



THE UNIVERSITY of NORTH CAROLINA  
**GREENSBORO**

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**Aycock Ad Hoc Committee  
Minutes  
March 5, 2015**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Erin Lawrimore, Todd Davis

Also present was Anita Rigsbee

Chair, Chuck Bolton, began the meeting with with the distribution of the minutes of the last meeting and a handout of the historical content for the Website.

Today's meeting will focus on the website status and content and the planning of open forums. As a reminder, here is the committee's remaining schedule:

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.

The historical content for the website focuses on two questions—who was Charles Aycock and what was his relationship to UNCG. Discussion of Aycock's relationship to the Greater Greensboro community was not explored since this committee's charge does not extend beyond campus. The historical content was reviewed and approved.

Dr. Bolton also set out the following tasks to be accomplished for the Website going live:

1. Ms. Bennett shared a beta version of the website with the committee.
2. The website "landing page" content was discussed, with Dr. Dimock sharing that the central controversy needed to be stated on the landing page. Mr. Garrett noted that language here would need to carefully constructed to avoid projecting any sort of preconceived notions.
3. Once website is live, Ms. Bradley and Mr. Garrett will send an email to their Alumni list informing the alumni of the committee and soliciting Alumni feedback
4. Since website is moving toward completion, the committee will work to secure adequate public space for the two forums, Tuesday March 24 from 2:00 to 3:30 and 6:00 to 7:30.
5. Ms. Bradley suggested the need for a short "preface" to the historical review page; and Mr. Graham hoped that the website could also address why UNCG charged with committee at this particular time

6. It was agreed to change the “controversy” tab to “policy,” and publish the standing University naming policy in this place
7. Discussion was held on the set up of the feedback survey, with Ms. Landers providing language to make clear that the feedback was not a vote, per se, but rather the committee would be collecting and condensing feedback. Be sure to say “your feedback will help the committee” and not imply a direct vote.

Dr. Dimock shared with the committee that he had briefed the Faculty Senate on the committee and elicited their feedback. Dr. Wyatt and Ms. Bennett will share information with the Staff Senate at their meeting on March 12.

#### Miscellaneous Discussions:

Dr. McCoy shared that Dr. Morehead from ECU warned her that no matter how much the committee tries to remain neutral, the committee members should be ready for accusations of bias.

Dr. Dimock noted that through conversations with officials at Duke it was suggested to him that we should check out Vanderbilt University’s naming controversy with the Daughters of the Confederacy, as that interchange underscored the legal and social difficulties with re-namings. Dr. Bolton shared with the committee that the next meeting will be devoted to planning for the Open Forums.

Dr. Bolton will be contacting *Campus Weekly* to promote forums and Dr. Wyatt will contact the *Carolinian*.

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.