



**Academic Affairs Committee
April 9, 2019
Minutes**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dean Priddy, Chair; Brad Hayes; Kathy Manning; Betsy Oakley; Samaya Roary

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT: Elizabeth Phillips

OTHERS PRESENT: Chancellor Frank Gilliam, Dana Dunn, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor; Terri Shelton, Vice Chancellor for Research and Engagement; Jerry Blakemore, General Counsel; Kristen Bonatz, Associate General Counsel; Waiyi Tse, Chief of Staff; Kelly Harris, Assistant Secretary to the Board, and other members of the administration, faculty, staff, student body, and general public.

PROCEEDINGS:

Chair Priddy called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and reminded members of the Conflict of Interest (COI) statement from the State Government Ethics Act and their duty to avoid COI and appearances of COI, if any should be identified. None were identified.

The roll call was read and a quorum was confirmed.

The minutes for November 27, 2018, were approved with no additions or corrections.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

AAC-1 Provost's Report (Dunn)

Provost Dunn announced the hiring of the new dean of the College of Performing and Visual Arts, Bruce McClung, who comes from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. He will begin his new position at UNCG on July 18, 2019.

Provost Dunn invited all Trustees to attend the first UNCG Faculty Awards ceremony at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, in the EUC Auditorium to be followed by a reception in the Virginia Dare Room in the Alumni House. Board of Trustees Chair Brad Hayes will assist in recognizing the award winners.

AAC–2 Three Minute Thesis Finalists (Bell, Foli, LeBlanc, Petric)

Provost Dunn recognized Greg Bell, Associate Dean of The Graduate School, who introduced the competition finalists. The Three-Minute Thesis (TMT) competition challenges graduate students to explain their research and its importance to a lay audience in only three minutes using a single, static PowerPoint slide with no electronic media or additional props. UNCG's TMT competition is held each November with the winner advancing to the regional finals that take place in February. Elvis Foli is a second-year master's candidate in Kinesiology working with Dr. Sandra Shultz. His research examines the influence of sex hormones on anterior knee laxity in females, a risk factor that may partially explain the sex-based disparity in ACL injuries among athletic females. Joseph LeBlanc is a third-year doctoral student in Counseling and Educational Development working with Dr. DiAnne Borders. He studies the merits of leadership intervention with first-year students during their foundational school counseling course. The results have suggested strong support for the ten-week intervention. Radmila Petric is a fifth-year doctoral student in Dr. Matina Kalcounis-Rüppell's bat and mouse lab in Biology. Her primary interest is animal behavior, specifically understanding how and why mice use acoustic communication in the wild, and how human activity influences their behavior, populations, and community structure. Ms. Petric won this year's UNCG Three-MT competition and was a finalist in the regional competition.

AAC–2.1 Presentations: The Effect of Birth Control Pills on Anterior Knee Laxity; Preparing School Counselor Leaders: An Intervention with First-Year School Counseling Students; The Effects of Man-made Noise on Wild Mice

AAC–3 the UTLC: UNCG's Home for Innovative Teaching and Learning (Teachout)

AAC–3.1 Presentation

The most important happening in the classroom is learning, not teaching. Sometimes that comes as a shock, but once faculty understand this concept, they become open to new ideas about teaching, to new techniques, new strategies, and new tools to use in their quest to promote learning. UNCG's faculty serve a very diverse student population; the most diverse of the UNC System campuses. The University Teaching and Learning Commons (UTLC) provides the tools to help faculty be effective with all types of learners. UTLC's primary goal is to advance student learning through the support of excellent teaching. Resources offered by UTLC include adaptive learning technology using open educational resources where each student receives a personalized learning experience and instructors are able to identify the class's understanding of course content and tailor her or his approach to individual needs. Typically, adaptive learning supplements classroom instruction and is incorporated into a course as a set of online modules that students pursue outside of class. Another resource offered is virtual reality (VR), a computer-generated simulation of a three-dimensional image or environment. VR allows a class to explore atypical environments that would be impossible to experience otherwise. VR provides an immersive experience and students report that it increases their comprehension of complex course content. A third resource is the throwable microphone (Catchbox/Qball) with Bluetooth technology that allows students in large lecture halls to speak into the device and be heard

throughout the room. UTLC collaborates with campus partners including UNCG Online. UTLC offers three levels of online faculty training; TOPPS (Transforming Online Pedagogy and Practice Symposium) a three-day immersive workshop for faculty who teach online; the IDEA grant, a project funded by the IDEA Company to develop a student evaluation of teaching instrument that can provide effective and informative feedback to faculty teaching online; and accessibility training that ensures that all online content is ADA compliant. One of UTLC's most popular resources is the Production Suite at 1100 W. Market Street, which includes a podcast studio; a one-button video studio, which allows users to record, edit, and post video lectures all from a flash drive; and a lightboard video studio that allows faculty to draw visual content and the students can see the instructor, face front, and the content at the same time.

ACTION ITEMS:

Chair Priddy continued the meeting, noting that the next agenda item required the Committee to convene in closed session. He reminded the Committee that discussion in closed session would be limited to that item and that no vote would be taken until the Committee returned to open session.

Priddy then moved to convene in closed session:

Pursuant to the North Carolina Open Meetings Law, Section § 143-318.11(2), I move that we convene in Closed Session in order to prevent the premature disclosure of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize, or similar award.

Trustee Brad Hayes seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

General Account of Closed Session Item

Members present: Dean Priddy, Brad Hayes, Kathy Manning, Betsy Oakley, Samaya Roary

Others present: Chancellor Frank Gilliam, Dana Dunn, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor; Jerry Blakemore, General Counsel; Kristen Bonatz, Associate General Counsel; Waiyi Tse, Chief of Staff; Kelly Harris, Assistant Secretary to the Board

AAC-4 University Honorary Degree Nominations

Pursuant to applicable policy and delegations of authority, the Committee reviewed three nominations of honorary degree candidates submitted for approval by the University Committee on Honorary Degrees.

When discussion ended, Chair Priddy invited a motion to reconvene in open session. Trustee Brad Hayes made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Kathy Manning. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session Vote on Closed Session Item

Upon return to open session, Chair Priddy requested a motion to approve conferral of an honorary degrees upon nominees one and two. Trustee Brad Hayes made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Kathy Manning. The motion carried unanimously.

Chair Priddy noted that the Committee's action would be reported in closed session to the full board at the April 12, 2019 meeting.

Open Session Action Item

AAC – 5 Candidates to be Awarded Degrees and Certificates in May 2019

The meeting continued with action item AAC-5, a report of candidates to be awarded degrees and certificates in May 2019. Provost Dunn noted that the report reflected a substantial increase in the number of graduates.

Chair Priddy invited a motion to approve the candidates to be awarded degrees and certificates in May 2019. Trustee Brad Hayes made the motion, which was seconded by Trustee Betsy Oakley. The motion carried unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- AAC - 6 Update on Research and Engagement
- AAC - 7 Additions and Deletions to the December 2018 Degree Candidates
- AAC - 8 Summary of Action Items Approved by Authority Delegated to the Chancellor, for the Period of February 3, 2018 through February 19, 2019
- AAC - 9 Report on Annual Appointments to Academic Advisory Boards

Chair Priddy noted that the following agenda items, which were included in the meeting materials, were information only. There were no questions about the information items.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned on motion at 2:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Kelly Harris
Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees