

## Summary of UNC Board of Governors December 2015 Meeting

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RALEIGH, (SGRToday.com) - The University of North Carolina has posted a summary of actions taken by the Board of Governors at its December 2015 meeting.

The summary is below and can be found online at [northcarolina.edu](http://northcarolina.edu).

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### Bissette Chair of the UNC Board of Governors

Asheville attorney W. Louis Bissette, Jr., a partner and former president of the McGuire, Wood & Bissette law firm, was elected chair of the UNC Board of Governors. Bissette, who has served as vice chair since July 2014, will lead the board through June 30, 2016, completing the unexpired two-year term of former Chair John Fennebresque of Charlotte, who resigned his board seat in October.

### Gonzales to Serve as Interim President of the University of North Carolina

Junius J. Gonzales, senior vice president for academic affairs, will become the University's interim president, effective January 4, 2016. Gonzales, who was elected to the temporary post by the UNC Board of Governors, will succeed outgoing President Tom Ross and lead the UNC system until the March 1, 2016, arrival of President-elect Margaret Spellings.

### Resolution honoring President Thomas W. Ross

During the full board meeting, a resolution was presented honoring Thomas W. Ross' service to the UNC System and to the people of North Carolina.

### UNC-Chapel Hill Announces New Degree Pathway Program for Military Population

During the Special Committee on Military Affairs, UNC-Chapel Hill announced plans to expand the UNC CORE general education program—tailored for military-affiliated students—to include an undergraduate general education certificate. Targeted to launch in the fall 2016 semester, the certificate is the first of its kind in North Carolina.

[Learn more about UNC CORE's Pathway Program](#)

### State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

The Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs discussed State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), a voluntary reciprocity process among states whereby each member state agrees to verify certain conditions for participating higher education institutions domiciled within that state. The Board could decide to adopt SARA standards and conditions as sufficient to grant qualifying out-of-state institutions an exemption for their online and distance education post-secondary degree activity in NC, while maintaining its licensing authority over post-secondary degree activity and over institutions that do not agree to adhere to the SARA standards. The committee agreed to continue the conversation in January and could choose to make a decision at that time if appropriate.

### OSBM Report on UNC Academic Degree Program Productivity Review

The Office of State Budget and Management conducted a review of the UNC Academic Degree Program Productivity Review Process and presented a report for information only. The study was intended to evaluate the effectiveness of the Academic Degree Program Productivity review and determine the success rate of the recommended changes from the review. The study found, after review of several other states' processes/thresholds, that UNC's review process is meeting the purpose of "balancing academic programs and improving productivity

### Faculty Teaching Workload Report

UNC institutions are required by BOG policy to report annually faculty-teaching workloads by number of sections and student credit hours taught. By using the methodology prescribed by the Delaware National Study of Costs & Productivity, UNC campuses are able to benchmark performance in relation to other institutions within their Carnegie Classification. The report, presented for information only to the Educational Planning, Policies and Programs Committee, showed that all campuses were above the Board of Governors' minimum teaching loads for fall 2014. In three of the four Carnegie classification sectors, UNC system faculty teach more class sections than their Carnegie peers.

### UNC Intercollegiate Athletics Report

During the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs, the UNC Intercollegiate Athletics Report was presented for information only. The report includes the academic profile of freshmen student-athletes, majors of student-athletes, various academic success indicators, and campuses with programs receiving awards or sanctions due to academic performance, information regarding non-academic violations of NCAA bylaws, and academic and financial regulations. Overall, student athletes are performing well academically based on 2014-15 NCAA and UNC academic metrics.

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### President's Report on Research and Sponsored Programs

Presented to members of the Educational Planning, Policies and Programs for information only, the report highlights data on research and sponsored programs from the most recent complete fiscal year. In total, UNC institutions reported \$1,384,276,761 in new awards in FY15. When adjusted to take into account the \$26.5 million in sub awards made between UNC institutions, the FY15 total was \$1,357,826,288—a new system record. This represents a a 34% increase over FY05.

### UNC Degree Program Proposal

Appalachian State University received authorization to establish the Master of Health Administration degree program.

### North Carolina A&T State University Traditional BSN Program

The Committee on Educational Planning, Policies and Programs received an update on Traditional BSN Program and NCLEX passage rates. NC A&T reported that its May 2015 graduates recorded an 89.3% pass rate, exceeding the required BOG threshold of 85%.. These students had benefited from changes in curriculum, faculty, admission requirements, and policies. In light of these improvements, the full board later voted to lift the April 2014 suspension of admission of students to the NC A&T School of Nursing's traditional BSN entry option.