

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE, N.C.
1:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

The Board of Trustees for the University of North Carolina at Florence met for a special meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, in the Banquet Hall of the University Center in Florence, North Carolina. The meeting was held pursuant to the provisions of Article 6 of Act No. 773 of the 1967 Regular Session of the North Carolina General Assembly. The meeting was held at the University Center in Florence, North Carolina, on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.

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I. INVOCATION

Athletics Director Mark Lindner offered the opening prayer.

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II. ROLL CALL

President Kenneth D. Kitts called the roll, and the following members were present:

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- Trustee Marty Abron
- Trustee Joel Anderson
- Trustee Rodney Howard

- Trustee Libby
- Trustee Marcus
- Trustee Todd C.

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- Mr. David Shields, Vice President for Student Affairs
- Mr. Evin Thornton, Vice President for Business and Finance
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ex officio non-voting

- Mr. Michael Gautney, Assistant Vice President for Facilities Administration and Planning
- Dr. Hallock, President of Faculty Senate
- Mr. Ian Rachal, Director of University Communications and Marketing
- Mr. Bob Russell, University Events Conference Coordinator
- Mr. Bob Russell, President of Staff Senate
- Ms. Tina Sherrill, Senior Assistant to the President for Administration
- Ms. Melene Townsend, Interim Director of Collier Library
- Ms. Marion Wells, University Photographer
- Dr. (H) Sheng Zhang, Senior Vice Provost for International Affairs
- *Tim* Daily reporter Lisa Rickman and photographer Matt McKeon

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Abrams distributed a sample agenda to show how future meetings could be structured to include a "consent agenda" as a means to be more efficient and collectively address items that are generally routine in nature. For *Robert's Rules of Order*, any trustee can request that an item be moved from the consent agenda to the regular meeting agenda if additional discussion is desired. If no objection from board members, Mr. Abrams advised that a consent agenda format will be engaged in future meetings.

Mr. Abrams then submitted today's meeting agenda for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Pierce and second by Mr. Trap, the agenda was approved unanimously as presented.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2017, QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Mr. Abrams submitted the minutes for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Ouellette and second by Mr. F. us, the minutes were approved by a unanimous vote as presented.

V. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Kitts gave a brief summary of the state of the University. His remarks included:

- Congratulate several academic areas on accomplishments that have state or national recognition;
- Enrollment status for spring and outlook for fall;
- Report on UNA's position in the recently-passed Senate version of the state appropriations budget;
- Update on progress toward this year's board-defined presidential goals and objectives;
- Current efforts to enhance diversity and work toward a new diversity plan; and
- Success to date of several spring sports programs.

Mr. Abrams added comments on the importance of Project 208 and of continued efforts to work toward equity in state funding for UN.

VI. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Committee chair Jordan reported on the various topics covered during this committee's meeting on March 13. The following items on today's agenda stemmed from those committee discussions:

A. Resolution Approving Master of Accountancy Degree

Ms. Jordan summarized the committee's discussion by Dr. Alexander, Ms. Jordan advised that the Academic Affairs and Enrollment Management Committee recommended this resolution to the Board for approval. Upon motion by Mr. Anderson and second by Mr. Ouellette, the resolution was approved by a unanimous vote.

B. Status of Entertainment Industry Center

Ms. Jordan reviewed this information item that required no action by the Board.

VII. ADVANCEMENT AND UNIVERSITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair Trapp reported on the various topics covered during this committee's meeting on March 20. The following items on today's agenda stemmed from those committee discussions:

A. Update on JNA Foundation and University Endowments

Mr. Trapp reported that the investment portfolio was performing well and continuing with a positive trend of returns. The institutional endowment currently stands at \$6.2 million (\$2.5 million in the Foundation, plus \$7.7 million in the University). This information item required no action by the Board.

B. Update on Campaign Update

Dr. Shaw gave an overview presentation on the University's giving campaign that has exceeded \$35 million goal. An additional \$1 million pledged gift was pledged last week that brings the campaign total to \$36.5 million to date. This information item required no action by the Board. Mr. Trapp encouraged trustee attendance at the Campaign Celebration, the May 5 Derby Day, and other major university events whenever possible.

VIII. AMPUS LIFE AND ATHLETIC

Committee chair Pierce reported on various items on today's agenda stemming from the committee's meeting on March 13. The committee hopes to bring more information to the full board from the committee's meeting on March 13. The committee hopes to bring more information to the full board from the committee's meeting on March 13.

2018-2019 UNA Athletic Ticket Prices

Mr. Liner reviewed the information that required no action by the Board.

IX. FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MATTERS

Committee chair Russell reported on the various items on today's agenda stemming from the committee's meeting on March 13. The following items were discussed:

Review of Financial Information

Mr. Thornton, the University endowment officer, reported that the University's financial statement for the quarter ending December 31, 2017, was reviewed and approved by the Board. On March 13, the Board reviewed the financial statement and there were no questions. Mr. Thornton advised that the University's financial statement for the quarter ending December 31, 2017, was reviewed and approved by the Board. On March 13, the Board reviewed the financial statement and there were no questions. Mr. Thornton advised that the University's financial statement for the quarter ending December 31, 2017, was reviewed and approved by the Board. On March 13, the Board reviewed the financial statement and there were no questions.

Resolution Approving Student Housing Plans Effective Fall 2018

Following an overview of the current prices of the housing facilities, and upon motion by Ms. Jordan, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

Resolution Approving Incremental Rates in University-Owned Housing Facilities Effective 8/1/18

Mr. Thornton provided an overview of the current occupancy rates in the university-owned housing facilities. Mr. Thornton advised that the current occupancy rates in the university-owned housing facilities are a good value when compared to the local market. With the recommendation of the Finance, Facilities, and Personnel Committee, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE MATTERS

Over the course of this committee's meeting, several items were discussed. The following information was provided during this committee's meeting on March 13. The committee hopes to bring more information to the full board from the committee's meeting on March 13.

Information that required no action by the Board.

FINANCE, FACILITIES, AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MATTERS

Items covered during this committee's meeting on March 13. The following items were discussed:

Quarter Ending December 31, 2017

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D. Resolution Approving Use of Education and General (B&C) Budget Funds for Expenditures Related to Awards, Gifts, Etc.

Mr. Thornton reviewed this resolution and noted that state ethics laws apply in relation to the monetary value of gifts. With the recommendation of the Facilities, and Personnel Committee, and upon motion by Mr. Russell second by Mr. Howard, the resolution was approved by unanimous vote.

E. Information Items:

- (1) **Counseling Services / HPER** - As noted at the last meeting in December, the Counseling Center has outgrown its location as demand for its student support services has expanded significantly in recent years. In addition, additional space will be needed for the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Department as they move forward on implementing a new doctoral program in exercise science in kinesiology in 2020. The University is evaluating options and looking for suitable space for both.
- (2) **Harrison Hall Construction Project for Anderson College of Nursing** - New bids will be received this spring, with construction to begin before the end of this year. Plans are still on the drawing boards for the new building to open by August 2019.
- (3) **Campus Master Plan Update** - The University has issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a firm to assist with an update of the campus master plan. A campus committee will be formed to work on the project. Discussions as to campus housing facilities will be part of the master plan review process.
- (4) **Campus-Wide ESCO Project** - Evaluation of the ESCO project continues as various offices are visited to clarify construction details in each building. More information will be brought to the Board as the process moves forward.
- (5) **Governmental Relations** - The University is very interested with its efforts in Montgomery with regard to Project 208. All continue with state officials toward equity funding in comparison of other institutions. In addition, UNA is monitoring proposals to U.S. Department of Education regulations that could affect a member of students who receive federal financial aid.

These information items required no action by the Board at this time.

X. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Resolution Approving the University of Alabama... the Board of Trustees... by Mr. Anderson's unanimous vote.

B. Resolution of Presidential Retention Award... As of the current annual implementation of the Retention Award and subsequent revisions... (in his capacity related to the University)

C. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee... Mr. Anderson proposed Mr. Howard Pierce as the 2013-2020 President and Mr. [Name] as Vice President.

XI. MOTION OF THE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Abrams, attorney licensed in Alabama, could affirm under Section 17-1-1 of the Alabama Code that no action is pending against the University of Alabama. Mr. Abrams advised the Board that he had no action pending against the University of Alabama.

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