

APPENDIX A

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

MARCH 7, 2008

The President remarked that Chairman Phillips began the renaming of the Spangler Center ceremony earlier in the morning with a moment of silence for Eve Carson who so many knew and whom he worked with in a number of different capacities. She was an extraordinary young woman and was a leader in every sense. He read a quote from Eve Carson that appeared in *The Daily Tarheel*: "I love UNC. I love the quad in the spring and the arboretum in the fall. I love the Pit on a sunny day, and Graham Memorial Lounge on a rainy one. I love Roy all the time. But what makes UNC truly special is not our beautiful campus, our distinguished reputation, or even our basketball team. It's us – the student body – who make UNC what it is." [published on 02/20/2007 *The Daily Tarheel*]. It is an honor to work for students like that.

The President reported that it was a wonderful ceremony for President and Mrs. Spangler and was thrilled that we renamed this complex. The Spanglers have done so much for this University.

He thanked Chancellor Boarman from the North Carolina School of Science and Math for hosting the Board of Governors meetings and he enjoyed meeting all the young students.

Research is a big part of what we do at the University and the University has attracted more than \$1 billion in competitive research grants and contracts over the past year. Most of this comes from the federal government. This speaks volumes of the caliber of our faculty and the research being conducted across our campuses. The return helps North Carolina economic development. Two examples of the research awarded to the University are: Congressman David Price notified UNC that UNC Chapel Hill was awarded a multi-million dollar grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to create a Center for Excellence for the Study of Natural Disasters, Coastal Infrastructure, and Emergency Management. UNC Chapel Hill will receive a \$2.5 million grant over the next six years to partner with other universities, government agencies, and industries to study natural disasters in the coastal region. North Carolina A&T State

University is the first HBCU in the country that has been invited by the National Science Foundation to submit a full proposal for designation as an environmental research center. This is the most prestigious award by NSF grants and NCA&T has the possibility of hosting a national ERC for revolutionizing metallic biomaterials. The decision will be announced in the summer.

Several campuses received good financial news from Moody's rating agency. East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill all have double A rated category. We are working hard to raise the credit standards throughout the University system. The North Carolina School of the Arts had two students who received honors last month. Mr. Kyle Davis, School of Dance, was the grand prize winner at the Prix de Lausanne, an international dance competition in Lausanne, Switzerland. Kyle was the first American to win in over a decade. Tenor René Barbera, a senior in the School of Music, was one of five grand winners in the Metropolitan Opera audition held in New York City, NY, last month.

The Associate Director of the U.S. Peace Corps came to UNC Chapel Hill last week to recognize that UNCCH has moved to 4th in the nation in the number of students and alumni in the Peace Corp. UNCCH has over 1,000 students or alumni who have served in the Peace Corp and they now rank 8th in the nation in the number of students applying from Peace Corp America.

The President thanked Mr. Tom Howe, Director of UNC-TV and Ms. Kate Torrey from UNC Press for filming the Spangler Ceremony. He recognized Mr. George Briggs from NC Arboretum, Dr. Brenda Killingsworth, Faculty Assembly Chair, Mr. J.C. Boykin, Chair of the Staff Assembly, and Mr. Richard Bostic of the Legislative Research Office.

The report concluded.