The Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Wilmington held a special called meeting on December 10, 2021, in Veterans Hall. Before Chair Kidd called the meeting to order, she welcomed Superior Court Judge Frank Jones to administer the oath of office to Mr. Hugh Caison, who had recently received an appointment from the Speaker of the House to join the UNCW Board of Trustees. After the oath was administered, she thanked Judge Jones and welcomed Mr. Caison to the Board. She then called the meeting to order, welcomed members who were participating, either in person or virtually, and read the required statement from the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts or appearances of conflict were identified. She asked that the minutes reflect that Mr. Caison had received the appropriate letter from the State Ethics Commission, indicating that he had no conflicts disqualifying his service and only had the potential for conflicts which could be identified if relevant.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Mark Lanier, Assistant Secretary, called the roll and established that a quorum was present. Members of the Board participating were: Earl F. “Hugh” Caison; Jeffrey D. Clark; Malcomb D. Coley; Robert Fensom; H. Carlton Fisher; Holly G. Grange; Gidget Kidd; Henry E. “Hank” Miller III; and Yousry Sayed. Dr. Jimmy T. Tate joined the meeting in progress.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Mr. Fensom, seconded by Ms. Grange and duly carried, the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on July 21, 2021, for the quarterly meeting of the Board of Trustees held on October 15, 2021, and for the special called meeting held on October 29, 2021, were approved as distributed in advance.
Chair Kidd called on Vice Chancellor Miles Lackey for a presentation and recommendations, as shared with the Board in advance of the meeting. Mr. Lackey shared the guidance from the UNC System and the requirements of UNC System policy regarding changes in tuition and fees for the 2022-23 academic and fiscal year. He reviewed the process that was followed to develop the recommendation to the Board, said that no changes in fees were recommended, and provided the justifications for an increase of 3% in undergraduate and graduate tuition rates for non-resident students. He outlined the proposed uses of the increased tuition revenues, which were to support graduate students and to retain faculty and staff. Discussion followed, after which a motion was made by Mr. Fisher for approval of the recommended increase. Seconded by Mr. Coley, the motion was duly carried.

Vice Chancellor Lackey shared an explanation of the differences between various types of campus housing and recommended an increase of 3.5% in housing rates across the different types of housing. He provided comparisons within UNC, to UNCW’s peers, and to the local market. Discussion followed, after which Mr. Caison moved approval of the recommended increase. Seconded by Mr. Coley, the motion was duly carried.

Mr. Lackey and Ms. Sharon Boyd presented the various options for student meal plans, recommended an increase of 5.1%, and shared comparisons with other campuses. Discussion followed, after which Mr. Coley moved approval of the recommendation. Seconded by Mr. Caison, the motion was duly carried.

Vice Chancellor Lackey summarized the impacts of the various changes on the total cost of attendance for a typical student. He said that the total cost of attendance would be updated for financial aid considerations.

Mr. Lackey and Chancellor Sartarelli summarized the recently enacted state budget and its positive impacts at UNCW, on both operating and capital budgets. Mr. Lackey commented on the process to be used by the Board of Governors for allocations to campuses. Mr. Lackey then called attention to the resolution shared in advance regarding the eligibility for in-state tuition by non-resident students receiving full scholarships. After discussion, on motion by Mr. Coley, seconded by Mr. Caison and duly carried, the resolution was adopted (Appendix A).

Vice Chancellor Lackey asked for a moment of personal privilege to recognize and express appreciation to Ms. Sharon Boyd, who planned to retire at the end of December after a long and successful career with UNCW. Ms. Boyd received a standing ovation.

CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Ms. Grange, seconded by Mr. Fisher and duly carried, the Board convened in closed session, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act, to prevent the
premature disclosure of an honorary award or scholarship and to consult with our attorney to protect the attorney-client privilege.

RESUMPTION OF OPEN SESSION AND ACTION ON ITEMS FROM CLOSED SESSION

On motion by Ms. Grange, seconded by Mr. Fisher and duly carried, the Board reconvened in open session. On motion by Mr. Coley, seconded by Ms. Grange and duly carried, the honorary award was approved as considered.

OLD BUSINESS

Chair Kidd provided an update on the Chancellor search process, based on the search committee’s meeting held earlier in the day. She said that it was moving at a brisk pace, with the leadership statement approved at this morning’s meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chair Kidd reminded the Board that the next quarterly meetings of the Board and its committees were scheduled for January 27 and 28, 2022. She said that Commencement ceremonies would be held in Trask Coliseum tomorrow at 9:00 am, 1:00 pm, and 5:00 pm. She said that graduates from 2020, who missed having Commencement ceremonies, would have a ceremony on February 13, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was duly adjourned.