

**NC State Natural Resources Foundation, Inc.  
Board Meeting Open Session Minutes  
Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center  
January 16, 2020**

**Members Present:** Lewis Ledford, Dick Luddington, Lara Brown de Fuenmayor Ron Terry, Harry Sideris, Barbara McCutchan, Tom Hines, Charles Meeker, Gary Allred, Jim Buzzard, Lou Boos, Jim Bowen, Blas Arroyo, Genie Ussery, Sam Cook

**Members Absent:** Elizabeth Biser, Chris Davidson, Jackson Naftel, Mary Peloquin-Dodd

**Others Present:** Jennifer Piercy, Michael Kanters, Stacy Nelson, Ashleigh Eason, Marian McCord, Rich Venditti, Sarah Corica, Bob Bardon, Jennifer Viets, Robin Banker, Megan Switick, Jordan Wilkins, Cathy Moon

Chair Ledford called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m. and read the Conflict of Interest statement. No conflicts were noted.

Chair Ledford introduced Cathy Moon and Jordan Wilkins who will be filling in temporarily as Secretary for the Board following the resignation of Vicki Hardee. Cathy Moon will be handling communications and Jordan Wilkins will take over logistics.

Dr. Stacy Nelson was introduced as Interim Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion and Dr. Rich Venditti was introduced as Interim Associate Dean for Research. Dr. Venditti will replace Dr. Marian McCord who is leaving the University. Chair Ledford recognized Dr. McCord and shared that she has accepted a position with the University of New Hampshire.

Interim Dean Myron Floyd presented an update on the College of Natural Resources. His presentation included:

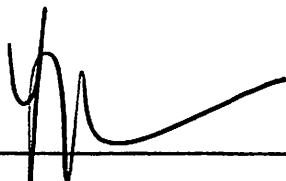
- Leadership Team Updates-Interim Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion and Interim Associate Dean for Research are in place.
- NC State's next strategic plan for the years 2021-2030; board members may be asked for input
- Academic Affairs Updates including enrollments, strategic priorities and new programs- CNR has two of the top 10 demanded majors, which are: Sport Management in the Parks Recreation and Tourism Department and Environmental Science in the Forestry and Environmental Resources Department
- Research Updates including research numbers-award dollars are up 80 percent, the highest in five years
- Extension Program Updates-cross laminated timbers for residential use are being tested
- Forest Assets, reviewing status of several forests owned by the College
- Departmental Highlights for Forestry and Environmental Resources, Forest Biomaterials, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management and the Center for Geospatial Analytics
- Facilities Updates including lab updates, the Biltmore lobby and plans for the CNR library
- Priorities for the Academic Year 19-20

Jim Buzzard presented the Advancement Committee update: The University has reached its \$1.6 billion goal two years early. The Natural Resources Foundation has raised \$30 million so far of its \$35 million goal. Lara Brown de Fuenmayor provided an Advancement Update stating that we are on track to meet or exceed this year's goal of \$3.5 million. Robin Banker spoke about the Day of Giving which will be March 25, 2020.

A presentation was given by Sarah West, Principal and Owner of Acclaro Solutions on Campaign Fundamentals: Volunteers as Ambassadors. She spoke about the board members' role as ambassadors and why their help is necessary for our success in fundraising and the Campaign.

The meeting was recessed at 5:10 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Friday morning. The board was invited to a reception in the first floor foyer for a Craft Beer Tasting hosted by Dr. Whitney Knollenberg with the owners of Bottle Rev Apex, both of whom are NC State Alumni, followed by dinner.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lara', written over a horizontal line.

Lara Brown de Fuenmayor, President