IN THE STUDENT CONGRESS
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE STUDENT CONGRESS
PRIORITIES FOR THE NEW CHANCELLOR SELECTION COMMITTEE

29 SEP 2012 INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER COMPARATO
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WHEREAS, Chancellor Holden Thorp announced on September 17th, 2012 that he will resign from his position in June of 2013

WHEREAS, a new Chancellor Selection Committee has been assembled to represent the University’s best interest

WHEREAS, the Student Congress would like to express its priorities for the characteristics of the new chancellor to this committee in order to best represent the interest of our constituents and amplify the student voice on this panel

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT CONGRESS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL THAT:

Over a week-long period, Congress members contributed to an anonymous survey expressing their priorities in their search for a new Chancellor. The following constitutes the results of that survey:

Section 1: Choosing from among the following twelve characteristics of each candidate’s vision, members of Student Congress ranked the following in order of importance to be forwarded for consideration by the Chancellor Selection Committee:

1. Transparency and Communication
2. Accessibility and Affordability
3. Cutting Edge Research
4. Strong relations with Local Community
5. Emphasis on Preparation for Career and the Real World
6. Strong Relations with Faculty, Administrators, and Staff
7. Diversity
8. Commitment to the UNC System/North Carolina
9. Sustainability and Environmental Responsibility
10. Fundraising
11. Emphasis on Student Life and Student Affairs
12. Athletic Excellence

Section 2: The Chancellor Selection Committee should focus on the following areas of interest and concerns from students:

1) Financial Aid

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a. Complete commitment to meeting 100% of demonstrated need for all UNC students
b. Dedication to a robust financial aid system
c. Transparency and communication with students regarding financial aid

2) Budget Issues
a. Bringing experience in operating under tight budget constraints to understand the issues the university is facing due to budget cuts, and the affect those budget cuts have on the quality of education students receive

3) Tuition
a. Combat the rising cost of tuition to maintain the affordability that UNC is valued for
b. Maintain accessibility for all students from every background to attend this university
b. Maintain integrity of the University as a bastion of excellence and affordability

4) Community
a. Continue the positive relationships with Chapel Hill town officials developed under Chancellor Thorp
b. UNC must be a committed partner in smart growth policies and promoting a sustainable community, especially concerning student-housing off-campus.
c. Improve communication with students in the UNC community, and the resulting transparency
d. Place the good of the community over the needs of politics
c. Develop strong relationships and coalitions among the faculty and staff across campus
f. Maintain strong relationships with Alumni, but also know limitations when in

5) Broad-Based Education
a. Respect academic integrity and commit to furthering the humanities, social sciences, liberal arts, and other traditional fields

6) State Relations
a. Restore UNC’s ties with the state and utilize faculty research to promote the continued growth of NC and the retention of UNC graduates within North Carolina
b. Increase accountability with the Board of Governors, and establish beneficial relationships
c. Work to strengthen the UNC System relationship between universities

7) Carolina Way
a. Preserve and protect the current definition
b. Expand on the definition, create new facets, and embody this

Section 3. Questions that the Chancellor Selection Committee should present and consider:
1) What is the effect of removing the 25% floor on tuition revenue used for financial aid?
2) Should percentage of out-of-state students increase at UNC?
3) What is your vision for UNC?
4) How will you communicate with students?
5) What is your definition of the Carolina Way?
6) Should UNC athletes put academics before athletics? Do you think this is the case right now? Do you think it is feasible for UNC to have a successful football program if this is the case?
7) What is your position on legacy admission practices and your opinion on the effectiveness of these policies? Do you recognize downfalls to this policy?
8) How will you contribute to or help develop student self-governance?
9) What challenges do you foresee undertaking as a chancellor?
10) What are your main goals for this position, and why would you like to become the next chancellor?

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Section 4. Upon its passage, this resolution shall be delivered to Student Body President Will Leimenstroll and Graduate and Professional Student Federation President Mike Bertucci to be used in a compilation of data to be presented to the Chancellor's Selection Committee.

Done by the Student Congress on this 02 day of OCTOBER, 2012.

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