



Health Sciences Committee Meeting July 12, 2018 Agenda

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**Board of Trustees
Health Sciences Committee
July 12, 2018**

Agenda Item:	I. Approval of April 19, 2018 Minutes
Responsible Person:	Deborah Davis, Chair
Action Requested:	Approval
Notes:	N/A

Health Sciences Committee – Open Session
ECU Board of Trustees
April 19, 2018
Murphy Center

Board Members Present:

Deborah Davis (Committee Chair)
Vern Davenport (Committee Vice Chair)
Edwin Clark (Committee Member)
Mark Copeland (Committee Member)
Kel Normann (Committee Member)
Jason Poole (Committee Member)
Bob Plybon (Committee Member)
Leigh Fanning
Max Joyner
Kieran Shanahan

Others Present:

Chancellor Staton	Rick Niswander
Michael Abramowitz	Mark Notestine
Nicholas Benson	Donna Payne
Greg Chadwick	Mark Stacy
Amy Ellis	Sara Thorndike
Tom Eppes	Michael Van Scott
Jim Hopf	Michael Waldrum
Phyllis Horns	Amanda Williams
Cheryl Marsh	Paul Zigas
Ron Mitchelson	

Recorder: Cindy Reaves

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Davis called the meeting to order at 11:00 am and read the conflict of interest statement required by the State Government Ethics Act. No conflicts were identified. The minutes of February 15, 2018 were approved.

Health Sciences Division Update:

Dr. Horns announced that Dr. Jitka Virag was the official winner of the 2018 STAT Madness challenge for her research on a protein she believes could one day change the lives of heart attack victims by replacing the need for a stent placement or heart transplant surgery. In total, more than 45,000 votes were cast for ECU during this bracket challenge.

Dr. Horns referred the group to the materials in their packets that highlights the great work that each of our schools/colleges and library are doing within the Health Sciences Division.

Closed Session:

Action: A motion was made by Chairman Davis that the Health Sciences Committee go into closed session. Mr. Poole read the motion to go into closed session:

1. to prevent the disclosure of confidential information under N.C. General Statutes §126-22 to §126-30 (personnel information) and the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; and
2. to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, fitness, or appointment of prospective and/or current employees and/or to hear or investigate a complaint or grievance by or against one or more employees.
3. to prevent the disclosure of competitive healthcare information under N.C. General Statute 130A-45.11; G.S. 131E-97.3.
4. to consult with an attorney to preserve the attorney-client privilege between the attorney and the Committee.

Action: Motion passed.

A motion was made to return to Open Session. Motion Approved.

Health Sciences Library Update:

Ms. Ketterman presented an overview of the Laupus Library and its many capabilities. They make an impact nationally through elected and appointed service in a number of organizations, including the Medical Library Association, Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries, and the Society for Scholarly Publishing, amongst others. They are currently teaming with the Big Data Research Cluster to develop an analytics and visualization space. The library manages The Country Doctor Museum, which is celebrating their 50th anniversary this year.

ECU Physicians Update:

Dr. Stacy reviewed the financial year-to-date information through March 2018. Over a 12-month period, the cash reserves increased from 106.6 to 116.4 days. The ECU

Physicians Practice Management Indicators reflected an improvement of 2.7% in wRVU's, 5% in credentialed providers, and 5.1% in the number of inpatient E&M visits.

ECU BOT Bylaws Discussion:

Ms. Payne reviewed the revisions proposed to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of East Carolina University to appoint non-trustees as members of standing committees.

Action Items from open session:

Request - The Health Sciences Committee approve the following motion:

I move that:

- The board approve the amendment to the Bylaws of the Board of Trustees of East Carolina University as presented in the board materials.

The motion passed unanimously.

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Action: Motion passed.

Action Items from closed session to be announced in open session:

Closed Session Minutes from the February 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

Request - The Health Sciences Committee approve the following motion:

I move that:

- The board approve the request for productivity incentive payments outlined in the BSOM Supplemental Payments documents as presented in the board materials.

The motion passed unanimously.

Request - The Health Sciences Committee approve the following motions:

I move that:

- The board approve performance-based Temporary Variable Incentives in the College of Allied Health Sciences (CAHS) for the current fiscal year, FY18 as presented in the board materials.

The motion passed unanimously.

Request - The Health Sciences Committee approve the following motion:

I move that:

- The board approve recommendations for promotion and permanent tenure for faculty members listed for the 2017-2018 academic year for the Health Sciences Division as presented in the board materials.

The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to return to Open Session. Motion Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.



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Agenda Item:	II. Health Sciences Division Presentation
Responsible Person:	Dr. Phyllis Horns, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
Action Requested:	Information
Notes:	N/A



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Agenda Item:	III. ECU Physicians Financial Performance
Responsible Person:	Mr. Brian Jowers, Executive Director for ECU Physicians
Action Requested:	Information
Notes:	N/A



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Agenda Item:	IV. Closed Session
Responsible Person:	Deborah Davis, Chair
Action Requested:	Approval/Information
Notes:	N/A



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Agenda Item:	V. Health Sciences Informational Updates
Responsible Person:	Dr. Phyllis Horns, Vice Chancellor for Health Sciences
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ECU

COLLEGE OF ALLIED HEALTH SCIENCES

Annual Spring CAHS Recognition Ceremony

The college recently recognized 256 spring semester graduates with their family and friends in attendance during a ceremony in Minges Coliseum. Guest speaker Dr. Johnnie Sexton, a distinguished graduate of the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders and Founder and Executive Director of The CARE Project, spoke about the opportunities presented to him through connections made while at ECU. The graduate address was delivered by Magen Flanagan, who earned her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Dietetics.

The Greenville *Daily Reflector* featured Allender Lynch and James Woodward, 2018 graduates of the departments of Nutrition Science and Health Services and Information Management respectively, during its graduation edition sharing the high job placement rates for CAHS professional programs.

CAHS Research Day Gives Students the Opportunity to Share Projects

The 2nd Annual CAHS Research Day celebrated student projects while giving each researcher a common space to explain their findings. Students delivered a total of 12 oral and 62 poster presentations between morning and afternoon sessions at the East Carolina Heart Institute.

Research Committee members, including Drs. Anne Dickerson – Professor of **Occupational Therapy**, Ray Hylock – Assistant Professor of **Health Services and Information Management**, Stephen Leierer – Associate Professor of **Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies**, and Virginia Stage – Assistant Professor of **Nutrition Science**, hosted the event. Drs. Balaji Rangarathnam, Assistant Professor of **Communication Sciences and Disorders**, committee chair, and Heather Harris Wright, Associate Dean of Research, provided leadership and organization.

Students Learn from One Another During Interprofessional Education Event

The Departments of **Communication Sciences and Disorders**, **Occupational Therapy** and **Physical Therapy** recently hosted their first joint Interprofessional Education (IPE) Event focusing on pediatrics. Students from each department were organized into small groups and encouraged to discuss a case study from the perspective of their discipline. Faculty then encouraged a larger conversation amongst all students sharing those thoughts.

Accomplishments & Accolades from Allied Health Sciences:

- The **Department of Nutrition Science** and the College of Allied Health Sciences' Diversity Committee hosted the inaugural Festival to Aid Children in the Exploration of Sciences (FACES) of Health at the Boys and Girls Club. Multiple departments organized science-based activities including **Clinical Laboratory Science**, **Occupational Therapy** and **Health Services and Information Management**.

- Fifty patients visited the Speech-Language and Hearing Clinic during a day of free screenings in celebration of Better Hearing and Speech Month. Dr. William Eblin Jr., Clinical Assistant Professor, and Ms. Lori Kincannon, Clinical Instructor, of the **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders** organized the event in collaboration with Ms. Karen Tripp, Clinic Manager.
- The college recognized Dr. Leonard Trujillo, Professor and Chair of the **Department of Occupational Therapy**, for serving 10 years as chair and 15 years as a member of ECU during a retirement reception.
- Dr. Leigh Cellucci, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, received the Philip C. Fisher Distinguished Service Award from The Society for Case Research for her contributions to the organization as former president and editor of the *Journal of Case Studies*.
- Campus Living and the Residence Hall Association recently selected Ms. Nancy Harris, a Clinical Assistant Professor in the **Department of Nutrition Science**, as an Honored Instructor.
- Drs. Stacey Meardon and John Willson, Associate Professors in the **Department of Physical Therapy** received awards at the Naval Medical Center Camp Lejeune 8th Annual Regional Medical Research Symposium. Meardon won first place in the Clinical Investigation Poster Competition, and Willson took third for his oral presentation.
- A recent Pirate Profile featured Peter Eischens, a graduate student in the **Department of Addictions and Rehabilitation Studies**.
- The **Department of Health Services and Information Management** recently announced the establishment of a scholarship fund to support their students in study abroad activities.
- Drs. Heather Wright, Associate Dean of Research, and Kathrin Rothermich, an Assistant Professor in the **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**, attended the Senior Health and Wellness Fair to discuss research and clinic opportunities for older adults through the college.
- Drs. Sarah Johnson and Christine Lysaght, Clinical Assistant Professors in the **Department of Physical Therapy**, accompanied students to the NC Physical Therapy Association Legislative Day advocating for a change in current law.
- Dr. William Eblin Jr., Clinical Assistant Professor in the **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**, advocated with a group of audiology students in Raleigh during a Day at Your State Capitol organized by the NC Audiology Association and American Academy of Audiology.
- Drs. Stacey Meardon and John Willson in the **Department of Physical Therapy** organized learning opportunities for students from the Oakwood School to celebrate National Biomechanics Day featuring the Human Motion Lab.
- Dr. Balaji Rangarathnam, Assistant Professor, and Ms. Sherri Winslow, Clinical Instructor, in the **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders** recently hosted a celebration of World Voice Day complete with a performance from The Carolina Chord Connection Men's Barbershop Chorus.
- Christina Mars, a graduate from the **Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders**, received the Martha L. Smith, PhD & Robert W. Smith, MBA Graduate Clinical Practice Award given for her interest and potential in pediatric service.

College of Nursing July 2018 Updates

- The college's Geriatrics Workforce Enhancement Program (GWEP), funded by a HRSA grant, was approved for extension for a fourth year and an additional \$850,000. This increases the total grant funding to \$3.35 million. GWEP has screened a total of 1,500 older adults for depression, cognitive impairment and fall risk. It has also partnered with Goshen Medical Center to offer the first community collaborative mobile clinic for fishers in Varnamtown, a small fishing community in eastern North Carolina. GWEP also recently offered its first Virtual Dementia Tours with Teepa Snow's Positive Approach to Caring in rural coastal areas to improve the quality of care for those living with dementia.
- Eastern Area Health Education Center (AHEC) approved awards for two College of Nursing grants for 2018-2019 — \$52,000 for the NC AHEC Academic Progression grant, and \$10,000 for the NC AHEC Clinical Site grant.
- The college submitted its application and supporting documentation for provisional accreditation as a Healthcare Simulation Program through the Society for Simulation in Healthcare in May.
- Accelerated Second Degree BSN, MSN, DNP and PhD students and several College of Nursing faculty members participated in Nurses Night at the Legislature on June 5. Students received multiple compliments for their professionalism and active participation at the event.
- 100 percent of 2018 graduates from the Nurse Midwifery Program passed the American Midwifery Certification Board (AMCB) exam on their first attempt. It marks the third-straight year of 100 percent pass rates on the first attempt for graduates of this program.
- PhD faculty members from Oxford Brookes University in the United Kingdom, who have been working in collaboration with the College of Nursing, spent four days at the college in late May with College of Nursing PhD students and faculty. During the week, the groups exchanged ideas and information relating to their personal research, and also reached an agreement to extend their ongoing collaboration in international cardiovascular research.
- Dr. Teresa Kelechi from the Medical University of South Carolina gave a scholarly presentation on her research at the College of Nursing on May 17. Kelechi is the David and Margaret Clare Endowed Chair and a professor in the College of Nursing at Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC). She also is the Director of Recruitment, SUCCESS Center, of the Clinical & Translational Science Award (CTSA), MUSC, and Director of the Symptoms Self-Management Center. Kelechi's research centers on venous leg ulcer prevention and has resulted in a self-monitoring model using infrared technology to detect elevated

skin temperature in the lower leg, a precursor to the development of the condition.

- A survey of Spring 2018 BSN graduates revealed more than 93 percent had confirmed jobs as of June. The survey had a response rate of 99 percent.
- The college graduated a total of 488 students for the 2017-2018 school year, including 262 in Spring 2018.
- The Caring Science, Mindful Practice Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) recently completed its May-June session and has now had 729 students complete the course and earn certificates, a 19 percent completion rate, which is considered high for a MOOC. The most recent session had 89 students (nearly 32 percent of those enrolled) complete the course requirements and earn certificates, the highest ever completion rate since the MOOC began in 2015.

ECU School of Dental Medicine (SoDM)
Board of Trustees Update
July 2018

Class of 2018 Graduation

ECU bestowed a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degree on 54 dentists in the school's Class of 2018 on Friday, May 4. As of graduation day, 34 of the graduates will enter private or public health practice in North Carolina, 17 graduates will begin residency programs, and 3 will enter private practice out of state.

Students

The school will admit 52 students in the Class of 2022 in August. The school's Office of Student Affairs coordinated a day-long orientation for the class on June 1 called "Tomorrow Starts Soon." The class will participate in a week-long orientation in August.

Fourth-year students began rotations at the school's community service learning centers in May, treating patients alongside faculty and residents in eight rural locations across the state. The students will complete 3 nine-week rotations at the centers over the next year as well as rotations in Ross Hall Clinics.

Summer Research Scholars

Four students in the incoming Class of 2022 are participating in the school's Summer Scholars Research Program through the school's Office of Research. The students are working with research faculty this summer in preparation for their first presentation on August 6 at the ECU Medical Student Research Day. Topics include "Pregnancy offspring in dentistry," "Determining the chemotactic cytokine profile of a fibroblast cell when exposed to lipopolysaccharides," "Understanding the effects of *Arrabidaea chica* extract on inflammatory signaling pathways, and "Oral health status among patients with mental illness."

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Wanda Wright, RN, DDS, MS, MSD, assistant professor and division director of dental public health, received ECU's 2017-2018 Service-Learning Teaching Excellence Award for the design and implementation of her Community Oral Health Practice 8840 course, which engages students in oral health community outreach projects in Pitt County.

Preparing Tomorrow's Dentists

Thirty-seven underrepresented college students from 17 NC colleges and universities attended the school's Preparing Tomorrow's Dentists program in early June. The two-and-a-half-day program provided the students with a first-hand look at the dental profession and dental school. Faculty, students, and residents guided the undergrads through hands-on exercises in Ross Hall labs; faculty led discussions on DAT preparation, applying for dental school, and meeting the expectations of dental school; and an etiquette specialist instructed the students on dining etiquette and proper social interactions as they prepare themselves to apply for dental school.

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Updates from Laupus Library

The Country Doctor Museum partners with high School students to make history

East Carolina University's Country Doctor Museum in Bailey teamed up recently with students from Southern Nash High School to help preserve local history.

A student-led oral history event was held for Nash County residents on May 24 as part of an ongoing class project to create a digital history archive for the museum, which is managed as part of the History Collections at ECU's Laupus Library.

The students interviewed dozens of local residents about growing up in rural North Carolina during an era when most medical treatments were administered at home.

Anne Anderson, curator for the Country Doctor Museum, said the oral history project was a great start to the museum's next 50 years because it will help the museum extend its focus beyond its current collections, which center on the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Later the students transcribed the recorded interviews and selected portions to include in the museum's online digital history archives.

Anderson hopes the project is only the beginning of an oral archive documenting the unique aspects of life in eastern North Carolina.

Laupus Library launches new website

Laupus Library's new WordPress web format and design went live on June 4. Visit www.hsl.ecu.edu to see the new look.

Artifacts from Laupus History Collections travel for display

"Uncommon Apparatus," artifacts of early patent prototypes and homemade designs, are on display at ECU's Howell Science Complex through August 31.

The Canopy medical Spanish training program now available at Laupus

Canopy medical Spanish is a course designed to assist current and future healthcare providers to more effectively establish a rapport and communicate with their Spanish-speaking patients. Canopy covers a wide breadth of medical concepts and grammar, with the objective of obtaining essential conversation skills in medical Spanish. The product provides users with the skills needed to learn specialized medical vocabulary across a wide spectrum of commonly-encountered medical scenarios.

Following completion, the user will possess an increase in cultural awareness and the ability to better navigate bicultural interactions. Funding for Canopy is provided by the Division of Health Sciences and can be accessed through the Laupus Library website. Find more about Canopy at <http://libguides.ecu.edu/c.php?g=841027>.

Laupus' Systematic Review Success Published in PLoS One

"Health-related regional and neighborhood correlates of sexual minority concentration: a systematic review," authored by Dr. Joseph Lee, assistant professor in the Department of Health Education and Promotion for the College of Health and Human Performance and Kerry Sewell, research librarian for Laupus Library, was published on June 27 by PLoS One. PLoS One is a peer-reviewed open access scientific journal published by the Public Library of Science.

The systematic review examines the choice of where sexual minorities choose to live, and what effect their spatial settlement patterns might have on their health. Residential location choices have important implications for access to healthcare, exposure to social and environmental health hazards (e.g. harassment or air pollution), and local, state, or regional policies that can help or hinder health. Although literature exists that focuses on the relationship between ethnic minorities, neighborhoods, and health, very few studies looked at the relationship between sexual minorities, neighborhoods, and health. In working to fill that gap, this systematic review sought to assess sexual minority concentration and the characteristics of the neighborhoods or regions where sexual minorities live.

With a multidisciplinary study team of authors from the fields of Public Health, Human Geography, Sociology & Criminology, and Library Science, the systematic review included an international collaboration, with one author located in Stockholm, Sweden. The review will be fully Open Access in order to ensure that the results of the review can be freely and immediately accessed to help advance scientific knowledge and contribute to the public good.

Current Citation is below.

Lee, J. G. L., Wimark, T., Ortiz, K., & Sewell, K. (2018). Health-related regional and neighborhood correlates of sexual minority concentration: a systematic review. *PLoSOne*. [accepted article].

Laupus welcomes new employees

Mary Roby, the new Assistant Director for User Services, comes to Laupus with extensive leadership experience and was most recently Dean of the Library at Gardner-Webb University. Mary will provide leadership for the Information Services department including all library educational programming, liaison librarians, and related services. In addition, Mary will provide leadership for Access Services and all operations of the library Service Desk. Her first day will be June 29th.

Corey Harmon, the new Head of Access Services, will oversee circulation of materials, Interlibrary Loan and Document Delivery, and other operations and services of the department. Corey will also serve as a member of the Information Services Department and provide reference and instructional services. He comes to us from the United States Military Academy at West Point where he is a Circulation Librarian. Corey's first day will be July 16.

East Carolina University
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*Brody School of Medicine
Updates and Highlights*

July 12-13, 2018

Research

- ❖ **Replenishing basic science faculty:** BSOM has filled three basic faculty positions this spring.
 - **Dr. Kelsey Fisher-Wellman** (Physiology) – he uses discovery-based analytical methods to study how cellular oxidative stress contributes to metabolic disorders.
 - **Dr. Jessica Ellis** (Physiology) – her research focuses on changes in lipid metabolism and heart and neurodegenerative diseases.
 - **Dr. Brandon Garcia** (Microbiology/Immunology) – he investigates how bacteria evade the body's immune system to cause Lyme and other diseases. Dr. Garcia, who starts July 1, 2018, will transfer his current NIH R21 to ECU and is a Co-Principal Investigator on a new NIH award.

- ❖ **State funding for studies involving GenX and PAFS:** Dr. Jamie DeWitt (Pharmacology) received new funding from the NC Legislature to study how these environmental contaminants affect the immune system.

- ❖ **Studying Lyme disease:** Dr. MD A Motaleb (Microbiology/Immunology) recently received a NIH R01 grant entitled “Delineation of Unique Flagellar Proteins in Spirochetes” to study how structural features of the bacteria that cause Lyme disease affect their movement and virulence.

- ❖ **Complex sugars and neuronal functions:** Dr. Ruth Schwalbe was recently awarded a NIH R15 grant to study how neuronal function is affected by variations in complex sugars linked to cell potassium channels.

- ❖ **Link between diabetes and periodontal diseases:** A team led by Dr. Huabin Luo (Public Health) recently published their findings that people with diabetes are less likely to visit the dentist than people with no diabetes or pre-diabetes. The paper is in *The Journal of the American Dental Association*.

- ❖ **Asthma in Eastern NC:** A team lead by Dr. Greg Kearney (Public Health) examined the incidence of asthma-related Emergency Department visits by 5-9 years olds across the state. The highest rates were linked to the poorest, minority communities in Eastern NC. The paper was published in the *North Carolina Medical Journal*.

Research, *continued*

- ❖ **BSOM Medical Student Summer Research:** Thirty-five (35) medical students are participating in summer research projects this summer. Fifteen (15) learners are working at external institutions. The remaining students are conducting research in BSOM or CAHS:
 - ❖ Microbiology & Immunology (1)
 - ❖ Internal Medicine (1)
 - ❖ Radiation Oncology (3)
 - ❖ Physiology (3)
 - ❖ Physical Medicine and Rehab (2)
 - ❖ Emergency Medicine (5)
 - ❖ Communication Sciences (1)
 - ❖ Surgery (3)
 - ❖ Pediatrics (1)

 - ❖ **BSOM Graduate Student success.** Christine Psaltis, a graduate student working with Dr. Kym Gowdy (Pharmacology/Toxicology) was recently awarded a **2018 American Association of Immunologists Careers in Immunology Fellowship**. The award pays for her graduate student stipend and tuition.
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Education

- ❖ This fall Brody School of Medicine will welcome our 41st entering class, which was selected from the largest group of applicants we have ever had: 1,070. The class size will expand from 82 to 86. As always, all students are from NC, with home counties ranging from Martin in the East to Buncombe in the West.
- ❖ The credentials of the incoming class are similar to those of recent entering classes: average age of 25, male/female ratio of 45/55, undergraduate GPA of 3.7, total MCAT score of 506 (>70th percentile), extensive medical experience, and significant volunteer service. 47% of the class is Caucasian, while 31% are from groups which are under-represented in medicine (African-Americans, Native Americans, and Hispanics / Latinos).
- ❖ The Brody School of Medicine and Vidant Medical Center jointly created and hosted the Inaugural Legacy Teachers Celebration on April 9, 2018. Both entities recognize that the most effective and memorable teachers for our students are our patients. The Celebration brings students, patients, physicians and other providers together to recognize and honor this sacred relationship. The lessons the patients have taught the students are memorialized through this Celebration, and the attributes of care, compassion and communication will be carried with them throughout their medical careers.

Education, *continued*

- ❖ On March 29th, the American Medical Association (AMA) Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium Leadership conducted their final site visit for the REACH Initiative. The AMA leadership team met with faculty, students, and senior leadership from the Brody School of Medicine and Vidant Health. The initiative, received national praise from AMA leadership as an “inspiration for national program change.” Dr. Susan Skochelak, AMA’s Group Vice President for Medical Education, and Dr. Gerald Harmon, Chairman of the AMA’s Board of Trustees, presented Dr. Elizabeth Baxley, who served as the Principle Investigator for the grant, with an award recognizing Brody’s unwavering commitment to medical education transformation. Although funding from the AMA will end in August 2018, the REACH Initiative has submitted an application to continue membership within the Accelerating Change in Medical Education Consortium.
- ❖ On April 23rd, after a competitive application and selection process, the Health System Transformation and Leadership, Medical Education, and Service-Learning Distinction tracks welcomed in the 2018 cohort of distinction track scholars. The scholars began their summer immersion on May 29th (MET and SLDT) and June 4th (LINC) and will continue in the longitudinal para-curricular program through their M4 year. To date, the Health System Transformation and Leadership track has 30 scholars, the Medical Education and Teaching track has 16 scholars, the Research track has 26 scholars, and the Service-Learning track has 30 scholars. Together, the distinction track programs have over 88 presentations at the local, regional, and national levels, 9 published manuscripts, 6 national awards, and 4 grant submissions.
- ❖ The graduation of the class of 2018 also signified a milestone in curricular transformation for the Brody School of Medicine. The graduates were the first medical students to receive the fully integrated longitudinal Health Systems Science curriculum.

Community Service

- ❖ **Camp Hope & Camp Rainbow:** The week of June 10, the Brody School of Medicine’s pediatric hematology/oncology staff continued their long tradition of hosting free, weeklong overnight camps in Arapahoe for pediatric patients with cancer, hemophilia and sickle cell disease. More than 70 campers from 16 counties learned more about themselves and their illnesses while participating in activities like swimming, canoeing and crafts in an environment designed to meet their medical and psychosocial needs.
- ❖ **First Premature Cardiac Death Conference in ENC:** Brody’s Office of Continuing Medical Education and the Department of Cardiovascular Sciences partnered with the Eastern Area Health Education Center and the Naval Medical Center of Camp Lejeune to offer the first Premature Cardiac Death in Eastern North Carolina conference on May 8 at Camp Lejeune. More than 250 military and civilian physicians, nurses, first responders and other health care professionals gathered to discuss best practices for prevention, intervention and emergency response for cardiac events and cardiovascular disease. More than 18,000 people in North Carolina died from heart disease in 2016, according to the State Center for Health Statistics. A number of counties in the east, such as Lenoir and Jones, have cardiovascular disease death rates above that of the state.

Community Service, *continued*

- ❖ **Pirates vs. Cancer event:** On April 13, the second annual Pirates vs. Cancer event organized by medical and other health sciences students raised more than \$24,000 to help fund child life programs at Vidant Medical Center and national pediatric brain tumor research. The fundraiser's main event featured more than 30 students, faculty and alumni having their hair shaved or cut on stage by a team of stylists assisted by pediatric cancer patients.
- ❖ **Legacy Teacher Celebration:** On April 9, 25 former Vidant Medical Center patients—deemed Legacy Teachers—were honored during Brody and Vidant Health's inaugural Legacy Teachers Celebration at the Rock Springs Center for the meaningful lessons they taught Brody medical students.
- ❖ **Foot Care Clinics:** A Service-Learning Scholar established two-foot care clinics in partnership with In Your Shoes, the Greenville Community Shelter, and Health Assist to provide foot examinations for community members. The program volunteers celebrated a milestone this year noting their first documented patient to be screened, pathology identified, and setup through social work for an appointment at the wound care center.

Clinical Practice

- ❖ ECU Physicians had a bottom-line loss of (\$2.8M) in the first eleven months of fiscal year 18 (July 2017– May 2018). ECU Physicians had budgeted for a loss of \$5.2M for that same period. ECU Physicians budgets for a loss due to new faculty hires, established faculty departures, graduating residents and fellows, faculty and staff vacations, Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and costs we have estimated ECUP would incur in the Project Unify process (Legal/consulting fees). We expect to see some recovery in June due to a \$4.4M UPL payment and feel confident that we will meet our budget target and may even come close to breaking even for the year.
- ❖ ECU Physicians cash reserves at the end of May 2018 was \$55.2M or 125.5 days of cash on hand. The ECU Physicians Board encourages ECU Physicians to have 90 days of cash on hand at all times.