The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington met on November 21, 2014, in the Burney Center on the UNCW campus. Chairman Shivar called the meeting to order, welcomed Mr. Ken Cameron to his first meeting as a member of the Board, and read the required statement from the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts were identified.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Lanier, Assistant Secretary, called the roll and established that a quorum was present. Members in attendance were: Dennis P. Burgard; Kenneth R. Cameron, Jr.; Wilma W. Daniels; Michael R. Drummond; H. Carlton Fisher; Gidget Kidd; Henry L. Kitchen, Jr.; C. Phillip Marion; Ronald B. McNeil; Wendy F. Murphy; Tobi S. Polland; and Michael B. Shivar.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion by Ms. Kidd, seconded by Mr. Fisher and duly carried, the minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees held on August 22, 2014, and on September 22, 2014, were approved as distributed.

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING 2015-2017 TUITION, FEES, ROOM AND BOARD RATES, AND OTHER STUDENT CHARGES

Chairman Shivar commented on the discussions from Thursday’s workshop and asked that Mr. Lanier distribute additional information regarding comparisons with peer and sister institutions for both in-state and out-of-state costs of attendance. Comments and discussion followed on Article IX, Section 9, of the state constitution, on elements of the recent *Ivory Tower* documentary, on student debt levels, on the recommendations for increases in room and board rates, and on needs that are not addressed in the recommended uses, such as library improvements. Chancellor Sederburg commented on decreasing levels of state support and on the conservative and focused nature of the requested
increases. Several members commented on the need to provide quality and excellence, rather than simply to provide value. After discussion, on motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Marion and duly carried, the recommendations were approved as presented (see Appendix A for summaries).

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

AUDIT

Mr. Fisher, chair of the committee, reported that Dr. Whitfield had briefed the committee on the fiscal year 2014 audits for the associated entities of UNCW, all with unqualified opinions and no material deficiencies in internal controls. Chairman Fisher said that Ms. Boyd provided an update on Institutional Risk Management, focusing on Tier I risks. He reviewed the presentation by Ms. Powell on the Audit Committee Charter (Appendix B) and, on behalf of the committee, moved for its approval by the Board. The motion duly carried. Mr. Fisher also moved approval, on behalf of the committee, of the Internal Audit Charter (Appendix C). His motion was duly carried.

Chairman Fisher summarized the quarterly report from Internal Audit, including audits of University Advancement, Department of Campus Life, distance education, and Friends of UNCW. He also mentioned follow-up reviews of previous audits to ensure that appropriate actions were taken in response to audit findings.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Mr. Marion, chair of the committee, reviewed four items that had been presented to and approved by the committee: 1) location and design of a sundial to be donated and located on the north side of Randall Library; 2) location and design of a geological garden to be donated and located on the south side of DeLoach Hall; 3) a short-term, nominal value ground lease for improvements to the Boseman Softball Field complex to facilitate a gift-in-place; and 4) a request to the Board of Governors for delegation of authority for acquisition by lease for period not more than ten years. Mr. Marion’s motion for approval of these items, on behalf of the committee, was duly carried.

Chairman Marion summarized a construction update provided to the committee by Mr. Fraser regarding various components of the Outdoor Enhancement Project, progress of the renovations to the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, and structural repairs to Randall Library. Mr. Marion said that University Police Chief Donaldson gave the 2014 Annual Security and Fire Safety reports and highlighted some of the content and dissemination efforts. The Chairman said that the committee had additional items for closed session.
EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND PROGRAMS

Mr. Shivar, chair of the committee, said that the meeting had just been completed, with the same attendance as the Board meeting, and that there were no action items. There were no additional questions from members.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

Mr. McNeill, chair of the committee, stated that Mr. Lanier had provided an update on governmental relations, including items of particular interest to UNCW, such as: 1) commercialization/translation of research and innovation into products and jobs, consistent with the Strategic Directions Initiative and the Governor’s Innovation to Jobs task force; 2) student success initiatives; and 3) capital funding for the allied health building and renovation of DeLoach Hall. Chairman McNeill summarized Mr. Stuart’s report on fundraising, saying that the university received $1.2 million in gifts and pledges in the first quarter of the fiscal year, 52% above the previous first quarter. The Chair said the committee heard from Ms. Alexa Sterling, a senior marine biology major, which generated a discussion of philanthropic priorities focused on students. He also commented on UNCW’s submission for the UNC Intercollegiate Athletics Report, as presented to the committee by Mr. Bass and Ms. Swinney, including information on student-athletes and admissions, majors, academic success, and other items.

Chairman McNeill shared information on giving by Board members. He said that Board packets contained personalized giving statements, a report on the Board of Trustees Merit Scholarship Endowment, and Trustee name badges.

The Chair reviewed a recommended policy on honorific naming opportunities (Appendix D) and, on behalf of the committee, moved its approval. The motion was duly carried. Mr. McNeill said that the committee also had approved a recommendation to establish a quasi-endowment fund named The Martha J. Clayton Support Fund for History. On behalf of the committee, his motion for Board approval was duly carried.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT

Chancellor Sederburg welcomed Mr. Cameron and congratulated him on his appointment to the Board of Trustees. He thanked his administrative team and called attention to the size of their photographs included in their reports. He called on Staff Senate Chair Terry Ismert for her report, which included a review of their current priorities. Dr. Sederburg said that a report on Title IX would be presented at a future meeting, reviewed current searches and recent appointments, and commented on the recent fora held in various units of the university. He provided an update on the work of two task forces, one on planning, budgeting, and accountability and the other looking at the role of a
regional university in community engagement. He concluded his report by expressing appreciation to Rep. Mike McIntyre for the recent donation of his Congressional papers and memorabilia to Special Collections in Randall Library.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Ms. Daniels and duly carried, the Board voted to convene in closed session, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee, to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiations of the amount of compensation or other terms of an employment contract, to establish or instruct the staff or agent concerning the negotiation of the price and terms of a contract concerning the acquisition of real property; and to consult with our attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege.

RESUMPTION OF PUBLIC SESSION AND ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Ms. Kidd, and duly carried, the Board reconvened in public session. On motion by Mr. McNeill, seconded by Mr. Drummond and duly carried, the personnel recommendations considered in closed session were approved as presented. On motion by Mr. Burgard, seconded by Mr. Fisher and duly carried, the property recommendations considered in closed session were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Shivar reminded the Board that the next regular quarterly meetings of the Board and its committees were scheduled for January 22 and 23, 2015. He said that Commencement activities were planned for December 13, 2014.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman     Assistant Secretary