Dr. Kelli Brown Named Chancellor at WCU

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors elected Dr. Kelli R. Brown as the new chancellor of Western Carolina University.

“On behalf of the Board of Governors, I am thrilled to announce the selection of Dr. Kelli R. Brown to lead WCU into the future,” UNC Board of Governors Chair Harry L. Smith, Jr. said. “Western Carolina
has seen tremendous growth, particularly now as an NC Promise institution. Now, under Dr. Brown’s leadership, it is poised to see even greater success.”

She was selected by UNC System Interim President Bill Roper for approval by the Board of Governors from among three final candidates for the position. These finalists were chosen by a 21-person search committee made up of members from the WCU Board of Trustees along with various stakeholders from WCU, the community, and the region.

Brown will assume her new duties on July 1, 2019.

**Dan Gerlach Appointed Interim Chancellor of ECU**

University of North Carolina System Interim President Bill Roper has named Dan Gerlach to serve as interim chancellor of East Carolina University. The appointment will go into effect on May 6, 2019.

Since October 2008, Gerlach has served as president of the Golden LEAF Foundation. Gerlach previously served as a legislative budget analyst, nonprofit policy director and senior advisor to the governor. He has served on over a dozen commissions on budget, tax, agriculture and economic development at the state and national level. He is currently on the boards of the MyFutureNC Commission and the NC Early Childhood Foundation. He was named to the UNC System Presidential transition committee for Dr. Roper earlier this year.

**UNC Asheville Installs Chancellor Nancy J. Cable**

UNC Asheville installed Chancellor Nancy J. Cable, as the eighth permanent chancellor of the university on Friday, April 26. The university celebrated the occasion with 11 welcoming events, held April 23-26, that included a series of roundtable talks, a community stargaze at its Lookout Observatory, and an afternoon concert.

Want to learn more? Click on the links below:
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University Advancement Rolls Out Donor-Advised Fund Program

The UNC System has partnered with TIAA Charitable to provide alumni and friends with a leading-edge donor-advised fund program, which each participating institution can use to enhance its overall philanthropy.

“Our donors are interested in donor-advised funds to help them fulfill their philanthropic goals,” said Timothy A. Minor, vice president for University Advancement for the UNC System. “This System-wide offering provides access that allows each of our 17 individual institutions to offer its own version of the donor-advised fund. Each university has unique needs, and this is one more way to enhance giving opportunities for our supporters.”

A donor-advised fund works like a personal fund dedicated to charitable giving. Instead of writing multiple checks to individual charities, donors put everything into one simple giving fund and can decide now, or later, on the charities they want to support.

Currently, four UNC System universities are participating in this initiative: East Carolina University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, North Carolina State University, and University of North Carolina at Pembroke. The fund program is open to all of the UNC System institutions.

WELCOME ABOARD!

We welcome our new colleagues to the University of North Carolina System:

Laura Bilbro-Berry, Director of Community College Partnerships, Academic Affairs, UNC System

Xuan-Lise Coulombe-Quach, Business Intelligence Analyst, Data & Analytics, UNC System

Eric Ellis, Associate Vice President and CTO, Information Technology, UNC System

Trivia Johnson, Payroll and Leave Administrator, Human Resources, UNC System

Kevin Lanning, Chief Information Security Officer, Information Technology, UNC System

Jelan Seward, Business Intelligence Analyst, Data & Analytics, UNC System

Dawn Spinozza, Employee Relations and Equal Opportunity Consultant, Human Resources, UNC System

Jay Fitzgerald, Executive Director, NC State Approving Agency

A LOOK AHEAD

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Board of Governors Names 2019 Awards for Excellence in Teaching Recipients

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors has selected 17 outstanding University faculty members to receive the 2019 Awards for Excellence in Teaching.

The recipients, who represent all 16 of North Carolina’s public universities and the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. This year marked the 25th anniversary of the prestigious award.

“We take great pride in honoring these recipients. They all bring a high standard of excellence in the classroom through creative teaching methods that impact our students,” said UNC Board of Governors Chair Harry Smith.

Each of the winners will receive a commemorative bronze medallion and a $12,500 cash prize. Awards will be presented by a Board of Governors member during each institution’s spring graduation ceremony.

To read more about the recipients, click here.

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May 8 TIAA Financial One-on-One, CSLD, Conference Room A (register for an appointment)

May 8 State Employees Appreciation Day, Annual Open House, NC Executive Mansion, 5-6:30 p.m.

May 15-17 2019 UNC System Advancement Symposium, ECU, Greenville

May 15 Math Pathways Advising Convening, N.C. A&T State University, Greensboro

May 18 NC Governor’s HBCU Internship Orientation, Livingston College

May 20 Marian Drane Graham Scholars Orientation, Spangler Building

May 30-31 UNC System Safety and Security Conference, UNC Asheville

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS Regular Meetings

MAY 20-22
Full Board meeting at CSLD

SEPTEMBER 19-20
Full Board meeting at CSLD

OCTOBER 17-18
Commission Selects 133 New NC Teaching Fellows

The North Carolina Teaching Fellows Commission has selected 133 individuals for the 2019 class of North Carolina Teaching Fellows. The Commission received over 200 applications. The commission used GPA, standardized test scores, leadership and experience, and written essays to narrow this pool of applicants. The commission conducted in-person interviews with each finalist.

Those named as Fellows may attend any of five partner institutions: The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, North Carolina State University, Elon University or Meredith College.

View the 2019 Teaching Fellows here.

Full Board meeting at CSLD

NOVEMBER 14-15

Full Board Meeting at Elizabeth City State University

DECEMBER 13

Full Board meeting at CSLD

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Check Out the LinkedIn Learning Site on MyApps

The online training service Lynda.com on MyApps is now officially known as LinkedIn Learning.

LinkedIn Learning offers even more of the high-quality professional development content provided through Lynda.com, but with a more personalized experience.

If you have a LinkedIn account, you can link your account to the learning platform, which will provide recommendations and programs tailored to your skills.
Herron Enlists Support from Lawmakers for TAPS Act

UNC System Associate Vice President of Campus Safety and Emergency Operations, Brent Herron, along with SBI Director Robert Schurmeier, SBI General Counsel Angel Gray, and UNC System Vice President for Federal Relations Elizabeth Morra, recently visited the NC delegation offices in Washington, DC, to enlist support for the Threat Assessment, Prevention and Safety (TAPS) Act.

The group also met with the bill’s original sponsor, Rep. Brian Babin (R-TX). North Carolina has the first statewide behavioral threat assessment program, which could serve as a model for the nation under the TAPS Act. The program helps law enforcement agencies identify, investigate, assess and mitigate cases involving at-risk individuals who have the potential to carry out targeted attacks on their communities.
Finance Conference Draws Nearly 400 Participants

The UNC System hosted the 2019 Finance Conference, Challenge the Future, at East Carolina University on March 28-29. Three hundred and eight-five colleagues from across the UNC System gathered to receive training, learn best practices, and network. Attendees had nearly 50 sessions to choose from, including updates from the Office of the State Controller, Office of the State Auditor, and Office of State Budget and Management as well as a wide range of presentations from many of the institutions’ Finance and Information Technology staff. UNC System staff provided three updates in the areas of Information Technology, Finance Data Mart, and The Monetary and Resource Implications of Free Expression within the University. Next year’s conference will be hosted by N.C. A&T and UNC Greensboro and will be held March 31-April 1, 2020.

The Office of Compliance and Audit Services hosted an Enterprise Risk Management Retreat on April 15, at the CSLD. Campus professionals from across the UNC System with enterprise risk management responsibilities met to receive training, network, and have collaborative discussions.

MEET THE 2019 ASG STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to Adam Schmidt, of NC State University, and Raekwon Davis, of NC Central University, the newly elected Association of Student Governments President and Senior Vice President. Adam will be sworn in as a member of the Board of Governors at the May BOG meeting.

Established in 1971, The ASG is a student-led organization committed to advocating for all 230,000+ students within the UNC System. With delegates selected from each of the seventeen UNC System institutions, UNCASG addresses issues like access and affordability, campus safety, and student voter participation.

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UNC Faculty Assembly Elects New Executive Committee

The Faculty Assembly of the UNC System elected its new Executive Committee for the 2019-20 academic year.

David A. Green, J.D., Professor of Law, North Carolina Central University, the current chair will continue his term through June 2020.

The newly elected members are:

- Chair-Elect, Timothy J. Ives, Pharm.D., M.P.H., Professor, UNC-Chapel Hill
- Vice-Chair, Kimberly Cogdell Grainger, J.D., M.P.H., Professor of Law, NC Central University
- Secretary, Anthony S. Chow, Ph.D., MS, Associate Professor, Faculty Senate Chair, UNC Greensboro
- Parliamentarian, Alton Banks, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, NC State University
- Historically Minority Institutions Caucus Chair, Cherry Beasley, Ph.D., Professor, UNC Pembroke
- Representative, Five-Delegate Caucus (ECU, NCSU, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte), Sandra
L. Dika, Ph.D., Associate Professor, UNC Charlotte

- Representative, Four-Delegate Caucus (Appalachian State, NC A&T, UNCG, UNCW), Barbara Howard, Ed.D., Professor, Appalachian State University
- Representative, Three-Delegate Caucus (Fayetteville State University, NCCU, UNCP, WCU, WSSU), Kimberly Tran, Ph.D., Associate Professor and Licensed Psychologist, Fayetteville State University
- Representative, Two-Delegate Caucus (ECSU, NCSSM, UNCA, UNCSA), Cheryl Gann, MS, Instructor of Mathematics, Faculty Senate President, NC School of Science and Mathematics
- At-Large Member, Jeff Popke, Ph.D., Professor, Faculty Senate Chair, East Carolina University
- At-Large Member: W. Russell Robinson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Faculty Senate Chair, NC Central University

Established in 1972, the Assembly serves the UNC System President, the UNC System Office, the Board of Governors, the NC General Assembly, and campus faculty and administrative bodies as a faculty advisory body on System-wide issues.
The UNC System Office and North Carolina Community College System held a military credit workshop in April. Academic Affairs shared a newly developed database designed to award military training for academic credit and participants received training on using the new system to award credit. There were over 60 faculty members, representing 11 UNC System institutions and 15 NC community colleges.

During the workshop, 3,864 credits were recommended, which is a 381% increase over the 1,000 credits that were recommended during the past three years at the faculty evaluation workshops.
Team Spotlight: Strategy and Policy

The Strategy and Policy division is charged with furthering the UNC System’s long-term strategic goals through the development of policies and initiatives that promote access, affordability, and student success. The team works with the President, the Board of Governors, and institutional leaders in four core areas:

- performance measurement and public accountability;
- policy analysis, development, and implementation;
- student success research and development; and
- initiatives to improve the Pre-K to 12 education pipeline.

The division serves as a primary source of higher-education policy expertise to the president and the Board of Governors’ Committee on Strategic Initiatives and is responsible for tracking and assessing state and national trends that may impact the UNC System. They are also charged with identifying new initiatives to support system strategies. Currently, the division oversees the University’s role in Pre-K to 12 education, as well as the federal GEAR UP college access program.

Meet the Team -
Andrew Kelly, Ph.D. serves as the senior vice president for Strategy and Policy. In addition to serving as a higher-education policy expert to the President and the Board of Governors, he is tasked with developing a robust performance measurement system and proactively identifying new initiatives to promote System goals. Prior to joining the System, Kelly was a resident scholar in education policy studies and the founding director of the Center on Higher Education Reform at the American Enterprise Institute. In his roles, Dr. Kelly conducted research on college affordability, innovation in higher education, and federal and state policy.

Shun Robertson serves as the assistant vice president for policy development and analysis, researching key higher education issues to advance the System’s strategic goals. Prior to joining the UNC System Office, Robertson was a program director at MDC and Jobs for the Future, providing senior-level policy and research support to education and community-based projects. She also served as a policy analyst for the South Carolina Technical College System.

Elizabeth Reilley serves as the director of data analysis and policy research. In this role, she analyzes and summarizes data and researches issues in higher education in support of the UNC System’s Strategic Plan and other relevant policy initiatives. Prior to joining the division, Reilley worked in data warehousing in Information Technology at the UNC System, helping to implement technology solutions that are related to data and reporting needs.

Tonya Walton serves as the access and success initiatives manager. She aids in the implementation of grant-funded initiatives that support the UNC System’s strategic plan, including the new Student Success and Innovation Lab. Prior to joining the System, Walton fostered innovation efforts, including the creation of a city-wide training academy for strategic planning and performance analytics, as a budget and management analyst with the city of Raleigh. In a similar role within Orange County Government (NC), she coordinated the grant administration and assessment process for over 40 nonprofit agencies.

Callie Uffman is the data and policy analyst in the Division of Strategy and Policy. She works on a variety of special projects to support the Board of Governors Committee on Strategic Initiatives and UNC System leadership. Prior to her role in the System Office, Callie was internal evaluator of the NSF ADVANCE program at the University of Virginia. She has experience conducting research for K-12 and higher education institutions at a market research firm in Washington, DC.

Sherri Cloyd is the executive assistant for the senior vice president for Strategy and Policy. Cloyd manages the team’s business operations needs, including finance and budgeting and contracts. She is the primary liaison between the division and UNC System operational units such as human resources, finance, and information technology. Prior to her role at the System, Cloud held an executive assistant position at UNC-Chapel Hill in the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.
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