The NCCU Board of Trustees convened in the Emma Marable Conference Room in the William Jones Building on the campus of North Carolina Central University on June 21, 2006. Chairman Cressie Thigpen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Trustee Robert Williams gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mr. Cressie Thigpen, Jr., Mrs. Kay Thomas, Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Eric Michaux, Mr. Charles Baron, Mr. R. Edward Stewart, Mr. George Miller, Mr. Travis Porter, Mr. Robert Dolan, Mrs. Nancy Wysenski and Ms. Renee Clark. **Absent:** Bishop Eddie Long and Mr. Glenn Adams.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Michaux that the agenda be adopted.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.** Trustee Michaux moved approval of the revised minutes for April 26, 2006, the Executive Committee Minutes for May 30 and June 2, 2006. The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Thomas. The motion carried.

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY:** Chairman Thigpen recognized one new member of the NCCU Board of Trustees – Trustee Mukhtar Raqib. The Honorable A. Leon Stanback, a loyal supporter of NCCU and a double eagle, swore in the new trustee. Chairman Thigpen thanked Judge Stanback for the valued services he renders to North Carolina. Chairman Thigpen welcomed Trustee Raqib and looks forward to working with him during the upcoming year.

**CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Chairman Thigpen announced that pursuant to NCCU By-Laws that govern the trustees, the Board must elect officers each year at its annual meeting in September. The Chairman appointed Robert Williams, Committee Chair and Trustees Glenn Adams and Ed Stewart to serve on the nominating committee. The committee is responsible for recommending a slate of candidates for each office, namely, chair, vice-chair and secretary of the board. Mr. Williams looked forward to receiving the nominations and encouraged other trustees to contact the committee members if they have any desires to nominate anyone for any of the positions.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Mr. Phil Freelon, with the Freelon Group, he is an architect who has completed several projects at NCCU and who is a great university supporter. Mr. Freelon, on behalf of the Freelon Group, presented a mounted and framed photograph of the Mary M. Townes Science Building in recognition of the leadership and vision in bringing this world class facility on line and also bringing on the BRITE Center.

Chairman Thigpen recognized that the Townes Science Facility is a great building, very attractive, well done, very efficient and he noted that he looks forward to having future events in the building.
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AUDIT COMMITTEE: Trustee Michaux presented the Audit Committee Report. There were several items for information.

Based on requirements from the Board of Governors, the Internal Audit Office presented the Committee a draft Audit Committee Charter for review.

The 2005 NCCU Real Estate Foundation Audit was issued from Blackmon & Sloop, CPAs. There were no audit findings.

The 2005 Aggie-Eagle Classic Review was issued and $108,040 was accounted for in ticket sales. The Promoter has not remitted the balance due of $42,960 on the minimum guaranteed amount of $150,000.

The 2006 Student Organization Review was issued in May 2006. The review noted that some organizations had issues regarding compliance and internal controls over cash receipts and disbursements, or did not provide sufficient documentation to support expense transactions recorded to their accounts.

Currently, the Internal Audit Office is in the process of: (a) performing the IT (Information & Technology) 90-Day Follow-up Review to the Office of the State Auditors audit findings and (b) assisting Budget in the compilation of information for the data template for PACE (President’s Advisory Committee on Efficiency and Effectiveness).

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Trustee Miller presented the Building Committee Report. There were two (2) items for action and one (1) item for information.

On Wednesday, June 14, 2006, the Building Committee met and interviewed four (4) architectural firms for design services needed to develop a new Master Plan for the campus. After the presentations, the committee discussed the qualifications and ranked the top three (3) firms in the following order:

Lord, AECK & Sargent Architecture, Chapel Hill, NC
SmithGroup, Inc., Research Triangle Park, NC
BJAC, PA, Raleigh, NC

It was moved by Trustee Miller and properly seconded by Trustee Porter that the Board of Trustees approve the committee’s recommendation to select Lord, AECK & Sargent Architecture to provide design services for a new Master Plan and to refer this decision to the Office of State Construction for contract negotiations. The motion carried.

The Committee heard from Attorney David Green, Associate Dean of the School of Law, in regards to naming the School of Law Faculty Conference Room in honor of Janice L. Mills, former Dean of the School of Law. Attorney Green noted that private funds were raised to furnish the conference room and to display a portrait of the former Dean, who spent 25 years
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at the school as a faculty member, clinic director, as well as Dean.

It was moved by Trustee Miller and properly seconded by Trustee Thomas that the Board of Trustees approve the committee’s recommendation to name the School of Law Faculty Conference Room in honor of Janice L. Mills, former Dean of the School of Law. The motion carried.

Mr. Charles O’Duor, Vice Chancellor for Financial Affairs, informed the committee that Mr. Duane Knecht, former Director of Physical Plant, resigned effective May 31, 2006. A search is underway for his replacement.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The Finance Committee did not meet.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: Trustee Porter presented the Institutional Advancement Committee Report. There were two (2) items for action.

The staff has prepared a fundraising policy that the committee has reviewed and discussed. This information was sent to each trustee.

It was moved by Trustee Porter and properly seconded by Trustee Baron that the Board of Trustees approve the committee’s recommendation to adopt the Fundraising Policies and Procedures. The motion carried.

A subcommittee of the Committee in Institutional Advancement worked with select members of the Foundation Board of Directors to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding between the Foundation and the University. The subcommittee worked with a template provided by UNC General Administration, its Legal Counsel, Leslie Winner, and Legal Counsel representing the Foundation, Mr. Bob Saunders of Brooks, Pierce and the NCCU Legal Counsel Ms. Kaye Webb. After several meetings, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding was approved by the NCCU Foundation Board of Directors and the subcommittee recommended approval by this Committee. Upon further review, the committee suggested that the subcommittee clarify section 6.6 of the Memorandum of Understanding.

It was moved by Trustee Porter and properly seconded by Trustee Baron that the Board of Trustees approve the Committee’s recommendation to adopt the Memorandum of Understanding subject to clarification of Section 6.6 and any additional action taken by the Executive Committee. The motion carried.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Trustee Thigpen presented the Endowment Committee Report. There were several items for information.

Mr. Charles Curry, Senior Vice President, from Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC, presented a proposed asset allocation and benchmark for the remaining endowed professorships investments being managed by Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC. Mr. Curry proposed the
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estimated $4.1 million be allocated as 50% Small Cap and 50% Large Cap. With the Benchmark representative index being Russell 2000 for Small Cap and S&P 500 for the Large Cap accounts.

The committee recommended the decision be referred to the Executive Committee upon receiving additional information from UNC Management Company regarding the allocation of Domestic Equity.

The committee voted to renew the three year contract with Piedmont Investment Advisors. The modification of asset allocation and benchmark decisions will be agreed upon after the action by the Executive Committee.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Trustee Thomas presented the Educational Planning and Academic Affairs Committee Report. There were two (2) items for action and two (2) items for information.

The Committee heard from Provost Beverly Jones who provided a brief outline of the process used in restructuring the College of Arts and Sciences. She described the 1) the reason for the restructuring; 2) the implementation process; 3), the interim hiring procedures, and 4) the permanent search plans and budgetary issues.

She noted that currently the College has twenty-two (22) departments that report to one Dean and one Associate Dean. As a result of several meetings, focus group sessions, and much debate, two plans were developed for review. The plan favored by the majority was presented to the committee. Specifically, the preferred plan will result in three new colleges, namely the:

College of Liberal Arts
College of Science & Technology
College of Behavioral Studies and Social Sciences

Further, it is proposed that the current Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Dr. Caesar Jackson, will become the Dean of the College of Science and Technology. He will appoint an Interim Associate Dean. The new Colleges (College of Liberal Arts and College of Behavioral Studies and Social Sciences) will have Interim Deans and Interim Associate Deans. The Interim Dean candidates were nominated by their respective units. The Interim Deans will be responsible for selecting their respective Interim Associate Deans.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Williams that the Board approve the request to restructure the College of Arts and Sciences. The motion carried.

The Committee heard from Dr. Franklin Carver, Assistant Provost and Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, who summarized an intent to plan a Master in Social Work degree. He provided an abbreviated history and a brief sketch of each component of the proposed program.
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It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Wysenski that the Board approve the intent to plan a Master in Social Work degree. The motion carried.

Mr. Robert Chapman, Assistant to the Dean, in the School of Business, updated the Committee on Accreditation events. He reported that the several members from NCCU Administration and School of Business accepted the certification from the ACBSP in Chicago on June 18, 2006. The School received several commendations from the review team, including accolades for: strategic planning, student enthusiasm and involvement, faculty engagement, and leadership. ACBSP reports that this is the quickest time that a school has completed a comprehensive initial accreditation.

Trustee Thomas on behalf of the Board of Trustees commended the leadership at the University and the School of Business for the fine work. Trustee Thomas recognized Interim Dean Sahoo.

The Committee heard information regarding the School’s preparation for the AACSB site visit. The Self Evaluation Report has been sent and the peer review team has been named and will be led by Dean Otis Thomas of Morgan State University. The official visit will occur on November 12-16, 2006.

The Committee received a status report from Dr. Lorna Harris, Chair, Department of Nursing, provided a status report on the department. She summarized changes that have occurred over the last several months. She reported that students who graduated this spring will sit for the licensure examination in June and July.

TRUSTEE STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Trustee Clark presented the Trustee-Student Relation Committee Report. There were several items for information.

Ms. Clark noted that Mr. Mukhtar Raqib, Student Government Association (SGA) President-elect, highlighted some of the organization’s initiatives, activities, and programs as proposed for 2006-07. Mr. Roland Gaines, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, summarized several initiatives in the division. These include:

- Highlights of the Student Affairs Division 2005-06 Programs and Services.
- The number of national association meetings that NCCU has hosted on campus.
- Twenty staff members from the Division attended the Disney Institute. They provided a summary presentation for other staff within the division.

The SGA Annual Planning Retreat is scheduled for June 23-26, 2006, in Myrtle Beach, SC.

CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS: This meeting has included an on campus retreat for the Board of Trustees. We met and had presentations at various locations across the campus.

On Monday the retreat began at the School of Education, where some of the trustees participated in an NCCU All Star Honda event, followed by information from the Information and Technology staff.
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Lunch was served in the Law School, where Provost Jones gave an overview of the proposed restructuring for the College of Arts and Sciences. While at the law school, Carol O’Brien of O’Brien & Associates presented her findings and recommendations on the proposed capital campaign.

Trustees visited the bookstore and had a delicious dinner in the Student Union.

Tuesday morning began with breakfast and there was very fruitful and constructive discussion regarding Board of Trustee issues.

We were then shepherded to the Townes Science Building where we received a presentation on International Affairs. Drs. Oritsejafor and Harper talked with the trustees about the internal curriculum, teaching, research, student study abroad and exchange programs in International Affairs. NCCU students visited China, Ethiopia, Nigeria, Germany, Brazil, Bahamas, Indonesia, Iran, British Virgin Islands and Canada. On the faculty side, we have research scholars from Serbia and Belarus, Russia, China, India, South Africa and Ghana. At the present time we have small groups of students and faculty engaging in international studies. Much as been done in this area and the Chairman believes that we are poised to do much more.

Chairman Thigpen sincerely hopes that within the next several years, rather than our talking about groups of students and faculty periodically studying and teaching abroad, we will, instead, be able to talk about significant percentages of the student body and faculty studying and teaching abroad on a continuous basis. Chairman sees no reason why, within the next several years, a large percentage of our student body and faculty could not be engaged in this endeavor.

After the presentation on International Affairs, we participated in a “dating game” type format, where we had the opportunity to go from table to table and briefly sit down and talk with faculty and staff from 12 different areas of the university. This was both informative and fun.

Chairman Thigpen and on behalf of all trustees, thanked Chancellor Ammons, the Provost, Vice Chancellors, Deans, Faculty and Staff for their hard work in making this retreat so enjoyable and informative. Chairman Thigpen also thanked employees of Sodexo for providing well-presented and nutritious meals.

A special thanks to Rosalind Fuse-Hall “for shepherding her flock of sometimes inattentive, talkative, misbehaving and incorrigible sheep from place to place on campus. Without her persistent nudging, pleading, and cajoling, the trustees would not have gotten through the retreat.”

Trustee Michaux indicated the trustees “got an earful, a delightful earful”, that was very inspiring to see the enthusiasm that this faculty has for NCCU and to hear the plans to enhance the University, not only in the state, but nationally and internationally. It is truly enlightening and elevating to hear all the things being done.
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Chairman advised the trustees to complete and return the retreat evaluation forms.

Chairman Thigpen encouraged everyone to travel on the charter flight to the NCCU v Southern game on September 23rd. The flight will depart on Friday going to Baton Rouge and return on Saturday. Cost per person is $750.00.

Chairman Thigpen reminded the trustees the law requires them to complete the Ethics and Conflict of Interest forms and should be forwarded to the Office of the President promptly.

CHANCELLOR’S REPORT: Chancellor Ammons thanked members of the board for the time they spent on campus in retreat, learning about the institution and sharing information. It was a valuable experience for the Chancellor and he certainly hopes the same for the Trustees.

Chancellor Ammons congratulated Mukhtar Raqib on his election and welcomed him to the Board of Trustees; he looks forward to working with him in the upcoming academic year. Chancellor Ammons also thanked Renee Clark. This campus is indebted to her for her outstanding leadership as president of the Student Government Association. Renee raised the bar for SGA presidents and “we will miss you, will not say goodbye, but see you down the road.”

The Chancellor also recognized the reigning coach of the CIAA Football champions, Coach Rod Broadway. Chancellor Ammons reiterated Chairman Thigpen’s comments and seeks substantial representation of maroon and gray in Baton Rouge when NCCU plays Southern University.

Chancellor Ammons made a special presentation to Marquis Gibson, a scholar, orator, a comedian and a rising sophomore at Hillside High School. During his freshman year, Marquis made all “A’s” and received the Superintendent’s Academic Achievement Award. He emerged a leader in the James H. Ammons African American Male Leadership Academy by becoming a peer tutor. He demonstrated strength and character rarely seen in a young man of his age and is well respected by other students. He is one of three students admitted to the James H. Ammons African American Male Leadership Academy as peer tutors and mentors and expressed a need to develop leadership skills. For his outstanding academic achievement and service to the African American Male Leadership Academy, Chancellor Ammons awarded Marquis the Chancellor’s Emerging Scholar Award. Marquis will also receive a $1,500 scholarship to attend the Accelerated Summer Academic and Sports Program at NCCU July 5-31. This is a four week intensive residential pre-college program for middle and high school students designed to enhance performance in English, math and science. Chancellor Ammons also recognized Marquis’ mother, grandmother and other members of the African American Male Leadership Academy.

Legislative Update:

The University of North Carolina sponsored a day at the legislature on June 7th. Senator Lucas permitted the Durham Delegation to meet in her office for lunch. The conversation proved very fruitful for the university.
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- Both House and Senate budgets have been approved in their respective chambers. The University fared well in both versions. There is full funding for enrollment growth and need-based financial aid. The Senate recommends that enrollment growth funding become a part of the continuation budget and we urge the conferees to adopt the Senate version of the budget.
- There will be salary increases this year of 6 percent for EPA employees and 5.5 percent for SPA employees. Both chambers have differences about bonuses; however, we ask the conferees to affirm meaningful faculty and staff salary increases.
- BRITe was funded at $2.5 million for operating in every budget draft; therefore it should be secure. Further, there is funding for the Kannapolis Research Campus in both budgets. We urge the conferees to adopt the Senate funding approach of $5 million in recurring and $1 million in non-recurring dollars. We also support the House special provision.
- In the capital budget, we support the Repair and Renovation budgets because the completion of the steam-line on campus is fully funded.
- Encouraged Trustees to speak with members of the General Assembly and talking points are at your place.

Academic Affairs:

- In just four months, NCCU has regained its School of Business accreditation from the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs. During its April meeting, the ACBSP Board of Commissioners voted unanimously to grant accreditation to the NCCU School of Business. NCCU was presented with its certificate of accreditation during the ACBSP Annual Conference in Chicago. Chancellor Ammons thanked Provost Jones, Interim Dean Bijoy Sahoo, faculty and staff in the School of Business for a job well done.
- The “One Stop Registration” was targeted at teacher education registration. About 50 students registered for graduate teacher education courses.
- Dr. Ken R. Harewood, GlaxoSmithKline Distinguished Professor of Biomedical Sciences and Biotechnology and director of the Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI) at NCCU, is the recipient of the O.Max Gardner Award. A biologist and biochemist, Dr. Harewood was honored for his significant contributions to health disparities research, as well as his passionate commitment to enlarging the pool of minority scientists. The 2006 award carries a $10,000 or $20,000 cash prize.
- Four NCCU professors were honored for teaching excellence this spring: Veronica Chima Nwosu, associate professor in the Department of Biology, received the Board of Governors Teaching Excellence Award. She received a cash award of $7,500 and a bronze medallion. NCCU awarded three professors its Awards for Teaching Excellence: Dr. Jim C. Harper, II, an assistant professor in the Department of History where he teaches African, African American and United States history; Dr. Sylvia Jacobs, a professor of African history in the
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Department of History; and Dr. Patricia Wigfall, a full professor in the Department of Public Administration. Each received a plaque and a check for $2,500.

- NCCU School of Education is the first in the UNC System to become an i-Tunes University. Dean Cecelia Steppe-Jones supplied all her faculty and teacher education coordinators in the College of Arts & Sciences with video and audio capable iPods. She presented the devises at the first of three complimentary training sessions offered by the Apply Corporation in recognition of the dean’s commitment to the incorporation of iPod technology in her faculty’s delivery of instruction to teacher education majors. Dean Steppe-Jones and Mrs. Deborah Eaton were featured in the latest edition of Diverse issues in Higher Education.

- The Brenda Brodie Endowed Chair in the School of Education has been filled by the appointment of Dr. Diane Wormsley.

Financial Affairs:

- The renovation of the Eagle’s Nest food service in the Student Union was completed in May 2006. The branded concepts at the location include KFC, which will serve sandwiches and chicken tenders; Pizza Hut will serve pan pizzas and chicken wings; and American Grill/A/W will serve hamburgers, fries, ice cream and several grill items. Health conscious patrons will also have food selections.

- PACE – President Bowles appointed an advisory committee to guide the study on efficiency and effectiveness in the UNC System. The project will examine administrative costs, rework processes and leverage system strengths. The study will cover core functions including instruction, research and public service; and enabling functions such as academic services, human resources, fiscal services, information technology, and enrollment services. The end product will be a snapshot of where money is spent. In addition, the findings will be used in conversations with the General Assembly and donors. There are eight people on the committee including Mr. William Smith, President of Mutual Savings Community Bank, and members of the Board of Governors; and Mr. James Speed, President of NC Mutual Insurance Company. The pilots that are leading the way are NCCU, NC State University and General Administration. At our campus, the data collection tool has been developed and tested, training sessions are continuing, control numbers have been calculated and loaded into the templates, and data collection is being finalized. The campus report will be submitted at the end of June.

Student Affairs:

- NCCU student Shondolyn Galloway was one of ten selected to win a $4,000 scholarship as part of the Alltel’s Words of Wisdom Scholarship Program. Alltel and world-renowned poet Dr. Maya Angelou announced the winners during a
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reception at the William J. Clinton Presidential Center. The winners had a special lunch with Dr. Angelou as well.

- The Division of Student Affairs has scheduled the annual Student Government Association Retreat for June 23-26 in Myrtle Beach. Mr. Mukhtar Raqib will present his aggressive agenda for the upcoming year.

Institutional Advancement:

- The Capital Campaign Feasibility Study is complete and recommendations were presented at the Board of Trustees Retreat by Carol O’Brien & Associations. Upon the Board’s approval, implementation will begin this summer.
- The Memorandum of Understanding between North Carolina Central University and the NCCU Foundation Board was approved by the NCCU Foundation Board of Directors at its annual meeting in May
- Year End Totals – Fundraising as of June 19th – FY 05 $3,135,990; FY 06 $3,728,986 – Up nearly $500,000.

Campus Highlights:

- Dr. Dennis P. Kimbro, the author of “Think and Grow Rich: A Black Choice” and “Daily Motivations for African-American Success” delivered the spring commencement address. He told NCCU’s 752 graduates that they must hustle to be successful.
- The James E. Shepard statue is all cleaned up and back on the NCCU campus with a more distinctive look. Karkadoulis Bronze Art, a company in Cincinnati, Ohio cleaned the statue and returned it a month ahead of schedule and a day before the 2006 spring commencement ceremony.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT: The Student Government Report was presented by Trustee Renee Clark.

The Student Government Association and the Student Activity Board will hold its annual retreat on June 23-26, 2006 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The purpose of this retreat is to build a bond between both groups so that they can collaboratively serve the student body. Also at this retreat the organizations will finalize their plans for the academic year 2006-07. Some of the major goals outlined by the Student Government are: host SGA week once a month; provide continued training for its officers and representatives; have a continued review of campus policies on a student level; continue to solidify the infrastructure of the student governments; and to hold monthly meetings of the council of student organization presidents to make sure all ideas and concerns are encompassed for the students. All executive cabinet staffing has been completed for 2006-07 and the only offices that remain will be those for the freshmen which will be held during September 2006.
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The 2005-06 Student Government Administration and has ratified a constitution and it has been approved by the legislative and executive branches of the student government and is now given to University administration for review.

Last week Mr. Raqib attended the UNC/ASG retreat with the other Presidents in the UNC System, he had a great time. They mapped out their plans for the year and how they wish to move forward as a UNC System student body.

Trustee Porter is very proud and commended Trustee Clark of her conduct and the entire NCCU student government throughout this difficult time regarding the Duke lacrosse issue. “The handling by NCCU Student Government in this situation is to be commended and if our press were nearly as enlightened, she would be commended in the national press.” Also, Trustee Porter commended Chancellor Ammons. “The most highly valued virtue is not intelligence, it is judgment. In this instance the judgment of the Chancellor and the Student Government has been remarkable.” Trustee Porter is proud to be a trustee of this institution throughout this difficult time. He indicated that the University has not received the credit it deserved.

Chairman Thigpen thanked Trustee Porter for his comments which truly echo the feelings that all trustees have for the Chancellor, students, staff and faculty of NCCU.

**EMPLOYEE SENATE REPORT:** The Employee Senate Report was presented by Ms. Deborah Torres.

Ms. Torres thanked Chancellor Ammons for his participation in the Employee Senate-UNC event for all 16 campuses held at NCCU on March 13th. Ms. Torres presented Chancellor a T-shirt and maroon and gray M&Ms. The Employee Senate will hold elections in September and the goals are to continue to enhance our employees with higher education opportunities and improved customer service. Ms. Torres noted that Constance Roberson has a senior citizen program to assist senior citizens with medical needs.

Trustee Miller moved that the committee convene in closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(5) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Thomas and it carried.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The Personnel Committee met and heard a presentation from Chancellor Ammons and Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Beverly Washington Jones regarding personnel matters. Discussions about the candidates occurred.

There being no further business for the closed session, Trustee Thigpen moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Williams to reconvene in Open Session. The motion carried.
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OPEN SESSION

Trustee Williams moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Thomas to approve the matters discussed during closed session. The motion carried.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas that we move forward with the Capital Campaign process as discussed with the consultant. Trustee Michaux indicated that the consultant gave a lot of information as to what should be done. He is in favor of the campaign, but thinks the motion is too encompassing and offered a friendly amendment to the motion that the Board of Trustees approve the concept of a $75 million capital campaign. Trustee Thomas indicated that her motion pertained to the process; not on the amount or structure. Chairman Thigpen indicated that the purpose of the Thomas motion would give a general outline that would include many of the things mentioned in O’Brien’s report. It gave certain recommendations of fixed steps needed to be taken to get there and the Thomas motion covers the steps need to be taken. The motion covers all of the recommendations made by her in her report. Trustee Michaux questions whether the trustees had the ability to discuss all of the recommendations made to make sure everyone is in sync in moving forward with the $75 million campaign. Interim Vice Chancellor Susan Hester noted that what was being asked at this point was to just begin the implementation base of the campaign. Two or three years down the road, the staff will come back to the board with a recommendation in terms of the amount to be raised, but at this point several steps need to be taken including recruiting of the capital campaign committee. Trustee Porter felt it would be best to go for a lower goal and hopefully exceed it, so you don’t get hurt by adjusting it upwards. Trustee Baron offered a substitute motion for the Board to authorize the Office of Institutional Advancement to proceed with the implementation phase of the capital campaign plan. It was properly seconded by Trustee Stewart. The motion carried. The first motion is withdrawn and the friendly amendment was not accepted.

CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS: Chairman Thigpen acknowledged a gift by Trustee Ed Stewart and UDI in the amount of $37,720 for laboratory equipment in the chemistry department.

At the trustees breakfast there was an issue raised about looking at establishing an emeritus status for those who have served on the Board of Trustees and have rotated off. The interest was expressed in light of the presentation made by Carol O’Brien because in her presentation we would be looking for contributions from current members of the Board of Trustees and the emeriti members. There were questions about emeriti members and the criteria. Chairman Thigpen indicated there is a time element, the only time emeritus members can be elected is at the annual meeting which is in September. The capital campaign is starting in July and part of the purpose is to make sure we have these people on board so we can go to them for contributions. As a point of clarification, Ms. Rosalind Fuse-Hall will provide the trustees with a list of all the emeriti members who have been elected over the history of the Board and give the trustees information presented the last time there was substantial conversation about emeriti members.

Chairman Thigpen appointed a Committee for the specific purpose of looking at the emeriti status and to report about its findings and recommendations. Trustee Porter,
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in trying to create all of the friends you can of this University, suggested this committee also consider the possibility of creating a Board of Visitors where former members of the Board of Trustees are automatic members of the Board of Visitors. Chairman Thigpen appointed Trustee Eric Michaux, Chair, Trustee Kay Thomas and Trustee Robert Williams to constitute the committee. If this Board or the Executive Committee needs to take some action before the September meeting, the Committee should contact the board chair who may convene the Executive Committee.

There being no additional business, Trustee Thomas moved to adjourn and it was properly seconded by Trustee Williams. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Assistant Secretary