

APPENDIX R

REMARKS BY DR. JAMES A. ANDERSON CHANCELLOR-ELECT OF FAYETTEVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

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I am extremely excited to become the newest member of the FSU Bronco Family and the Fayetteville-Ft. Bragg Community. This is an exceptional opportunity to contribute to the grand historical legacy of a very proud institution. My vision will involve continuing to build upon the academic reputation of the institution such that at some point, Fayetteville State University will become the institution that other public comprehensives benchmark against. My vision will include enhancing the quality of our academic programs and making sure they are robust and attractive to undergraduate and graduate students. We must also maintain the support and the vitality of our faculty and we must increase the resource base and maintain financial stability.

We must increase retention and graduation rates and we must ensure that Fayetteville State University students leave with the global competencies that are necessary to compete and to lead in the 21st century.

Fayetteville State University is a member of an extended community. I will be active in making sure that I work closely with the school system, the community groups, churches, the mayor, and with the Ft. Bragg community. I understand the responsibility that accompanies the leadership and the stewardship of one of the constituent institutions of the University of North Carolina.

Dr. Anderson recognized and thanked his family for their support. He thanked Dr. Nielsen who formerly hired him at North Carolina State University and former Chancellor Larry Monteith as well as Board members Peaches Gunter Blank, Ann Goodnight, and Frank Grainger.

This is the culmination of all of my educational and professional experiences. Mr. President, Board members, fellow Chancellors, cabinet members, and other colleagues, I will validate the faith that you have placed in me today.

Thank you very much.