

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY**  
**Minutes of the Faculty Senate**  
**April 20, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Regular Meeting No. 13 of the 67th Session**

**Via Zoom**

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**Present:** Chair Kellner; Associate Chair Sannes; Chair-Elect Berry-James; Parliamentarian Funkhouser; Senators Ashwell, Bass-Freeman, Bernhard, Boyer, Carrier, Collins, Darhower, Duggins, Erdim, Flinchum, Gerard, Ghosh, Gunter, Isik, Jacob, Jordan, Kirby, Kittle-Autry, Koch, Kuzma, Kuznetsov, Little, Lunardi, McGowan, Nelson, Nicholas-Parker, Pinkins, Reiskind, Riehn, Taylor, Thuente, Vincent, Williams, Yoon, Zagacki

**Guests:** Randy Woodson, Chancellor; Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost; Roy Baroff, Faculty and Staff Ombuds; Katharine Stewart, Vice Provost, Faculty Affairs; Paula Gentius, Chief of Staff & Secretary of the University; Benny Suggs, Executive Director and Vice Chancellor, Alumni Relations; Marc Hoit, Vice Chancellor, OIT; Kimberly Ange-van Heugten, Newly Elected Senator, CALS; Christopher DePerno, Newly Elected Senator, CNR; Allison Newhart, Tamah Morant, Newly Elected Senator, PCOM; Carolyn Bird, Benny Suggs, Matthias Stallmann, Newly Elected Senator, COE; Laura Blessing, Newly Elected Senator, GC; David Auerbach, Newly Elected Senator, HHS; Robin McWilliams, Candidate for Council on Athletics; Marko Hakovirta, Newly Elected Senator, CNR; Cathy Crossland, Candidate for Council on Athletics; Walt Robinson, Newly Elected Senator, COS; Kimberly Bush, Candidate for Council on Athletics; Roger Narayan, Newly Elected Senator, COE

**1. Call to Order and Announcements**

*Hans Kellner, Chair of the Faculty*

Chair Hans Kellner called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

**2. Approval of the Minutes, Regular Meeting No. 12 of the 67<sup>th</sup> Session, April 6, 2021**

*Phil Sannes, Associate Chair of the Faculty*

Associate Chair Sannes called for a motion to approve the minutes for the twelfth meeting of the 67th Session of the NC State Faculty Senate. A motion and second were made and the minutes were unanimously approved.

**3. Chair's Remarks**

*Hans Kellner, Chair of the Faculty*

In his final remarks to the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the Faculty Senate, Chair Kellner stated, "I want to share a few things that I have learned over 60 meetings of the Faculty Senate, and I have attended 120 others, either as Secretary or Chair Elect, or immediate past Chair, or Parliamentarian or committee chair or backbencher. That's a lot of senate meetings, and so I think certainly my term is up. I couldn't continue if I wanted to, but at the age of 76 which I'll be in a month, it's time to get a life. He continued, "If there is life after the Faculty Senate, I want to say that after 16 meetings I have been nervous before every one of

them. And as Joni, and before her, Vernice, knew, I get kind of jittery before the meetings and it's even worse when my trusty computer here can just go black on me at any at any moment. You never know.

Chair Kellner continued, "What were my plans, two years ago? My plans were very simple. No big ambitions, I just wanted to get the Faculty senate rooms back to where they I thought they ought to be, and we got halfway there. There have been improvements to be sure, but only halfway there and then the virus stopped everything. Everything changed in the middle of the second semester of my first second term and suddenly I would have to say, we were on an emergency footing. All the fun part of the job pretty much evaporated. There was no football in the Chancellor's box, for example, I couldn't just drop in on people like Dean or Benny Suggs or Roy Baroff; they all had to be polite to me because I was Chair of the Faculty whether they wanted to or not, that was good. I could meet trustees, make the military talk to them, bring them to the Senate through football games and so forth, and I did all that."

Chair Kellner added, "The history moments that I did my first year, talking about the history of the Senate, the history of the university. I love that stuff and it ended too, because I didn't have good access to the meeting minutes. But despite this disconnect, things got better and things got better primarily because of the Chancellor. The Chancellor really reached out and, how shall I say it, connected with the Faculty, with me, with the Faculty Senate and the Staff Senate as well, in ways that I have never seen before. The Provost took us into the executive briefing group, which was very helpful. Charles Maimone set up a budget advisory committee again, which I've never seen anything quite so thorough. My eyes are still crossed from looking at all the charts. An amazing amount of work, month after month, has gone into that and we much appreciate it.

He continued, "Last week at the Board of Trustees meeting, I commented on a number of things and, at the very end, I added my hope that all of this, all of this contact, the communication we have with the various groups, would not fade through time and, of course, that we would get a better relationship with the Board of Trustees.

Chair Kellner added, "When Carolyn asked me to run two years ago, to rejoin the coalition of the willing, she was the one who brought me back as Parliamentarian simply because it requires no work and no knowledge, so I thought it was perfect for me. It was the one title I'd never had before, so I took it and then, as they say, tragedy struck. I finally agreed to run again. I am not as eager or as fast as I was 10 years ago; I've lost a step, I'll tell you that. But now it's over. I taught King Lear this morning, the story of a king who gives it all up to the younger generation of daughters. I just hope it turns out better for me than it did for him."

Dr. Kellner added, "So I have to thank, first of all, Joni and Jade and Phil, my close group of faculty officers and support for being my therapists. They know what I mean when I say they're my therapists. We have Wednesday morning meetings, Jade, Phil and I, and we just lay it all out. I want to thank the Executive Committee for being my brains, such as they are, and I want to thank the Chancellor for setting a new tone here. I had a chance to hear the noise that the Chancellor hears and the Provost hears, and I heard some noise myself. I have no idea how the Chancellor remains so sweet-tempered so much of the time. Finally, I want to thank Katharine Stewart, a true problem solver. She has been enormously helpful and valuable to us and continues to be. Her help has been tremendous. I looked in the minutes, and eight years ago my farewell meeting was held, believe it or not, on Centennial Campus. It was an experiment that I thought might be interesting, and it wasn't an altogether successful one. But I do remember being there at the time, I think, maybe Benny Suggs might remember too. I am finally back in the room where I hoped we would all be at this meeting, in the Senate room, as you can see it's real; it's not a virtual background. I am sitting here and enjoying it, sort of. Jade, who's in the next room, by the way, will take the next meeting in August, and I look forward to it."

#### **4. Alumni Association Presentation to the Chair**

*Benny Suggs, Executive Director and Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations*

AVC Suggs brought a message of congratulations to Chair Kellner. He stated, "It is a pleasure to be with you all today, especially on a very, very important day is, as the Chair of the Faculty wraps up his second term. He has been a tremendous person to work with, and a great supporter of the Alumni Association and for me, personally. You are one of the first folks I called on when I arrived here and I cherish our friendship and your support now for almost 11 years since I arrived here."

He added, "On behalf of our Board of Directors, our staff, and over 260,000 living alumni, it's my pleasure to present to you your second Alumni Association Chair of the Faculty chair. Joni, if you could put those photos up that would just be super." AVC Suggs continued, "Hans, I have to warn you, you now have both of the chairs that we have here for sale, so if you get drafted once again to serve as Chair of the Faculty, I guess we'll just have to go over to Wolfpack Outfitters and get you a beach chair! In fact, if that happens just let us know and we'll have it delivered to your beach of choice. In the meantime, we will work with Joni or you to deliver the chair to your office or home or wherever you'd like. Again, thank you so much for all you've done for all of us. The Alumni Association could not be more proud and thankful for your many, many contributions to NC State. So take good care of yourself, stay safe and as always, Go Pack!"

#### **5. Remarks**

*Randy Woodson, Chancellor*

Chancellor Woodson brought greetings to the Faculty Senate and congratulated Chair Kellner. "Congratulations Hans, and thank you for recognizing all the work that your colleagues and administration have done to try to keep us all together this year. I'm going to go through a few things, but as always, I am happy to answer any questions."

He continued, "The Fall class of 2021 is shaping up nicely for undergraduates. I just checked this morning, and we've already had 3,800 say yes. The deadline is May 1, and typically by this time last year we were at 3,400. So we're running ahead of where we were last year, so we are confident we're going to have a good, solid freshman class and come close to, and probably slightly exceed our 4,800 target. Transfer students promises to be around 1500 students. The freshman class has an average weighted GPA of 4.32, and average unweighted GPA of 3.88 and, as you all know, SAT and ACT was optional this year and we're hoping that that the Board will extend it, at the very least, one more year. Some of us believe that the tests should be optional going forward but I'm not going to make that bold statement in front of all of you. I do think this has been a challenging time for a lot of students applying to college, and just having access to the test has been unequally district distributed across our populations. So we are hopeful that we can have another year of pause from the requirement of the tests. We feel confident that, even in the absence of standardized tests, we've been able to secure and admit a very, very strong freshman class with outstanding credentials."

Chancellor Woodson added, "When I came here, I wanted to make sure we were investing in fellowship offices, both for faculty and students and that's paying dividends in terms of elevating our faculty and our students for national awards." He gave examples. "This year we have our third Churchill scholar. To put it in context Churchill scholar, there are only 17 nationally. It is a full ride scholarship for your master's degree at Cambridge or Oxford. It was established by Churchill himself when the Rhodes and the Marshall scholarships were established. Because there are so few of them, only a very few number of universities across the country are eligible to compete for the award. We worked really hard to get NC State on that

list. We got on the list in 2016, and since then we've had three. So I think they're glad they put us on the list because we've had some phenomenal students.”

Chancellor Woodson continued, “This year’s Churchill Scholar is Ana Sofia Uzsoy. She is a senior, majoring in computer science and physics, and is one of 17 recipients this year. She is going to be studying at Cambridge in the general area of artificial intelligence and machine learning. We also had two Goldwater Scholars this year, which is phenomenal. Jack Featherstone, a physics major, and Andrew Mistele, a mechanical engineering and aerospace major. You can only receive three, and so to receive two is a great thing for us. We also had a Marshall Scholar, which also goes to Cambridge. Colton Botta is headed to Oxford. While it’s not public yet, but it will be next week, we’ve been told that we are going to receive another Knight-Hennessy Scholar. That is a full-ride doctoral scholarship at Stanford. It’s only the third year that scholarship has been offered, and this will be our third Knight-Hennessy Scholar. I will not say the name, because that would be breach of etiquette, but that's wonderful for us.”

On the Faculty side, Chancellor Woodson shared news about a colleague from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. “Julia Rudolph was named to a Guggenheim Fellowship this year. Julia is a professor of history at NC State. The interesting thing; if you don't know the Guggenheim fellowship, if you go on and look at all those that received the honor, it's given out by various fields. While she's a professor of history, her expertise is in early British law. She is winning a Guggenheim Fellowship in law, which for a university without a law school, we are super excited. I think that's a great thing for Julia and certainly a great thing for NC State. Those of you who subscribe to the *New York Times*, there was a full page ad this past weekend listing all of the Fellows. This is great for NC State.”

Chancellor Woodson continued, “The Day of Giving was a phenomenal success. We raised \$58 million in support of students, faculty and programs at NC State. That has really gone a long way in reflecting the changing culture at NC State, where our Alumni and friends are working hard to support our efforts here. I’m proud this year, and frankly the last two days of giving, have really focused on two critical areas of the university; one, in support of students that don't have the financial means to attend a place like NC State, and the other is a lot of our efforts in areas of diversity, equity and inclusion that make sure that we’re doing everything we can to support our students and make this a welcoming campus.”

He added, “Plans for fall I think we've been through this a lot. We are working hard to be prepared for the full return of our students to campus housing. Our classroom experience will be largely similar to pre-pandemic. You can count on us to continue to have robust testing. I think that's the big difference for us this spring, so we're going to keep our testing facility open and operational and available for faculty, staff and students in the fall and for the summer, as well as well as our vaccine center. We will continue distributing vaccines, assuming we continue to get doses. I think we've already surpassed 5,000 vaccines distribute on campus alone. Our students are really excelling in their desire to get the vaccine, which bodes well for our future. I know many of you have asked, so I’ll try to avoid questions. You’ve asked about mandating vaccine for faculty, staff and students, and that’s not likely to happen. It would require a state law change. State law currently outlines the vaccines that are required of our students, and I just don’t think that’s likely to change, particularly given the fact that the vaccine has been approved as emergency use. Again, the good news is that it really is being broadly adopted by our communities, so I am hopeful that we will continue to have a lot in our community seeking the vaccine. We are going to keep the center open all summer. It is in Talley now; we may have to change locations depending on what's happening in Talley this summer, but we will continue to make it available and easy to register.”

Chancellor Woodson continued, “The Board of Trustees endorsed the Strategic Plan at their meeting last week, so there'll be more to follow on the metrics associated with implementation, and all the conversations around the first phase of implementation. You’ve heard the report from Hans on Commencement. Please do attend; it would make a big difference for us. Russell Wilson is coming back,

and our students are very excited about his return to campus. He is a graduate of the College of humanities and social sciences as a communications major during his time here, while playing football and baseball at NC State. He was a phenomenal student, and he will be returning for both Commencements. What's exciting for our students is he'll be bringing his R&B star wife, Ciara, with him, which is very exciting. So that is good news. Many of you probably know that Russell left NC State to play baseball and decided to come back and finish his football career at Wisconsin. But he didn't graduate from Wisconsin; he's an NC State graduate!"

Chancellor Woodson announced that there are two Honorary Doctorates, approved by the Honorary Doctorate Committee, the Provost and himself, as well as the Board of Trustees. "On Friday night will be Jeff Williams, the Chief Operating Officer for Apple, second in command at Apple, and mechanical engineer from NC State. For the local people here, he is a Sanderson High School graduate as well. If you wear an Apple watch, you can thank Jeff Williams and his team, because he's led the team historically that's focused on keeping Apple connected to health and fitness." He added, "The second honorary doctorate, CHASS graduate, Ashley Christensen, is the James Beard Chef of the year, two years ago, but is important for all of us in the Community. She is a major leader in Raleigh, particularly in social justice issue and in philanthropic issues for the Community. Ashley is a phenomenal person and a great representative of NC State. She will receive her honorary doctorate with the CHASS group on Saturday morning."

### **Questions and Discussion**

Andrey Kuznetsov: Is it correct that Bill 243 has now become the law?

Randy Woodson: No, it has not. It's been passed by the House and passed by the Senate, but it has to be reconciled, because both bodies had different language. So the two bodies had passed different versions, and so they have to come to an agreement, and then it has to go the Governor. It has not been signed into law yet.

Philip Sannes: I had a question from a faculty member from whom Hans and I heard earlier in the day. It relates to the fall calendar and classrooms situations. Has there been any thought or accommodation being planned for faculty members who might be at health risk for face-to-face and potential students who maybe are not vaccinated?

Randy Woodson: Remember vaccination goes both ways. So the best way for all of us to protect ourselves is for us to get vaccinated. Having said that, let me turn to the Provost because he and Katharine and others are closest to this issue.

Warwick Arden: So you know we do get this question quite a bit, and as the Chancellor said, the best way for folks to protect themselves is to be vaccinated and to wear a mask in class. We certainly cannot or won't be in a position to ensure that all students in the class will be vaccinated, although we certainly hope the majority will be. I have reached out to the department heads to ask them to work with faculty. Clearly, we will be considering requests from faculty who have health issues or caring for elderly parents or immunocompromised people at home. But it will be a departmental decision, at the end of the day. We have bent over backwards for the last couple of semesters to be lenient, if you will, and say if you don't feel comfortable in the classroom and you want to teach by distance okay. As we go into the fall, that's really not going to be the case. The case is going to be that departments and department heads will have a responsibility to mount an appropriate range of in-person classes, but we will take into account individual faculty requests. Now some people get confused that those faculty request go by the disability pathway. That is not the case. Or that it will go by extended leave for health pathway. That's probably not the case either. The institutional level will be at the department level, but exceptions will also be reviewed by the Dean and my own office. We are going to try to be sensitive to that, but I don't want to give the impression

that folks will simply be able to say, “I don’t want to be in the classroom because I’m just not comfortable being there. It's going to be different.

Randy Woodson: There's one question about face masks. Obviously, we don't know what the state of the virus is going to be in the fall, but I think you can likely assume that face masks are still going to be a big part of our protective policy going into the fall, particularly in indoor spaces. We will have to see where we are as a state. We haven't made that decision yet.

Warwick Arden: The Chancellor is exactly right; we haven’t locked that decision down, we haven’t decided what all of the guidelines are going to be in the fall because so much does depend on what community transmission rates are like come August. It is very likely that we will continue to have robust testing service, and as the Chancellor mentioned, we will continue to require face masks, at a minimum, indoors.

Robert Riehn: In regard to your review of process, when will you reassess whether it is safe to have everything come back in full? If there were a pullback then faculty would probably need to spend a considerable amount of time rejigging their courses to a remote delivery. So my question is what are your plans there? The second question is one of is how much of the housing capacity will you direct towards quarantine, because you obviously have rooms in reserve. What does this mean for your ability to live with some community transmission?

Warwick Arden: After what we've been through over the last year, I think it would be smart for all faculty members to be prepared to pivot to at least a hybrid if not online instruction, if necessary. We are hoping that will not be necessary; we are pretty determined to come back with a normal, if you will, distribution of in-person and an online. Going back a couple of years of normal distribution, it was in the high 80% face-to-face, maybe 12% online. We have always been a significant provider of online, especially for flexible access, so we expect that to continue. We want to be a little flexible there, but we want to try to get back to relatively normal distribution. If, for some reason, there is a major spike in the pandemic, then there may be a necessity to pivot to more heavily online for a period of time. It’s going to be very, very difficult to predict, and a lot will depend on what proportion of the population get vaccinated between now and August, quite frankly. So that’s going to be difficult to predict, although I would say all faculty should be prepared to go online if necessary, but we are really hoping that will not be necessary, and it’s not our intention for it to be the predominant form of instructional delivery. Can you repeat the other part of your question?

Randy Woodson: It was on quarantine. We are setting aside 100 rooms, as I recall.

Warwick Arden: This spring, we actually set aside 280 rooms and that proved way too much. We had put several things in place for the spring, so despite the fact that the peak of the pandemic was in the very early part of the spring, the early part of January, we actually have very low numbers on the campus. Out of those 280 rooms that were set aside in the spring, there were maybe 10 – 20 that were occupied at any point in time. So we feel pretty safe about scaling back on the number of quarantine rooms that are available, and we are going to return towards full occupancy in our residence halls, including dual occupancy as well. We believe we can do this safely and we believe with our vigorous testing program, with our community compliance program, with vigorous vaccinations that I’ll talk about a little bit more in a moment, we think we're going to be in pretty good shape by the fall. That doesn't mean you shouldn't be prepared and, as usual, we will be prepared.

Robert Riehn: And I have a follow up question with respect to a double occupancy. How would you handle the question or the request of a student to know whether their roommate is vaccinated?

Warwick Arden: I don't know that we are able to provide that information.

Robert Riehn: Because I would not want my child to lodge for somebody who's not vaccinated.

Warwick Arden: They would need to volunteer that information, but you know we can't keep a central registry of who's vaccinated and who's not because that violates the law, quite frankly. I would say, if you know your child's going off and there's double occupancy and you want to ask the other occupant if they're vaccinated or not, then you'll have the right to do so. If it turns out they're not vaccinated then work with housing and see if they can make accommodations. But we can't keep a mandatory central repository of student vaccination status. That's not legal - not one that's accessible to others.

Stacy Nelson: So I have a question for the Chancellor. As this country, with the world watching, struggles with racial reckoning and social justice, we also continue to ensure that this institution is committed to being a safe place in a welcoming environment as well. One outstanding issue has been the removing other word "Dixie" from the university's Alma mater. This is a word that has so many hurtful connotations for many of our diverse students, staff, faculty that are all a part of our community. This issue has been written about, reviewed by the Alumni Association Task Force and discussed in so many hallway and group conversations. This issue was also agreed upon by a past Faculty Senate resolution in 2016 for eliminating the use of "Dixie" in our alma mater. I was wondering if you'd be willing to give us an update on where we are with this.

Randy Woodson: If Benny is still on and he wants to weigh in he's free to do so as well. The Board of Trustees have been briefed on the legal issue around the alma mater, the copyright protection. The reality is that the copyright on the song, as it turns out, expires in early 2022. So that's good news, because then it's in the public domain and then there's no question that we have authority over decisions like that. So at this point the trustees have been briefed on the legal framework, the ownership of the copyright and the expiration of the copyright. They have not received a formal recommendation from the Alumni Association, at least in a formal way. I know that the Alumni Association, and Benny can speak more to it, have had conversations among the leadership groups. Benny will have to tell you how far into the membership that conversation has gone, but, the Board does understand that it's in the public domain, very soon, which changes a lot of things for us.

Benny Suggs: Thank you, Chancellor. I will be glad to comment and Stacey good to see you again, and congratulations on that recognition you received last week at faculty awards; no surprise, but very, very impressive. And what you did with the \$4,000 didn't surprise me a bit either. So thank you so much for all you do for NC State, and thank you for your question as well. You know, we've had several discussions. The Chancellor is right; Mr. Alvin Fountain wrote those lyrics in 1922. There's a lot of ways that you can interpret a lot of laws that have changed around trademark and copyright, subsequent to 1922. But the thinking today is that, after 100 years, it goes into the public domain. We answered the question a while back when it first came up, who owns the alma mater? Because we thought at one time it would belong, naturally, to the Alumni Association at that time - around 230,000 living alumni. But research with the Office of General Counsel showed that it actually belongs to the university because in 1973, Mr. Fountain gave the "use," and that's an important word, "use" of the alma mater lyrics to the University. So the copyright, from what we know, is in effect until next year. We have done some informal unscientific survey of our Board, of some of our network leaders, and our ambassadors as well. We have gotten mixed reviews on should it be eliminated or replaced with another word or a phrase, but everybody understands that it is an important issue for many members of our alumni and family and it's something that we should address when appropriate. It looks like 2022 will be a good time, since it will be in the public domain, to take a look at it and do it correctly and respect everybody's opinion. It's going to be an interesting situation for sure. While I'm addressing this, you might want to go back and take a look at what's happening with the University of Texas, and the Eyes of Texas alma mater. They wanted a panel to address all of that, and it came out with a recommendation, so you can Google it and you can find out what their decision was.

We will participate in any and all efforts to take a look at this situation and we understand the sensitivity and we are very, very respectful.

Andrey Kuznetsov: I have a question to the Provost concerning vaccination. I am now teaching an undergraduate class with 85 students and no TA. Now I start receiving massive emails from students that they have had adverse reactions to the vaccine and then they ask to postpone their exam or let them not take the exam. What should I do in this situation? It's really virtually impossible to manage the crowd of students if they don't play by the rules. But on the other hand, the possible adverse reactions to the vaccine could be hellacious. So I am not really sure how to handle that situation.

Warwick Arden: So Andrey, about a week or ten days ago, my office via Dr. Stewart, sent out an email to all faculty to address the situation. It was because Dr. Casani was being asked for doctors' notes, not a proof of vaccination, but doctor's notes for students who had a lot of sore arms or had side effects the following day. What I said at that time is that I expected faculty not to ask for doctors' notes, and in fact don't even ask for proof of vaccination. There gets to be a point we have to treat people like adults and we have to take somebody's word that they missed the class or I missed the exam because they were getting a vaccination, or they had an adverse reaction. I need to remind you all that the System policy and the State policy for employees of the university system is that you can take paid time, without any loss of salary or without a use of vacation time, both to get a vaccination and for up to two days of post-vaccination side effects. I would think we would extend the same grace to our students, quite frankly. So I don't know what proportion of your 85 students are saying that they are getting a vaccination or having a side effect, but I ask you to be gracious to students, treat them like adults, don't ask for proof of vaccination or proof of side effects and don't ask for doctor's notes. If it gets out of hand, let us know, but surely it's not more than a few students in your class at any one point in time.

Andrey Kuznetsov: That's correct that it is just a few students. The problem is that I don't have resources to handle this.

Warwick Arden: Well, I know you're an extraordinarily resourceful person.

Philip Sannes: A question from Senator Zagacki. He would like to know if there is any date set yet for naming the new Dean for CHASS.

Warwick Arden: Yes, that was in fact going to be one of my announcements. I will be naming the next Dean of Humanities and Social Sciences, this week. Look for an announcement in the next couple of days.

Randy Woodson: Well, you mentioned our dear colleague Chris Gunter, is jumping ship, I believe, is the phrase you used. Chris is on the line, I think. Chris is actually going to be the Head of probably one of the greatest Horticultural Sciences departments in the country, other than ours, at the University of Florida. So congratulations to Chris. I think it's all because I was his undergraduate advisor in the horticulture science curriculum at Purdue University so many years ago.

Chris Gunter: You laid a good foundation, Randy, a good foundation.

Hans Kellner: Thank you for that; that's good to know. I've always been impressed with the distinction of the Senators and former Senators.

## **6. Provost's Remarks and Q/A**

*Warwick Arden, Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost*



Provost Arden brought greetings to the Senate and picked up on the Chancellor's comments regarding vaccination. "We have administered over 5,000 shots already, through our vaccination clinic. We are currently administering Moderna and Pfizer. As you know, they temporarily suspended Johnson & Johnson. If you have not yet been vaccinated, the state of North Carolina is opened up to all adults; all are eligible. So if you have not been vaccinated and you want to get vaccinated, please go online to [go.ncsu.edu/vaccine](http://go.ncsu.edu/vaccine) to pre-register and make your appointment. Dr. Casani and her team will look forward to jabbing you with something over the next several weeks. We are getting back to that question that was raised about vaccination status. We can't compel anybody to disclose their vaccination status because we certainly can't have a central registry accessible by anybody else. I can't look up Phil Sannes' or Hans Kellner's vaccination status, but we do ask you to share voluntarily your vaccination status, because a lot of folks are getting vaccinated, not through our vaccination clinic, but off campus. I would say the majority of folks are receiving the vaccine off campus. It will help us plan for the ongoing needs of campus, including vaccine availability, testing and so forth, if we have somewhat of a repository. So to do that, to voluntarily share your vaccine status, go to [go.ncsu.edu/vaccine-status](http://go.ncsu.edu/vaccine-status) and register that."

He continued, "As the Chancellor mentioned, we will be keeping our Community standards in place certainly during the summer. We hope that you will continue to keep a distance, wash your hands, stay home when you're sick, and almost certainly will be masking at least indoors in the fall. If you want to look at where we are in terms of our numbers, and despite a prevalence our numbers have been extraordinarily low on campus and even surrounding campus during this semester, go to our external dashboard which is [NCSU.edu/coronavirus/testing-and-tracking](http://NCSU.edu/coronavirus/testing-and-tracking).

Provost Arden added, "I wanted to bring to your attention that we are launching a new teaching award. As you're aware the Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching, which is the premier recognition, is only open to tenure track faculty. We have a lot of extraordinary professional track faculty on this campus that contribute significantly to our instructional mission and do fantastic job. So we are establishing an equivalent of that, internal to the university, called the Provost Award for Excellence in Teaching. We will be getting nominations from all of our colleges, and University College. We will ask for nominations by August of 2021, and the recipient of the award will get a cash prize of \$12,500. Each college nominee will receive an award of \$650. This is created as an exact parallel to the Board of Governors Award for Excellence in Teaching and is recognizing our extraordinary professional faculty."

Regarding spring commencement, Provost Arden reminded the Senators that there are two events; Friday May 14 at 7:00 pm, and Saturday May 15 at 9:00 am. "The Friday event is for the Colleges of Agriculture & Life Sciences, Engineering, Sciences, Textiles, Vet Medicine, and the Institute for Advanced Analytics. The Saturday morning event is for Design, Education, Humanities & Social Sciences, the Poole College of Management and the College of Natural Resources. So please do make your way to those events. I hear from Dr. Hunt that they are going to be spectacular events. We've got Russell Wilson as a commencement speaker, and I think it's going to be great. A few leadership announcements; as I just mentioned, we will be announcing the next Dean of the College of Humanities and Social Sciences this week. I want to thank Dr. Mark Hoversten for chairing that search. Our search for the Louis Hunt replacement, if there is such a thing, our Senior Vice Provost for Enrollment Management Services, is well underway with our second candidate virtually on campus today and tomorrow and our last candidate April 22 and 23."

He added, "You probably have seen my announcement of the interim director of the Shelton Leadership Center. Barbara Mulkey will be retiring and stepping down on May 1, and Dr. Debbie Acker, who is currently the senior associate director, will step into the role of interim director, effective May 1. Also look for an announcement later this week. I have informed you that Dr. Tom Miller, after many years of leading DELTA, as part of his portfolio, is stepping back to focus on entrepreneurship. I will be making an announcement about the next interim vice provost for distance education. Lastly, as the Chancellor mentioned, our Strategic Plan was unanimously endorsed by the Board of Trustees last week, so we are

now going to move ahead with planning the first of our three-year implementation plans, defining metrics and goals. This is a process that will take several months, and I expect to extend well into the Fall. It is really an important process. We do strategic planning a little differently from some places. We have an overarching strategic plan that defines our vision, our values, our overarching goals, and gives a clear narrative about what we value and why, and what our priorities are going to be. Then we do rolling three-year implementation plans, which really detail exactly who is going to do what, when and to whom, with what resources. Dr. Overton, our senior vice provost for Institutional Strategy and Analysis, and a former Chair of this body, is my partner on developing these implementation plans. We look forward to sharing that discussion with you in the coming semester. With that, back to you, Hans, and once again my thanks and congratulations. You've been an exceptional partner, and I appreciate it.”

## **7. Faculty Senate Elections**

- a. Introduction of newly-elected Senators
- b. Presentation of candidates for the Council on Athletics Representatives
- c. Election of the Council on Athletics

### **New Senator Introductions:**

Kimberly Ange-van Heugten, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Keith Edmisten, College of Agriculture & Life Sciences

Tania Allen, College of Design

Roger Narayan, College of Engineering

Matt Stallmann, College of Engineering

David Auerbach, College of Humanities & Social Sciences

Tamah Morant, Poole College of Management

Walt Robinson, College of Sciences

Chris DePerno, College of Natural Resources

Marko Hakovirta, College of Natural Resources

Helmut Hergeth, Wilson College of Textiles

Laura Blessing, General Constituency

### **Council on Athletics Elections**

Chair Kellner congratulated candidates Kimberly Bush and Cathy Crossland on their election to the Council on Athletics during this Faculty Senate meeting.

## **8. Committee Reports**

The committee reports can be found on the Faculty Senate website. <https://facultysenate.ncsu.edu/>

## **9. Old and New Business**

- a. *Resolution of Commendation for Dr. Louis Hunt*
- b. *Associate Chair of the Faculty*

The resolution for Dr. Louis Hunt unanimously passed and is below.

### **Resolution of Commendation for Dr. Louis Hunt**

WHEREAS, Dr. Louis Hunt is retiring after thirty-eight years of service as leader of Enrollment Management and Services at NC State University, and

WHEREAS, He has dramatically improved student retention and graduation in a context not conducive to such success, and

WHEREAS, He has developed numerous innovative programs such as Summer Start, the Community College Collaboration, intra-campus transfers, Goodnight Scholars, and many, many others, and

WHEREAS, He has been a leader among his fellow registrars and admission officers, and

WHEREAS, He has been an active member of the faculty, teaching graduate courses in research methods, and

WHEREAS, He, as a three-degree alumnus of NC State University, is especially of, by, and for the NC State community of faculty, staff, students, and alumni(ae), it is hereby

RESOLVED The Faculty Senate of NC State University extends its gratitude and admiration to Dr. Louis Hunt for his innovative and responsible leadership of enrollment and for the true friendship he has provided the faculty.

*Unanimously adopted, April 20, 2021*

### **Associate Chair of the Faculty**

Chair Kellner announced that Maria Collins will be the Associate Chair of the Faculty, serving with Dr. RaJade Berry-James.

### **Chair-Elect Berry James Presentation**

Dr. Berry-James made a special presentation to outgoing Chair of the Faculty, Hans Kellner.

“Hans, in your honor, a small grove of trees will be planted in the Pisgah National Forest, a national forest in the Appalachian mountains of western North Carolina. The planting of the small grove is our gift to honor your leadership as Chair of the Faculty. Because of you, faculty engagement is firmly rooted in shared governance and strategic partnerships at NC State. Today, I hope you find honor in the words of this African proverb;

*“The world is not ours, the Earth is not ours; it is a treasure we hold in trust for future generations.”*

She added, “I often hope we will be worthy of that trust. Thank you, Hans, for your leadership, for your wisdom and for your grace. With warmest regards from me and from Phil and from all of us at the Faculty Senate.”

Dr. Berry-James continued, "And as tradition would have it, there is sort of a thing that is often shared from the chair-elect to the outgoing chair. This gavel has been properly detailed, thanks to Joni, who we can't do anything without and we love all of her contributions to the Faculty Senate. The gavel says, "Hans D. Kellner, Chair of the Faculty, 2019-2021."

She added, "I know that it's been an awkward year. We've been sort of adorned with masks and held up in our back rooms and our home offices. But I want you to know that I came in just for you today and I'm going to personally hand you this gavel."

Dr. Kellner responded that now he will pass to Dr. Berry-James the Faculty Senate gavel, which she will be wielding at her first meeting in August.

Dr. Kellner thanked everyone and declared the end of the 67<sup>th</sup> session of the North Carolina State University Faculty Senate.

## **10. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.