

**NC State Natural Resources Foundation, Inc.  
Board Meeting Open Session Minutes  
Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center  
April 25, 2019**

**Members Present:** Lewis Ledford, Chairman; Blas Arroyo, Elizabeth Biser, Lou Boos, Jim Bowen, Lara Brown de Fuenmayor, Jim Buzzard, Sam Cook, Vicki Hardee, Barbara McCutchan, Charles Meeker, Jackson Naftel, Dick Porterfield, Phil Rea, Harry Sideris, Genie Ussery, Mary Watzin

**Members Absent:** Chris Davidson, Hunter Jenkins, Dick Ludington, Mary Peloquin-Dodd, Jill Tasaico, Ron Terry

**Others Present:** Robin Banker, Bob Bardon, Berkeley Bryant, Sarah Corica, Ashleigh Eason, Ryan Emanuel, Myron Floyd, Josh Gray, Jenna Hartley, Aaron Hipp, Lokendra Pal, Jennifer Piercy, Louie Rivers, Shane Jarvis, Marian McCord, Ross Meentemeyer, Andrew Moore, Melissa Pasquinelli, Kathryn Stevenson, Jennifer Viets, Yuan Yao, Franklin Zambrano, Zhenzhen Zhang

Chair Ledford called the spring meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. at the Dorothy and Roy Park Alumni Center. He welcomed all and reminded members of the Conflict of Interest and Code of Ethics Policy.

Dean Watzin introduced the newly appointed Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Dr. Melissa Pasquinelli. Dr. Pasquinelli will join the college May 16 from the College of Textiles.

Several faculty members and graduate students gave short presentations on Innovative Research and Engagement in the College of Natural Resources and Why It Matters.

**Faculty:**

**Dr. Kathryn Stevenson**, Assistant Professor, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management  
Environmental Education Lab

**Dr. Josh Gray**, Assistant Professor, Center for Geospatial Analytics, Forestry and  
Environmental Resources  
Tropical Deforestation: The View from 700 km

**Dr. Louie Rivers**, Assistant Professor, Forestry and Environmental Resources  
Parks with Purpose Project

**Dr. Ryan Emanuel**, Associate Professor, Center for Geospatial Analytics, Forestry and  
Environmental Resources  
The Lumbee River Project

**Dr. Yuan Yao**, Assistant Professor, Forest Biomaterials  
Sustainability Systems Analysis Lab – Developing Decision Support Tools for Industrial Sustainability

**Dr. Lokendra Pal**, Associate Professor, Forest Biomaterials  
Nutrient-Rich Biodegradable Paper Matrix for Crop Production

**Dr. Ross Meentemeyer**, Professor, Center for Geospatial Analytics, Forestry and Environmental Resources  
Center for Geospatial Analytics

**Graduate Students:**

**Jenna Hartley**, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management  
Kids Can (and Do!) Change the World

**Franklin Zambrano**, Forest Biomaterials  
Upgrading Hygiene Tissue Products with Cellulose-Based Nanomaterials

**Zhenzhen Zhang**, Forestry and Environmental Resources  
Promote Community Resilience for Climate Change

Dean Watzin presented college highlights and brought the board up to date on exciting things happening in the college. An Associate Dean for Diversity and Inclusion is being recruited. Renovation for the natural resources library has been fully funded and should begin within the year. The environmental first year program is very successful and the Dean shared information about new hires to the college. "It is a critical time in our journey from Good to Great to Extraordinary....."

The Dean asked Elizabeth Biser to share a few points about highlighting the college to others:

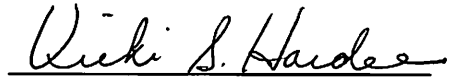
- Keep in mind how busy people are. The easier you can make it, the better.
- Remain courteous, regardless.
- Policy makers are not going to know to look at the college unless they know what we are doing. It is an educational role. Raising political capital is not just money but to help connect the good research and teaching we are doing here to the needs outside the university. For instance, recently there was a representative who was not aware of what is going on in the college. After he learned about it, he was able to make some connections between the college and external constituents. The connections of the Board are one of the ways we can get our story out and make a difference.

Barbara McCutchan shared that a field tour on forest management is being scheduled for western North Carolina/Virginia to discuss some of the research we are doing in CNR. Coastal resiliency is a great topic, especially because of our recent hurricanes. Representative Price's staffer came to visit our GIS lab and is interested in global change. Lewis Ledford discussed the

Land and Conservation Fund successes and how time and effort were necessary to pass legislation. We need to establish long term partnerships to move our efforts forward.

With no further business, the meeting recessed at 4:52 p.m. until 8:30 a.m. Friday, April 25.

Respectfully submitted:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Vicki S. Hardee". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Vicki S. Hardee, Secretary