The University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Board of Trustees

Thursday, July 11, 2019, 1:00 p.m.
Via Conference Call
Public Call-in Number: 1-415-655-0002
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Trustee call-in number provided via email and calendar notice

Open Session Minutes

Present
Michael L. Wilson, Acting Chair
Mary Ann Rouse, Nominating Committee Chair
Dennis N. Bunker III
Chandler A. Crean
Susan D. DeVore
Theresa J. Drew
Christine P. Katziff
J. Brett Keeter
David W. Mildenberg
Carlos E. Sanchez
Teross W. Young Jr.

Absent
Sharon A. Decker
Fred W. Klein Jr.

Staff/Guests in Attendance
Philip L. Dubois, Chancellor
Kim S. Bradley, Assistant Secretary and Chief of Staff
Mike Hill, Athletics Director
Sam Sears, Associate Vice Chancellor and Deputy General Counsel
Niles F. Sorensen, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement
Melva Jenkins, Administrative Liaison for University Governance

Call to Order. Mr. Wilson called the meeting to order and reminded members of the Board of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts under the State Government Ethics Act in accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General Statutes and advised the Trustees to make him aware of any conflict of interest or any appearance of a conflict of interest
with respect to any matters coming before the Board at any time during this meeting. No conflicts of interest were reported.

Mr. Wilson recused himself and asked Ms. Rouse, as Chair of the Nominating Committee, to serve as acting chair to conduct the election of the Board’s 2019-2020 Officers.

Election of 2019-2020 Officers of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Rouse reminded the Trustees that former Chair Joe Price had appointed Mr. Klein, Mr. Young and her to serve on the Nominating Committee. Ms. Rouse then read the Committee’s proposed officer slate developed by the committee at their May 7, 2019 meeting. The slate is as follows:

Chair – Mike Wilson  
Vice Chair – Susan DeVore  
Secretary – Dennis Bunker  

Ms. Rouse then provided background information on each of the nominees. She then reiterates that the Nominating Committee will accept further nominations from the floor for each of the officer positions, as was communicated to them in her email, dated July 2, 2019.

Ms. Rouse called for any further nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. There were no further nominations.

Ms. Rouse called for any further nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. There were no further nominations.

Ms. Rouse called for any further nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary. There were no further nominations.

Ms. Rouse declared the nominations closed for all positions.

Ms. Rouse presented a motion by the Nominating Committee to elect Michael Wilson as chair, Susan DeVore as vice chair, and Dennis Bunker as secretary for 2019-2020.

Action. On the Committee’s motion presented by Ms. Rouse and seconded by Ms. Drew, the Board unanimously approved the slate of officer nominees.

Mr. Wilson presided over the rest of the meeting as the newly elected Chair.

Revisions to UP 602.9 Naming Opportunities. Mr. Wilson asked Mr. Sorenson and Ms. Sears to give an overview of the recommended revisions to the policy. Mr. Sorenson explained the policy revisions as follows: (1) Defining “Projects” and requiring that (unless otherwise authorized by the Chancellor) gifts to name Projects cover the entire cost, including installation and an endowment sufficient to cover maintenance; (2) Specifying individual naming conventions on formal signage and wayfinding signage for Programs and Facilities.
Discussion ensued and Ms. Drew asked if there was a right to withdraw the name if negative circumstances arise. Mr. Sorensen stated that standard language regarding the right to withdraw the name had been added in University gift agreements, as well as Athletics gift agreements. Mr. Sanchez inquired about the longevity of facilities, i.e. if a program or facility goes away. Mr. Sorensen stated that there is standard language saying the University will try to use the name. Chancellor Dubois explained that names come about without regard to the gift.

Mr. Wilson requested Board approval of the revisions to UP 602.9.

Action. On a motion by Ms. DeVore, seconded by Mr. Young, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to UP 602.9.

Motion to Convene in Closed Session. Mr. Wilson called for a motion for the Board to convene in closed session.

Action. On a motion by Ms. Rouse, seconded by Ms. DeVore, the Board convened in closed session pursuant to the following General Status of the State of North Carolina:

a. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(1), to prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential pursuant to the laws of this State or of the United States, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes, such privilege or confidentiality arising under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. §1232g) or N.C.G.S. Ch. 126, Art. 7;

b. To consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, conditions of appointment, or conditions of initial employment of an individual public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee pursuant to N.C.G.S. §143-318.11(a)(6).

Closed Session Minutes

Closed session minutes are filed in the office of the assistant secretary to the Board of Trustees.

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Motion to Vote on Athletics Employment Agreements. Mr. Wilson requested a motion to approve the two new employment agreements and three agreement amendments as a whole, unless any trustee wishes to vote on any or all of the contracts individually.

Action. On a motion by Mr. Bunker, seconded by Ms. Drew, the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the two new employment agreements and three agreement amendments as discussed in closed session.

Motion for Other Business. Mr. Wilson asked if there was any other business to come before the
Board.

Chancellor Dubois discussed issues surrounding April 30. He reported that the Niner Nation Remembrance Commission has been formed with Emily Zimmer as Chair. The Commission is charged with determining the best way to memorialize Reed and Riley; remember the events of April 30, a date that will forever be part of the University’s history; and determine the future use of Kennedy 236, the site of the shooting. The Commission had its initial meeting in May and will reconvene in August. A graduate student will be conducting research on how other universities/sites have memorialized and/or commemorated the shootings that occurred on their campuses. The decision was made to close the classroom for this academic year. We have received many recommendations to tear the Kennedy building down; however, this is not a realistic option nor is it within the University’s purview. The University is in the process of planning one-year anniversary events, one on campus and one at the Blumenthal with the Charlotte Symphony.

Chancellor Dubois also reported that $135,000 has been received or committed through crowdfunding and the University is looking to distribute the funds to the victims: the Parlier and Howell families; the injured students; and those students who were not injured but who were in the classroom at the time of the shooting. Chancellor Dubois stated that we are testing an idea for allocation with the Parlier and Howell families and injured students: $20,000 to each of the two families; $7,500 to each of the four injured students; $2,000 to each of the 35 students in the room who escaped without injury. They will need to sign an affidavit that they were there which would take another 7-10 days. Chancellor Dubois stated that this is an ongoing discussion but we need to establish a plan quickly. Mr. Bunker thanked Chancellor Dubois for his sensitivity and management of the whole situation. Mr. Wilson concurred.

Mr. Bunker also wanted to take the opportunity to thank Mr. Hill for finding good coaches.

Mr. Mildenberg asked if the Lab School plan came out as expected or was it a disappointment. Chancellor Dubois addressed his question by saying the school district administration’s communication with the School Board for the initial plan for an identified neighborhood school was not properly handled, which necessitated needing to find another school. The building that was offered by the school district to house the Lab School presented a problem because it was not a neighborhood school, and it was located in a middle school, both of which made recruitment difficult.

Mr. Wilson asked if there was any other business to come before the Board.

Adjourn. There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Wilson adjourned the meeting.
Submitted:  
Kim S. Bradley  
Date  
Assistant Secretary to the Board  
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees

Approved:  
Michael L. Wilson  
Date  
Chair  
UNC Charlotte Board of Trustees