

NC State Natural Resources Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
Zoom
January 18, 2024, 3:00 p.m.

Members Present: Gary Allred, Blas Arroyo, Georgia Brown, Gray Carter, Sam Cook, Joann Cox, Brian Dangler, Miles Daniels, Erin Elliott, Myron Floyd, Tom Hines, Ronnie Hise, Hunter Jenkins, Larry Perkins, Jennifer Piercy, Nancy Thompson, Dale Threatt-Taylor, Michelle Wells, Jennifer Zuckerman

Members Absent: Erin Delehanty, Dana Harris, Jazmin Varela

Others Present: Bob Bardon, Josh Gira, Shane Jarvis, Rasul Mowatt, Stacy Nelson, Melissa Pasquinelli, Rob Scheller, Erin Sills, Jingxin Wang, Nelson Barrios, Courtney Deviney, Ryen Frazier, Margaret Lawrimore, Rachel Miller, Kaitlyn Tiffany, Richard von Furstenburg, Ben Zino, Kate Furiness, Olivia Grissom, Cathy Moon, Zach VanHekken, Jennifer Viets

Chair Hunter Jenkins called the meeting of the NC State Natural Resources Foundation, Inc. to order at 3:03 pm. All members and guests introduced themselves. Chair Jenkins welcomed the newest board members, Mr. Ronnie Hise and Ms. Nancy Thompson.

The Board members presented 'Get to Know Our Board' slides which featured facts about themselves. At this time, Board members Allred-Daniels presented their slides. (Joann Cox did not present). The goal of presenting these slides was to learn more about the Board members and promote group bonding.

Dean Floyd presented an overview of the College of Natural Resources Graduate Studies Programs. There are 8 Professional Masters's programs, 6 Master of Science programs, and 5 Doctoral programs in CNR. Margaret Lawrimore presented an overview of her experiences as a PhD student in Geospatial Analytics. At this time, the Board members separated into 4 different breakout groups to hear from more CNR graduate students and have the opportunity to ask them questions. Then the Board members returned to the main meeting room and debriefed what was discussed in their breakout groups. President Piercy presented an overview of graduate student support priorities and levels.

Board members Hines-Zuckerman presented their 'Get to Know Our Board' slides. (Ronnie Hise and Jazmin Varela did not present).

President Piercy reminded the Board of the cookie decorating social event at 6:00 pm. Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Elliott _____

Erin Elliott, Secretary

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January 19, 2024, 8:15 a.m.

Members Present: Gary Allred, Blas Arroyo, Georgia Brown, Gray Carter, Sam Cook, Joann Cox, Brian Dangler, Miles Daniels, Erin Elliott, Myron Floyd, Tom Hines, Ronnie Hise, Hunter Jenkins, Larry Perkins, Jennifer Piercy, Nancy Thompson, Dale Threatt-Taylor, Michelle Wells, Jennifer Zuckerman

Members Absent: Erin Delehanty, Dana Harris, Jazmin Varela

Others Present: Bob Bardon, Josh Gira, Stacy Nelson, Melissa Pasquinelli, Rob Scheller, Erin Sills, Jingxin Wang, Kate Furiness, Shannon Lora, Cathy Moon, Zach VanHekken, Jennifer Viets

Chair Hunter Jenkins called the meeting of the NC State Natural Resources Foundation, Inc. to order at 8:17 am.

Chair Jenkins called for the approval of the September 21st and 22nd Board meeting minutes. Gary Allred made a motion to approve. The motion was seconded by Blas Arroyo. The motion passed.

President Piercy asked for volunteers for a bylaw review group which would be convened soon. She asked the members to let Secretary Erin Elliott know if they would like to volunteer by January 26, 2024.

Ms. Joann Cox presented her 'Get to Know Our Board' slide.

Dean Floyd presented the Dean's Update. He first reviewed new leadership. Dr. Jingxin Wang was hired as the Department Head of the Department of Forest Biomaterials, Dr. Stacy Nelson was hired as the Associate Dean of the Office of Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and Dr. Branda Nowell was hired as the Director of the Environmental First Year Program. He reviewed the December 2023 Commencement. There were 156 graduates. Finally, he reviewed upcoming CNR events, including the Dean's Interdisciplinary Tour, Forest Carbon Solutions Initiative, Carbon Week, CNR Graduate Research Symposium, and the 2024 Mass Timber Summit at NC State.

President Piercy presented the Advancement Update. She reminded the Board members that the staff continually accepts nominations for new Board members formally and informally. There will be two new Board members this Fall and June 1st is the deadline to submit nominations. She reviewed staffing updates on the CNR Advancement team. Olivia Grissom was hired as the Assistant Director, Annual Giving and Shannon Lora was hired as the Program Associate supporting the Pulp and Paper Advisory Board. She reminded the Board members to mark their calendars for Day of Giving on March 20th. She reviewed the Fiscal Year 2024 Year to Date metrics. As of December 31st, 2023, Gifts and New Commitments were at \$1,515,389, the CNR Enhancement Fund was at \$40,317.37, and Annual Giving Dollars were at \$383,318.

President Piercy discussed plans for the Spring Board meeting. Instead of holding all the Committee meetings on the same day as the Board meeting, the Committee meetings will be held separately at a cadence that works well for each committee. Secretary Elliott will reach out to each Committee about scheduling their 2024 Committee meetings. On April 18th the Board will have their dinner and it will include the Buzzard Fellows and their community mentors. The Board meeting will be held on April 19th. After the Board meeting there will be an optional social activity that evening. Zach VanHekken presented three options for the social activity and asked the Board members to vote on their preference through a Google form by January 23rd. On Saturday, April 20th the Trailblazing Donor Celebration event will be held, and the Board members are encouraged to attend.

President Piercy reminded the Board members of the Fall Board meeting dates held which are October 3rd and 4th, 2024 and October 10th and 11th, 2024. Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 8:59 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Elliott _____

Erin Elliott, Secretary