

NC State Natural Resources Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting Open Session Minutes
October 8, 2018

Members Present: Lewis Ledford, Chairman; Blas Arroyo, Elizabeth Biser, Lou Boos, Jim Buzzard, Lara Brown de Fuenmayor, Sam Cook, Chris Davidson, Vicki Hardee, Hunter Jenkins, Dick Ludington, Barbara McCutchan, Charles Meeker, Jackson Naftel, Mary Peloquin-Dodd, Dick Porterfield, Phil Rea, Harry Sideris, Mary Watzin, Beth Wilson

Members Absent: Jim Bowen, Ron Terry, Genie Ussery

Others Present: Emily Capps, Shane Jarvis

Chair Ledford called the conference call annual meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. in Room 2024 Biltmore Hall on the NC State University campus. He welcomed all and shared regrets that the September meeting was cancelled because of Hurricane Florence. Mr. Ledford reminded members of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policy.

The nomination of Jackson Naftel to serve as a director was presented from the Nominations Committee for consideration of approval. Hearing no discussion, the board unanimously approved endorsement of the nominee.

By unanimous approval, the slate of Directors, Officers and Committees for 2018-2019 was approved as submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Beth Wilson was recognized for her service as a Director on the Board. This was Dr. Wilson's last meeting. Chair Ledford thanked her for her dedication and support, which was endorsed by the full board with a round of applause. She will be presented with a wood tray in the near future.

Congratulations were extended to Jim Buzzard and Barbara McCutchan on the birth of their grandchildren.

A motion was made by Charles Meeker to approve the minutes of the April 26 and 27 meetings, seconded by Barbara McCutchan and unanimously approved.

Dean Watzin provided the State of the College. Her discussion included information on community engagement, enrollment trends, and budgeting. Some information from the Employee Engagement Survey Results (a survey conducted by the University) were shared. The college ranked very well, and was ranked the highest in some of the

categories. Undergraduate enrollment is about 1,700 students and graduate enrollment is about 450 students. There are approximately 250 faculty and staff in the College of Natural Resources.

The Dean congratulated Mary Peloquin-Dodd on her appointment to Interim Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration. Scott Douglass has accepted another opportunity and will be leaving NC State October 20.

Mr. Naftel joined the call at 2:18 p.m. and was welcomed by Chair Ledford, as a newly elected director of the board.

The Dean discussed employment opportunities currently open in the college. Dr. Gary Blank is serving as Interim Associate Dean for Academic Affairs while the search for Dr. Adrianna Kirkman's replacement is underway. As a result of the vacancy created with the Director of Diversity and Inclusion, a different position has been created and is currently in the recruitment stage for an Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion.

Facilities, infrastructure and a potential renovation for the Natural Resources Library were discussed. Funding is needed to move forward with several of these initiatives. The design for the proposed library renovation will be sent to the Board members. Research funding has slightly decreased, but this is not unusual. Advancement funding has increased and has reached 74% of our campaign goal as of June 30, 2018.

Dean Watzin invited the Board to attend an upcoming lecture to be given by Robert Jordan Wednesday, October 17 at 4 p.m. Robert will discuss "Building a Sustainable 21st Century Wood Products Company."

Chair Ledford announced the meeting in closed session at 2:35 p.m.

Chair Ledford announced the meeting in open session at 2:44 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board will be January 17-18, 2019 in Raleigh. Other meeting dates for 2019 are April 25-26 and September 12-13.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Vicki S. Hardee, Secretary