

APPENDIX P

REMARKS BY MR. BEN BROWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES CHAIR, FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY ON THE SELECTION OF CHANCELLOR-ELECT DR. JAMES A. ANDERSON

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Mr. Brown provided a brief synopsis of the process of selecting the new chancellor at Fayetteville State University. The search committee was organized in August 2007. One of the first principles the committee was most deliberate about was that the search committee be diversified and reflective of the various constituencies from the Fayetteville, North Carolina and the Fayetteville State University communities. The Committee was comprised of representatives from the community in which the university is located. The Committee included two students, two faculty members, two staff members, and personnel from Ft. Bragg and the military environment.

The Committee conducted five forums that included one for the staff, students, faculty, the alumni, and one forum for the general public. The forums were well attended. The students brought very thoughtful, instructive and useful ideas to the table. They were extremely impressive in outlining to the Committee what they wanted to see in the next Chancellor. A search firm was hired in October 2007. They received 45 applications. Eight candidates were interviewed. Four candidates were brought to the community where they met with the mayor of Fayetteville and others in Cumberland County. It was extremely important to the Committee that they continue the process of inclusion to get the entire community behind the new chancellor.

In February 2008, the Search Committee made its recommendation to the Board of Trustees. The recommendation was approved and forwarded to President Bowles.

Mr. Brown acknowledged the members of the Board of Trustees and the Search Committee members who were present at the meeting.

This concluded his report.