

Board of Trustees
External Affairs Committee – Minutes
February 6, 2025, 1:20 p.m.
Burney Center, Ballroom C

The External Affairs committee met on Thursday, February 6 at 1:20 p.m. Committee members in attendance included: Hugh Caison, Aldona Woś, Skyler Stein, and Kevin Sills.

Committee members Steve Griffin and Malcomb Coley were not in attendance. Committee staff present included Eddie Stuart, Lindsay LeRoy, and Andrea Weaver. Committee staff members Bill Kawczynski, Marion Warren, and Mike Oblinger were not present.

The meeting was called to order, and the required statement of ethics was read. No conflicts were identified. Acting Chairman Caison called on Madison Frye, Executive Assistant to the Vice Chancellor, to call the roll. A quorum was reached. Acting Chairman Caison called for a motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting; a motion was made by Trustee Sills and seconded by Trustee Woś. The minutes from the last committee meeting were approved.

With no questions regarding the unit reports brought forward, Acting Chairman Caison called on Eddie Stuart, Vice Chancellor for University Advancement; Jack Watson, Dean of the College of Health and Human Services; Chris Lantz, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, College of Health and Human Services; Dan Winslow, President & CEO of the New Hanover Community Endowment; and Natalie English, President & CEO of the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, to present on the Healthcare Career Partnership between Cape Fear Community College, the New Hanover Community Endowment, the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, UNCW, and New Hanover County Schools. This partnership will address the nursing workforce shortage by recruiting a workforce that reflects the community served; training competent, well-prepared professionals to meet demand; and retaining graduates to live and work in our community.

Acting Chairman Caison called on Colleen O'Neil, Director of Alumni Engagement Programming, to provide a Homecoming update. Director O'Neil gave an overview of activities happening February 13-16, including the Seahawk Sun Run 5K and 1-mile race, Champagne and AAGA Brunches, and Homecoming TEALgate. To register for events, visit alumni.uncw.edu/homecoming-2025.

Acting Chairman Caison opened the floor for old business or new business to report; none was brought forward. Hearing no objections, Acting Chairman Caison adjourned the meeting at 2:19 p.m.