

NC State Natural Resources Foundation, Inc.
Board Meeting Open Session Minutes
February 16, 2018

Members Present: Lewis Ledford, Chairman; Blas Arroyo, Elizabeth Biser, Lou Boos, Lara Brown de Fuenmayor, Sam Cook, Chris Davidson, Vicki Hardee, Hunter Jenkins, Barbara McCutchan, Mary Peloquin-Dodd, Dick Porterfield, Phil Rea, Harry Sideris, Ron Terry, Scott Wallinger, Mary Watzin, Beth Wilson

Members Absent: Jim Bowen, Jim Buzzard, Dick Ludington, Charles Meeker, Genie Ussery

Others Present: Emily Capps, Shane Jarvis

Chair Ledford called the conference call meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. in Room 2024 Biltmore Hall on the NC State University campus. He welcomed all and shared regrets that the January meeting was cancelled because of snow. Mr. Ledford reminded members of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policy.

The nominations of Elizabeth Biser and Charles Meeker were presented from the Nominations Committee for consideration of approval to serve as directors. Hearing no discussion, the board unanimously approved endorsement of the two nominees. Ms. Biser joined the call at 4:10 p.m.

A motion was made by Blas Arroyo and seconded by Ron Terry to approve the open and closed sessions minutes of the October 26 and 27 minutes of the Board with a change from Mr. Chris Davidson to Dr. Chris Davidson. The minutes were approved. As changed.

Dick Porterfield made a motion to approve the Whistleblower Policy as submitted. Barbara McCutchan seconded the motion. Mary Peloquin-Dodd offered a comment that the primary change is the addition of "Ethicspoint," an anonymous caller line, as a means of reporting. The motion carried.

Dean Watzin shared an update on the college:

- Three faculty members were appointed to named professorships. Dr. Steve Kelley has been named the Reuben Robertson Professor. Dr. Rich Venditti has been named the Elis and Signe Olsson Professor. Dr. Erin Sills has been named the Edwin F. Conger Professor.
- We have three new faculty hires in the college. Dr. Rajan Parajuli, Extension Assistant Professor, forest economics, FER; Dr. Frederik Laleicke, Extension

Assistant Professor, wood products, FB; and Dr. Jack Wang, Assistant Professor, molecular genetics in FER.

- Dr. Thomas Easley, Director of Diversity, resigned from our college to accept a position at another institution. We are collecting information from a variety of sources and institutions on diversity and inclusion and will be moving forward with filling our vacancy in the next few months.

Lara Brown de Fuenmayor gave an update on our capital campaign as of December 31. The College has raised \$24.4M toward its goal of \$35M.

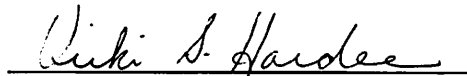
Chair Ledford announced the meeting in closed session at 4:18 p.m.

Chair Ledford announced the meeting in open session at 4:24 p.m.

The next meeting of the board will be April 26-27 at Fort Macon, NC. The fall meeting will be in Raleigh September 13-14.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Vicki S. Hardee, Secretary