

ECU Board of Trustees
September 30, 2016
Project Unify Resolution

WHEREAS, the Brody School of Medicine and Vidant Health share a vision to be the national model for rural health and wellness by creating a premier, trusted academic health care delivery system for the benefit of the people of eastern North Carolina;

WHEREAS, East Carolina University and Vidant Health work to provide the highest-quality and most compassionate health care possible for the region and to educate the next generation of health care providers to do the same;

WHEREAS, East Carolina University and Vidant Health are the two largest employers in the region and deliver a combined economic impact of 3 billion dollars;

WHEREAS, after exploring multiple models, the leadership of the Brody School of Medicine and Vidant Health determined the best option for executing their shared vision is to integrate ECU Physicians and Vidant Medical Group within a new legal entity dedicated to excellence in patient care for eastern North Carolina;

WHEREAS, in support of East Carolina University's mission, an integrated entity shall strengthen financial sustainability and provide enhanced opportunities for ECU's faculty and students in the areas of medical education and clinical research;

WHEREAS public-private partnerships similar to the proposed integration between ECU Physicians and Vidant Medical Group reflect a national trend in the provision of healthcare and the administration of academic medical centers by universities and not-for-profit health systems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Trustees enthusiastically supports the proposed integration of ECU Physicians and Vidant Medical Group within a new entity with shared governance and that operates under a name that reflects the University's contributions, values, and mission; and
2. The Board of Trustees encourages Chancellor Cecil P. Staton to pursue this proposed clinical integration expeditiously, to the fullest extent permitted by law and University of North Carolina policy and in a manner that ensures:
 - a. ECU students will receive medical education of the highest quality;
 - b. The people of eastern North Carolina will have access to the best, affordable healthcare in the region; and
 - c. ECU faculty and staff and their Vidant partners will be best positioned to substantially grow the University's clinical research enterprise.

So resolved and approved by the Board of Trustees of East Carolina University on this the
_____ day of _____.

By: _____
_____ Secretary to the Board of Trustees