May/June floor action



MILITARY AFFAIRS UPDATE

Dr. Thomas Walker

Timeline - History



Timeline - Projected



