Welcome from Sanjiv Sarin, President of NCCGS

Welcome to the 2014 Annual Meeting of the North Carolina Conference of Graduate Schools! We are delighted that you could join us here in Greensboro, NC for what promises to be a rich and engaging Annual Meeting agenda. I am proud that North Carolina A&T State University—home of the Aggies!—is hosting the NCCGS Annual Meeting, and I would like to take this opportunity to tell you about our university.

Since 1891, North Carolina A&T State University has maintained a tradition of excellence in education and continues to thrive as it sustains its rich history. N.C. A&T is a public, land-grant, doctoral/research university where faculty and students are committed to cutting-edge research in a wide range of fields, including nanotechnology, biotechnology, computational science and engineering, energy and environment, information sciences and technology, leadership and community development, logistics and transportation systems, and public health. A&T offers a wide range of undergraduate and graduate programs, including our new MBA program and our nine Ph.D. programs: Computational Science and Engineering, Computer Science, Electrical Engineering, Energy and Environmental Systems, Industrial and Systems Engineering, Leadership Studies, Mechanical Engineering, Nanoengineering, and Rehabilitation Counseling & Rehabilitation Counseling Counselor Education.

Our strong academic and research standards have led to national recognition. NC A&T was recently awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation Engineering Research Center (ERC) grant for biomedical engineering and nanobio applications research. We have also done well in national college rankings. The University was ranked No. 1 in the nation among public historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) and No. 8 among all HBCUs, according to U.S. News & World Report’s 2014 Best Colleges rankings. In the Washington Monthly’s college rankings, the University was ranked 2nd in the nation in social mobility and 53rd overall. The University looks forward to continued growth and success as it works towards its long-term strategic plan, Preeminence 2020.

I am hopeful that this Annual Meeting will afford us the opportunity to bring together the visions and resources of institutions across the state as we collectively work to improve the quality of and access to graduate education in North Carolina.

Sincerely,

Sanjiv Sarin, Ph.D.
Dean, The Graduate School, NC A&T
President, NCCGS
EQ (Emotional Intelligence), Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, and Relationship Management

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DIRECTORY OF MEETING ATTENDEES

North Carolina A&T State University
Tonya Ammons, Student Transition and Retention
Shea Bigsby, Coordinator of Graduate Writing Services
Ayanna Boyd-Williams, Assistant Dean
C. Dean Campbell, Assistant Dean
Isadora Crawford, Student Transition and Retention
Teresa Graves, Student Transition and Retention
George McCormick, Student Transition and Retention
Anita Sanders, Office and Budget Manager
Sanjiv Sarin, Dean
Melissa Smith, Student Support Services

Appalachian State University
Teresa Greene, Administrative Support
Vivian Meadows, Graduate Student Services
Max Poole, Dean
Monica Rose, Graduate Student Financial Services
Robert Sanders, Associate Dean
Janice Voss, Executive Assistant & Business Officer

Duke University
Melissa Bostrom, Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development

East Carolina University
Lynn Couturier, Administrative Support Specialist
Paul Gemperline, Dean
Camilla King, Administrative Support Specialist
Tom McConnell, Associate Dean
Alexis Morris, Business Services Coordinator
Belinda Patterson, Associate Dean
Telisha Perry, Administrative Support Specialist
Heidi Puckett, Director of Graduate Admissions
Colleen Roland, Student Services Specialist

Elizabeth City State University
Paula Viltz, Director of Graduate Education

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Rebecca Griffiths, Program Director, Online Learning

Lenoir-Rhyne University
Mary Ann Gosnell, Associate Director of Enrollment Management
Amy Wood, Dean

North Carolina State University
Siarra Dickey, Assistant Coordinator of Graduate Assistantships, Fellowships & Postdoc Scholars
David Edelman, Business Applications
Belen Gebremichael, Residency Officer
Lindsay Gentile, Director of Admissions
Maureen Grasso, Dean
Lian Lynch, Director, Graduate Student Administration
Peggy Olive, College Liaison

Wake Forest University
Juanita Linton, Graduate Coordinator
James McCallum, Chair, Allied Health Professions
Meeting of Deans, Associate Deans and Assistant Deans 1:15 - 3:00 p.m.

Panel on Enrollment Trends and Recruiting Practices 1:15-2:00 p.m.
C. Dean Campbell (Facilitator)
Assistant Dean for Graduate Student Services
North Carolina A&T State University
Rebecca Dillard
Dean of the School of Graduate Studies and Research
University of North Carolina at Pembroke
Paul Gemperline
Dean of Graduate Studies
East Carolina University
Maureen Grasso
Dean of the Graduate School
North Carolina State University
Bradley Jones
Dean, Graduate Programs in Arts and Sciences
Wake Forest University
Tom Reynolds
Associate Provost & Dean of the Graduate School
University of North Carolina at Charlotte
Ron Vetter
Assoc. Provost for Research & Dean of Graduate School
University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Planning for “NC Graduate Education Day 2015” 2:00-2:20 p.m.
Sanjiv Sarin
Dean, The Graduate School
North Carolina A&T State University

NCCGS Google Docs Application 2:20-2:30 p.m.
Brian Kloepel
Associate Dean of the Graduate School
Western Carolina University

Treasurer’s Report 2:30-2:40 p.m.
Belinda Patterson
Assistant Dean of the Graduate School
East Carolina University

Election of Officers 2:40-3:00 p.m.
AGENDA: NOVEMBER 7, 2014

Plenary I: Broadening Access to Graduate Education in North Carolina

8:45 - 9:30 a.m.

The Role/Future of NCCGS
Sanjiv Sarin
Dean, The Graduate School, North Carolina A&T State University

Graduate Education; Strategic Vision from UNC General Administration
Christopher Brown
Vice President, Research and Graduate Programs, University of North Carolina, General Administration

General Discussion
9:15 - 9:30 a.m.

Plenary II: Best Practices in Collaborative Multi-campus On-line Learning

9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

UNC STEM CORE: Project Rationale
Scott Jenkins (Facilitator)
Vice Provost, North Carolina A&T State University

UNC STEM CORE: Project Design and Advantages of a Multi-Campus Approach
Matthew Rascoff
Vice President, Learning Technology and Innovation, University of North Carolina, General Administration

UNC STEM CORE: Project Assessment
Rebecca Griffiths
Program Director for Online Learning, Ithaka S+R

General Discussion
10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Plenary III: Collaborative Multi-campus Professional Development for Graduate Students

10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Panel on Graduate Student Professional Development Initiatives Across NC
Shea Biggsby
Coordinator of Graduate Writing Services, North Carolina A&T State University

Melissa Bostrom
Associate, Dean for Graduate Student Professional Development, Duke University

Mimi Fenton
Dean of the Graduate School, Western Carolina University

Stephanie Schmitt
Associate Dean, Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Paula Viltz (Facilitator)
Director of Graduate Education, Elizabeth City State University

William Wiener
Dean of the Graduate School, University of North Carolina at Greensboro

General Discussion: Prospects for Statewide Collaboration
11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

~White Oak Room~

12:00 - 1:15 p.m.

Lunch

Performance by E. Gwynn Dancers
Directed by Eleanor Gwynn
Chairperson, Department of Visual and Performing Arts, North Carolina A&T State University