Call to Order. Mr. Jamil called the meeting to order and reminded Committee members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest under the State Government Ethics Act, in accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes, and advised the Committee members to notify him immediately if anyone should become aware of a conflict of interest or the appearance of a conflict of interest during the meeting. No conflicts were reported.

Approval of Minutes. Mr. Jamil requested action on the minutes of the December 5, 2013, Academic and Student Affairs Committee meeting minutes.

Action. On a motion by Ms. Bessant, seconded by Mr. Brackett, the Committee approved the December 5, 2013, meeting minutes.

Academic Integrity Update. Ms. Davis and Dr. Lejk presented the current Code of Student Academic Integrity, procedures for handling alleged violations of the Code, penalties for violations, composition and training of the Academic Integrity Board, and campus communications about the policy. Ms.
Davis and Dr. Lejk also provided a three-year snapshot of violation data.

**IPEDS Report.** Dr. Lorden presented a summary of the 2013 Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) data. IPEDS collects institution-level data on students, student tuition and fees, program completion, faculty, staff, and finances. Dr. Lorden pointed out that the report shows that, compared to peer institutions, UNC Charlotte graduation rates exceed the mean rate at 4, 6, and 8 years; UNC Charlotte is below the 25th percentile for in-state tuition and fees, as required by the Board of Governors; UNC Charlotte is below the 25th percentile for net price, but the gap is narrowing; UNC Charlotte’s financial aid is comparable with the exception of institutional aid, in which the University is below the 25th percentile; and UNC Charlotte’s average faculty salaries are comparable.

**Research and Economic Development Spotlight.** Dr. Wilhelm presented an overview of UNC Charlotte’s life sciences research. Dr. Wilhelm stated that UNC Charlotte has expertise in a number of targeted areas, including bioinformatics, public health, medical therapies and devices, cancer, and the environment, and that research in these areas is a significant source of business startups. Dr. Bost made a brief presentation on his startup company, SoyMeds, which is engaged in pharmaceutical research focused on soybean proteins. Dr. Bost reported that new agents can be produced at a fraction of the cost of current biologics by inserting genes into soybeans and using the capacity of the plant to replicate and store proteins, which then can be easily extracted and processed. Dr. Bost indicated that target diseases for SoyMeds pharmaceuticals include multiple sclerosis, arthritis, and myasthenia gravis.

**Adjourn.** There being no further business before the committee, Mr. Jamil adjourned the meeting.

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**Submitted:**

Joan F. Lorden
Provost and Vice Chancellor

**Approved:**

Dhiaa M. Jamil, Chair
Academic and Student Affairs Committee