



Board Of Directors Meeting

April 22, 2022

CSI Campus, Room 210B, Virtual via Zoom

Attendees:

CSI Board Members Present: (In person) Mr. Rolf Blizzard (chair), Mr. Mark Garner, Mr. Steve Keen, Mr. S.Paul O'Neal. Mike Kelly. (Online) Dr. Jack Bagwell, Dr. Kirk Havens and Mr. Jim Rispoli

CSI Board Ex-Officio Members Present: (In person) Dr. Reide Corbett, Dr. Michael Van Scott, (Online) Ms. Norma Houston and Dr. Harvey Seim

CSI Staff Present: Ms. Nancy Rundhammer, Ms. Katy Wilson, Ms. Alex Nolte and Mr. George Bonner

Guest: Mr. Bill Bagnell, Assoc. Vice Chancellor of Operations, ECU and Captain Keith Wheeler, USN, Retired, Executive Director of the Office of National Security and Industry Initiatives, Division of Research, Economic Development and Engagement

Convene: Mr. Rolf Blizzard, Chair, welcomed all to the meeting and motion to approve agenda, motion approved and seconded. Minutes from November 12, 2021, meeting were requested and approved.

Mr. Blizzard invited Ms. Norma Houston (UNC) to begin with updates from CSI Partners.

Ms. Norma Houston (UNC System Office):

All campuses have returned to pre-covid operations.

Over the past four years voluntary turnover rates have been comparative or slightly less than national average with other institutions across the country. Prior to June 2021 UNC System average faculty turnover rate was at 5%. Staff turnover rate has averaged 10.6%. In June 2021 the voluntary rate increased and has continued to remain high. Numbers are being tracked on month-to-month basis. January 2022 this year compared to the proceeding four years which averaged 346 employees staff members, Jan 2022 number was 580 employees.

ECU Health has unveiled its new logo which represents the formal launch of the new partnership between ECU and Vidant Health.

Dr. Harvey Seim (UNC Chapel Hill): UNC is experiencing an increase of turnover at senior administrative levels. UNC has a new provost, Chris Clemmons. A New Interim Vice Chancellor for research, Penny Gordon-Laweson.

Dr. Michael Van Scott (Ecu): Dr. Michael Van Scott is retiring from his position as Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for Research and this will be final board meeting with CSI.

Mr. S.Paul Oneal (CSI Housing Committee): No viable long term housing solution. The 1/20/22 meeting concluded that a long-term plan needs to be looking at the dorms on campus with the original CSI plan. For short term solutions we should continue to use the contracts and all available options we have that are available.

Mr. Bill Bagnell (ECU Associate Vice Chancellor of Operations): ECU Master Plan. During the ECU master plan update CSI was included. The main goal is to create a socially and economically sustainable environmental suitable campus. Several things not accomplished within the first 32million dollar plan were Housing on site, auditorium, boat shed and kayak launch. What was identified in the master plan update was a need for boat storage, which has been designed and is out for bid. Housing for short term residents (which is not the type of housing for long term faculty or students) A new academic building/partnership opportunity building and a 100-seat lecture hall.

Millennial campus designation: In 2018 additional property was proposed to the original 325 acres which included CSI property at 199.9 acres that was granted. We now have additional millennial designation for CSI, which is an overlay on the existing campus. This allows for public and private partnerships, if they are beneficial and contribute to ECU's mission of research, engagement and economic development for the region. Housing is an auxiliary enterprise and if there is a request to have ECU housing develop resident halls on the campus it would need to have a business plan that can financially stand on its own. Since the Coastal Studies Institute was built with tax-exempt bonds, decided that there was space within in building to do private/public partnership that is related to research the private use is very limited due to requirements of the bond sale. Out of the 199 acres on the property only 39 are developable.

Dr. Reide Corbet (Coastal Studies Institute):

CSI had 12 Outer Banks Field site students this fall.

CSI welcomed another 12 ECU students on campus this spring as part of the undergraduate Semester at the Coast Program. Over half of those students are participating in internships for research hours at CSI.

Last year there was no on sight programing for K-12 due to Covid. By the end of spring almost 1,300 students will be on campus.

NCROEP Renewable energy challenge will be taking place the last week of April-15 teams participating and 5 high school interns.

CSI Will hosts 8 different summer camps this year which are at full capacity. 104 students total in age 10-15 mostly in the range of 10-13.

On June Fourth CSI will be hosting their first open house in over a year.

Science on the sound will resume September 2022.

Over the past five years CSI has been working with the US Fish and Wildlife Service on Pea Island evaluating how beach nourishment may impact the ecology of the beach. Based on a report CSI put out the National Park Services wants CSI to start monitoring the beach nourishment taking place in Buxton and Avon areas. This work will continue through some funding from Dare County.

Mr. George Bonner (NCROEP):

Waves to Water-The final “Drinking” stage of Waves to water has recently taken place with 3.5million dollars in prize money. Waves to Water had great sponsorships including Town of Nags Head, Outer Banks Women’s Club and Dominion Energy. All devices produced drinking water. Some devices will move on to further testing and further off Jennette’s Pier.

Dr. Reide Corbett- Financials:

CSI is expecting a budget cut for next fiscal year of 2% which will be close to a 90k. This cut is across the entire organization. A state position has been cut to offset the budget cut and has been funded fully through research and external dollars.

CSI has had one vacating position, Tina Burrus with Environmental technician as our custodian. Position should be filled soon as an offer has been sent out.

CSI has welcomed Eric wade, our new Social Scientist and assistant professor with the Department of Coastal Studies who is will be at CSI full time.

The Department Chair for the Dept of Coastal Studies presented an offer and has been accepted from Stuart Hamilton and he will start August 15th.

Just after the New Year CSI lost one of our PHD students, Anja Sjostrom in a tragic camping accident. Since then, a scholarship and memorial fund has been set up in her memory. In six short weeks over \$16,000 has been raised and will be distributed in her honor.

This year, after some Pirate Nation Gives donations, CSI has raised over \$33,000 in advancement funds.

Overhead funds will be used for the boat shed. CSI is currently taking bids for the outdoor boat shed which will be used to protect our resources from the elements. The boat shed will be roughly 60ft x 100ft.

CSI has gone from around 1million dollars in active grants to about 5million dollars in active grants this year.

CSI has seen a significant in research over the past several years. This year CSI will see 11million dollars in new research dollars. This growth is due to an increased number of faculty. Faculty has increased from 3 to 10.

CSI does currently have a 12month lease with Friends of Elizabeth. Looking at projections it is anticipated that CSI will come out even or a little positive on the \$145,800 annual lease. A public RFP will be put out in late May to the community of the Outer Banks who can provide housing for ECU based on rules and regulations starting January 1, 2023.

Meeting Adjourned 3:45PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Katy Wilson