

UNC-READDI Leadership Board



Bob Blouin, PharmD

Executive Vice Chancellor, University of North Carolina (UNC)-Chapel Hill

Dr. Robert A. “Bob” Blouin is the executive vice chancellor, provost and Chief Academic Officer of the UNC-Chapel Hill and serves as the Chief Operating Officer of the university. Blouin obtained a historic \$100M gift from Dr. Fred Eshelman to create the Eshelman Institute for Innovation, where he served as director.



John Bamforth, PhD

Director of Eshelman Institute for Innovation at Eshelman School of Pharmacy, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dr. John Bamforth is the director of the Eshelman Institute for Innovation. He came to the school after nearly 30 years with Eli Lilly and Company, where he served as the vice president and chief marketing officer for a broad portfolio including products for cardiovascular, immunological, pain and neuro-degenerative disorders. He is also a board member for the Structural Genomics Consortium (SCG).



Angela Kashuba, PharmD

Dean, Eshelman School of Pharmacy, John and Deborah McNeill, Jr. Distinguished Professor

Dr. Angela Kashuba currently serves as the dean of the Eshelman School of Pharmacy. She was named the John and Deborah McNeill, Jr. Distinguished Professor in 2013 and served as chair of the Division of Pharmacotherapy and Experimental Therapeutics from 2015 to 2019. She also serves as director of the UNC Center for AIDS Research Clinical Pharmacology and Analytical Chemistry Core.



Barbara Rimer, DrPH, MPH

Dean and Alumni Distinguished Professor, UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health

Dr. Barbara K. Rimer, DrPH, MPH, is Alumni Distinguished Professor and dean of the UNC Gillings School of Global Public Health. Dean Rimer is the first woman and behavioral scientist to chair the National Cancer Institute’s National Cancer Advisory Board. She was elected to the Institute of Medicine in 2008 and was appointed by President Obama to serve on the President’s Cancer Panel, which she chaired from 2011 to January 2019. In 2013, she was awarded the American Cancer Society’s Medal of Honor for her cancer control research.



Wesley Burks, MD

Dean, UNC School of Medicine, Chief Executive Officer, UNC Health Care, Vice Chancellor for Medical Affairs

Dr. A. Wesley Burks, MD is dean of the UNC School of Medicine, vice chancellor for Medical Affairs, and Chief Executive Officer of UNC Health Care. He also holds the Stuart Bondurant Distinguished Professorship. In these roles, Dr. Burks leads growth efforts in education, research and clinical care through the achievements of the UNC School of Medicine and the more than 33,000 employees of UNC Health Care.



Terry Magnuson, PhD

Sarah Graham Kenan Professor, UNC Department of Genetics, UNC Vice Chancellor for Research

Dr. Terry Magnuson is the Sarah Graham Kenan Professor and founding chair of the UNC Department of Genetics. He oversees, develops and supports UNC's \$1 billion research enterprise, connects academic units across campus with university priorities, and manages research support offices as well as 14 centers and institutes. He's a founding member of the International Mammalian Genome Society and has served on the board of directors for both the Society for Developmental Biology and the Genetics Society of America.



Ralph Baric, PhD

William R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor, Department of Epidemiology, Department of Microbiology and Immunology, UNC-Chapel Hill

Dr. Ralph S. Baric is a William R. Kenan, Jr. Distinguished Professor in the Gillings School's Department of Epidemiology and a professor in the School of Medicine's Department of Microbiology and Immunology. He has spent the past three decades as a world leader in the study of coronaviruses and is responsible for UNC-Chapel Hill's world leadership in coronavirus research.

Scientific Advisory Board



Ralph Baric, PhD (Chair)

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Nat Moorman, PhD

Associate Professor, UNC School of Microbiology and Immunology

Dr. Nat Moorman is an associate professor in the School of Medicine's Department of Microbiology and Immunology and the Lineberger Cancer Center. He is continuing his work on the mechanisms by which human cytomegalovirus (HCMV) and other herpes viruses commandeer the cellular protein synthesis machinery.



Mark Heise, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Genetics at the UNC School of Medicine

Dr. Mark Heise is an assistant professor of genetics at the UNC School of Medicine. Dr. Heise researches how viral and host genetic factors interact to influence the pathogenesis of virus-induced disease, including the study of mosquito-borne and respiratory viruses. His studies emphasize mechanisms underlying viral evasion of the host innate immune system and virus-induced immune pathology.



Tim Willson, PhD

Chief Scientist, SGC-UNC

Dr. Tim Willson is chief scientist of the SGC-UNC, an open-discovery network for protein kinases based at the UNC Eshelman School of Pharmacy. He has more than 25 years of experience in pharmaceutical research with a track record in discovery of first-in-class clinical candidates. Willson has been a longtime supporter of precompetitive chemistry in early drug discovery and was a scientific founder of the SGC Epigenetic Chemical Probes project. He is widely recognized for scientific leadership in chemical biology and was named one of the world's 400 most influential biomedical researchers.