

SPECIAL TELEPHONE MEETING OF THE WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

VIA TELEPHONE

The Board of Trustees of Western Carolina University met in a Special Telephone meeting on January 21, 2020. Chair Kinney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

ATTENDANCE

The following members of the Board were present: Chair Bryant Kinney, Mr. Kenny Messer, Mr. Bob Roberts, Mrs. Haden Boliek, Ms. Joyce Dugan, Mr. Ken Hughes, Mr. Tim Haskett, Mrs. Rebecca Schlosser, Ms. Kathy Greeley, Mr. Casey Cooper, and Mr. David Rhode, SGA President.

Board Member Absent: Mr. John Lupoli

Also, present: Chancellor Kelli R. Brown, Interim Provost Richard Starnes, Mr. Shea Browning, General Counsel; Dr. Melissa Wargo, Chief of Staff; Mr. Mike Byers, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance; Dr. Sam Miller, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs; Ms. Jamie Raynor, Interim Vice Chancellor for Advancement; and Mr. Craig Fowler, Chief Information Officer; and Ms. Jessica Woods, Assistant Secretary to the Board of Trustees.

ROLL CALL

Ms. Woods called the roll of the Board members in attendance. A quorum of the board was present.

ETHICS STATEMENT

Chair Kinney read the Ethics Statement as follows:

“As Chair of the Board of Trustees, it is my responsibility to remind all members of the Board of their duty under the State Government Ethics Act to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts of interest as required by this Act. Each member has received the agenda and related information for this Board of Trustees’ meeting. If any Board member knows of any conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matter coming before the Board of Trustees at this meeting, the conflict or appearance of conflict should be identified at this time.” **No conflicts of interest were disclosed.**

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chancellor Kelli R. Brown discussed the Resolution that strongly and urgently encourages all elected leaders who support and value the world class higher educational systems in North Carolina to move swiftly to enact House Bill 966 and approve with the provisions originally included in Senate Bill 354. Discussion followed on the House Bill, Senate Bill, and Resolution.

Chair Kinney asked for a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Dugan made a motion to approve the Resolution of the Board of Trustees. Ms. Greeley seconded the motion. Mr. Cooper and Ms. Boliek abstained from the vote. The Resolution was approved.

Chancellor Brown and Dr. Wargo shared the Budget Impasse Talking Points that will be shared with Interim President Roper. Interim President Roper requested that all the Universities send him talking points for how the budget is impacting them. The Talking Points included Talent Recruitment and Retention; NC Promise Funding; Infrastructure/Physical Plant; Inability to Sustain Enrollment Growth; Reduction in Educational Quality; and Reputational Impact.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kinney asked for a motion and a second to adjourn. Mr. Cooper made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Schlosser seconded the motion. It was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.