



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA  
**GREENSBORO**

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**Aycock Ad Hoc Committee  
Minutes  
February 12, 2015**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chuck Bolton, Christine Flood, Todd Davis, Miriam Bradley, Mary Landers, Rod Wyatt, George Dimock, Hoyte Phifer, Constance McKoy, Michael Garrett, Joseph Graham, Shannon Bennett

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erin Lawrimore

Also present were Bonita Brown and Anita Rigsbee

Chair, Chuck Bolton, began the meeting with reviewing the meeting schedule and the timing for the committee's reporting. The meeting schedule is as follows:

February 26, 2015  
March 5, 2015  
March 19  
April 2 --- Draft of Committee's Report to be circulated at this meeting  
April 9  
April 16 (if needed)

Final Report needs to be prepared by April 17 for presentation to the Board of Governor's at their meeting on May 5, 2015.

Meetings will be in Chancellor's Board Room unless otherwise noted.

Bolton also set out the following tasks to be accomplished:

1. Website being developed and available, which will include an internal discussion board for the committee members (possibly through Canvas) and public areas of the website to include survey with space for comments, historical documentation and references and notifications of open forums. Bennett will head the website committee with help from Chris Waters in IT Services.
2. Establishing student contact and participation. Graham, SGA President and Committee Member, shared that the student body has participated in the Chancellor's Search Forums through that website and it would be advantageous for the Aycock Committee to use the same format. Graham also noted student education on the subject is needed; consensus was that the website's historical information could serve as the vehicle for educating the students as well as the campus and surrounding community regarding the controversy surrounding Charles Aycock.
  - a. The History sub-committee is in the process of researching Governor Aycock's legacy in the state as well as his relationship to UNCG and Greensboro. The History committee's report will be structured around three guiding questions: 1)

Who was Governor Aycock; 2) Why was he known as the “Education Governor”; and 3) How was he connected to UNCG? Other subcommittees were created as follows:

- a. Research on other Institutions: McKoy, Dimock, and Landers. This subcommittee will research not only the decisions of UNC system schools but also other institutions facing the same types of naming issues across the Southeast. Best practices will be highlighted and shared on the public website.
- b. Public Forums: Graham, SGA Rep, Phifer, Staff Senate, and Dimock, Faculty Senate, will work to engage their communities to attend and participate in public forums open to the UNCG community. The idea was discussed of sponsoring two general open community forums the week of March 23 to engage the campus community and the Greensboro community at large.
- c. Final Report: Davis offered to assist Bolton in the drafting of the final report from the committee. It was discussed that the final report should include: what was learned from the feedback at open forums and through the website; what other institutions have done; our recommendation. It was also agreed that the document should be concise, at no more than ten pages.

#### Miscellaneous Discussions:

Bolton shared with the committee that he has been contacted by the Chronicle of Higher Education for a story they are working on in regard to naming controversies at Southern Schools.

Brown shared the recent decision at Clemson University to NOT rename Tillman Hall, named after known white supremacist Ben Tillman.

Garrett emphasized the need to engage not only UNCG Alumni, but the greater Greensboro community as well. After some discussion, it was decided that two large, public forums would be made open to the campus and Greensboro community and serve as the avenue for that group’s input, as well as comment areas on the webpage. Bradley and Garrett will work together to engage the alumni in the process, either through attendance at public forums or alumni meetings.

Wyatt noted the need for the committee to draft a common, public message for discussions with all communities. Bradley offered to draft this public statement, with commentary and revision available through the internal Canvas site for the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm