

**APPROVED MINUTES
MEETING OF BOARD OF VISITORS
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY**

**Wednesday, June 5, 2013
Nature Research Center
11 W. Jones Street, Raleigh**

CALL TO ORDER: The Board of Visitors of Appalachian State University met at the call of the Chairman on Wednesday, June 5, 2013, at 10:10 a.m. at the Nature Research Center, Raleigh, North Carolina. Mr. Jimmy Barnes, Chairman, presided and called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Laura Aiken
Cantey Alexander
Pat Anderson
Jimmy Barnes
Andrea Breazeale
Paul Brown
Wayne Duncan
Morrison Hall
Jim Harrell
Bob Hatley
April Kappler
Jonathan Kappler
Tasse Little
Steve Metcalf
Robert Mouro
Charlie Murray

OTHERS PRESENT:

Beth Alexander
Lorin Baumhover
Barry Boardman
Dayton Cole
Hank Foreman
Lyons Gray
Peter Hans
David Lewis
Greg Lovins
Susan McCracken
Jackie McInturff
Drew Moretz
Ken Peacock
Susan Pettyjohn

John Skvarla
Cindy Wallace

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Martha Guy
Tom Lawson
Fernando Little
Michelle Lewis
Jan Mouro
Virginia Parker
Mike Steinback

WELCOME REMARKS: The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jimmy Barnes. He thanked everyone for attending and thanked Secretary Skvarla for allowing this group to meet in the Nature Research Center.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the minutes from the March 25, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

LEGISLATIVE TAX REFORM, REPRESENTATIVE DAVID LEWIS:

BOV member Jim Harrell introduced Representative David Lewis, who presented a detailed analysis of the tax reform bill.

REVENUE REPORT AND ECONOMIC FORECAST, SECRETARY LYONS GRAY AND UNC GA CHIEF ECONOMIST, DR. BARRY BOARDMAN:

Secretary of Revenue, Lyons Gray discussed the administration of tax law and collection of taxes in North Carolina.

Dr. Barry Boardman, Chief Economist for the General Assembly, discussed the current revenue process in North Carolina. In his role, he is charged with tracking revenues and producing a number that is used in the budget process. He also noted that North Carolina is outpacing the United States in employment growth rates. Over the last five years, North Carolina has ranked 34th in state growth rates. We are now forecasted to rank 7th in the nation. In population growth rate, North Carolina is ranked 8th and expected to rank 4th.

UNC BOARD OF GOVERNORS UPDATE, CHAIRMAN PETER HANS:

Chairman Hans presented an update on the UNC BOG, which included the main points from the UNC System's Strategic Plan: 1) goal of increasing number of North Carolinians with a degree, education is key for all growth, 2) academic quality, raising standards and expecting more, more rigor but more accessible to all students, 3) research opportunities, want undergraduates to have more knowledge and continue education 4) hyperactivity and performance, we are top 5 in the country for investment by our state in higher education.

REMARKS FROM SECRETARY JOHN SKVARLA:

Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, John Skvarla, welcomed everyone to the Nature Research Center. He made brief remarks on the state of DENR and how the UNC System and ASU can remain successful by admitting the best students and obtaining more capital resources.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Scholarship and Advancement, Mr. Cantey Alexander

Mr. Alexander discussed the ACCESS Study Abroad Scholarship and noted that all dollars raised will go towards airfare, updating passports and general living expenses while students are abroad. The ACCESS program currently has 215 students, only 4% study abroad. Eighty-two percent work, their average GPA is 3.06 and the retention rate is 78%.

ACTION: Scholarship recipient chosen before November 1 BOV meeting. Committee will announce the winner during the meeting for Spring 2014. It was suggested to invite a few students to discuss their experiences during lunch of the BOV meeting.

Legislative Advocacy, Mr. Charlie Murray

The committee discussed the state budget and funding for the Health Sciences building. The Senate has provided ASU \$2 million, out of \$8.2 million, for planning dollars in its budget. Mr. Murray asked those attending tonight's reception at the Governor's mansion to thank Senate members for the planning dollars. House members need to know about the Senate's support as well as add more dollars. Legislators also need to know that the land has been given to us with a time restriction to obtain full funding for the building.

LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING, MR. DREW MORETZ, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STATE RELATIONS, UNC SYSTEM:

Mr. Moretz stated how important it is to establish relationships with legislators. He shared the BOG's *Our Time, Our Future* Strategic Plan, which has guided the UNC System's legislative efforts this session. The Governor's reductions for UNC are \$138 million; the Senate's cut is \$75 million and we are waiting for the House budget. Provisions of concern for the UNC System are 1) IT reporting to the State Chief Information Officer, 2) line item reporting for Facilities and Administration, 3) Out-of-State tuition, 4) House Bill 937, the gun bill, 5) House Bill 843, Students and Administration Equality Act (stating that all student's have a right to an attorney). The House will complete their budget then go into conference, with a final budget to be passed by June 30. Drew noted that just like Chancellors and Legislative Liaisons, BOV and BOT members' interactions with legislators are very important.

STATE OF THE UNIVERSITY, CHANCELLOR KEN PEACOCK:

Chancellor Peacock noted there is a lot of change within the UNC System. Several people with strong ties to ASU have been called to serve either on the UNC Board of Governors or ASU Board of Trustees. Scott Lampe and G. A. Sywassink are new BOG members. Charlie Murray and Lee Barnes will be new BOT members. Jimmy Barnes,

if approved at the June meeting, will also be a new BOT member. Jonathan Kappler is new at UNC General Administration. The Schaefer Center for Performing Arts will open in July; renovations were funded with private dollars. We have completed our SACS review and been found in compliance. The College of Business has been reaccredited. The Campaign for Appalachian is at \$154 million, our goal is \$200 million. Athletics is moving to the Sunbelt Conference in 2014. The Solar Decathlon team has been invited to participate in Solar Decathlon Europe 2014 in Versailles, France. The partnership between ASU and Fudan is still going strong. Program prioritization and funding for the Health Sciences building are at the top of ASU's priorities list. He spoke about stepping down as chancellor and focusing on the next chapter in his life. He said he is not letting go of ASU just yet, that there is much to be done and he is ready for the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead.

CLOSING REMARKS:

Chairman Barnes made closing remarks and reminded everyone about tonight's reception.

The next meeting is scheduled for Friday, November 1 in Boone. With there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jackie McInturff