



December 17, 2020 at 12:30 p.m.
Via Videoconference and UNC-TV Live Stream
University of North Carolina System Office
Center for School Leadership Development, Board Room
Chapel Hill, North Carolina

AGENDA

- 1. Invocation Mr. Holley
- 2. Roll Call..... Secretary Burris-Floyd
- 3. Consent Agenda Chair Ramsey

Minutes

- a. Minutes (Open) of November 19, 2020

Committee on Budget and Finance

- b. Sale of Special Obligation Bonds – UNC Charlotte
- c. Capital Improvement Project
- d. Disposition of Property by Reallocation – NC State University
- e. Disposition of Property by Ground Lease – NC State University
- f. Acquisition of Property by Deed – UNC Charlotte
- g. Authorization of Amendment to Ground Lease – Appalachian State University

Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs

- h. Section 400.1.5, *Fostering Undergraduate Student Success* (amend) (approved November 18, 2020)
- i. Section 400.1.6, *The University of North Carolina Academic Calendar* (amend) (approved November 18, 2020)

- 4. Report of the Committee on Budget and Finance..... Mr. Holmes
- 5. Report of the Committee on Personnel and Tenure Mrs. Blue
 - a. UNC Staff Assembly Update Mr. Killian
- 6. Report of the UNC System Racial Equity Task Force..... Mr. Holley
- 7. Chair’s Report Chair Ramsey

CLOSED SESSION

- 8. Approval of Minutes (Closed) of November 19, 2020 Chair Ramsey

- 9. President’s ReportPresident Hans
- 10. Report of the Committee on Personnel and TenureMrs. Blue

OPEN SESSION

- 11. Report of the Committee on Personnel and TenureMrs. Blue
- 12. Adjourn

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors is Thursday, January 21, 2021 at the Center for School Leadership Development (CSLD) in Chapel Hill.



Closed Session Motion

Motion to go into closed session to:

- Prevent the disclosure of information that is privileged or confidential under Article 7 of Chapter 126 of the North Carolina General Statutes, or not considered a public record within the meaning of Chapter 132 of the General Statutes.
- Consult with our attorney to protect attorney-client privilege; and
- Consider the qualifications, competence, performance, or condition of appointment of a public officer or employee or prospective public officer or employee.

Pursuant to: G.S. 143-318.11(a)(1), (3), and (6).

The following amendments to the UNC Policy Manual were recommended at prior committee meetings to be considered by the full Board of Governors on December 17, 2020:

1. Amend Section 400.1.5, *Fostering Undergraduate Student Success* (Committees on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs & Strategic Initiatives).
2. Amend Section 400.1.6, *The University of North Carolina Academic Calendar* (Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs).

400.1.5

Adopted 01/08/93

Amended 09/08/06

Amended 07/01/07

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Policy on Fostering Undergraduate Student Success

I. Purpose

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- B. Promote academic quality, rigor, and integrity; and
- C. Make possible “seamless” educational opportunities across the UNC System constituent institutions, with the North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS), and early college high schools.

Improving retention, graduation rates, and time to degree are important aspects of such policies. However, the Board of Governors also recognizes that students come into the system from a number of different life circumstances and their paths to success vary accordingly. Policies, therefore, set parameters within which a constituent institution can best meet the needs of these diverse student populations.

II. University-Wide Policies

A. The Board of Governors has adopted the following policies for all institutions comprising the University of North Carolina ~~except the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.~~⁴System except the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics.¹

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- a. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
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- c. Course Withdrawal
- d. Grade Exclusion or Replacement
- e. Minimum, Maximum, and Average Course Load

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B. These policies are designed to ensure that campus and system-wide policies and practices facilitate behaviors that support retention and timely graduation.

III. Other Matters

- A. Effective Date. The requirements of this policy shall be effective on the date of adoption of this policy by the Board of Governors.
- B. Relation to State Laws. The foregoing policy as adopted by the Board of Governors is meant to supplement, and does not purport to supplant or modify, those statutory enactments which may govern or relate to the subject matter of this policy.
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II. Academic Calendar Requirements. UNC institutions shall develop academic calendars and course offerings that are structured to ensure consistent academic rigor and learning outcomes, regardless of their duration. Institutions shall publish academic calendars, grading policies, and other related materials in a manner publicly available to students and the public, and ensure that they are widely distributed. In setting the academic calendar for each term, institutions may set holiday periods, study days, and final examinations appropriate to accommodate the scheduled classes.

A. The traditional fall and spring semesters serve as the foundation and core of the academic calendar for all UNC institutions. This academic year is defined as at least 30 weeks of instructional time, typically divided into two equivalent semesters, which is based on the period that begins on the first day of classes in the academic year and ends on the last day of classes or examinations. A week of instructional time is any period of seven consecutive days in which at least one day of regularly scheduled instruction, examination, or (after the last day of classes) at least one scheduled day of study for examinations occurs. Instructional time does not include periods of orientation, counseling, homework, vacation, or other activity not related to class preparation or examination. Therefore, the weeks of instructional time may be less than the number of calendar weeks that elapse between the first day of classes and the last day of classes or examinations.

B. Weeks of instructional time cannot overlap, and a UNC institution cannot use a single day of scheduled instruction, exams, or study time to create more than one week of instruction. Weeks of instructional time may begin and end on a day other than Monday, provided that each week of instructional time comprises a seven consecutive day period (for example, a Wednesday through the following Tuesday), which includes at least one day of scheduled instruction, exams, or study time.

C. Institutions are encouraged to consider and develop additional instructional terms, such as summer sessions, intercessions, and accelerated formats, that support and enhance efforts to improve student success metrics and service of transfer students, adult students, returning students, military-affiliated students, and other non-traditional student groups. All courses are expected to ensure the academic credit hour requirements listed below, regardless of the length of the instructional term.

III. Academic Calendars~~Credit Hour Requirements.~~

~~A. Academic Calendars will be structured to provide a minimum of 75 class days per semester—excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays—for a minimum of 150 class days per academic year.⁴ The chancellor of the constituent institutions shall submit to the president by October 15 of each year copies of the calendars for the subsequent academic year.~~

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IV. External Requirements. UNC institutions are ~~also~~ expected to adhere to all calendar and curricular requirements advanced by the United States Department of Education, ~~the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges~~ the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, ~~or~~ and other relevant organizations.

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