

APPENDIX A

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING NOVEMBER 9, 2007

President Bowles remarked that this had been an action filled week for the board, the staff, and those who have worked on the UNC Tomorrow Initiative. President Bowles stated that the University Award Dinner was an incredible event honoring the late Chairman Benjamin Ruffin.

He reported that Chancellor Sullivan is recovering nicely from her surgery. She wanted to express her thanks to everyone who had sent her cards and well wishes. He remarked that the listening forums were recently completed in conjunction with the UNC Tomorrow Initiative. The forums were terrific and worthwhile. The Scholars Council, the UNC Tomorrow team, and he learned a lot from the forums. The UNC faculty are prepared to face the challenges presented by the knowledge-based global economy and the faculty are absolutely essential to the long range success of the UNC Tomorrow Initiative. He thanked the scholars for their work and the chancellors for their leadership in this effort.

He recognized some recent campus activities. Elizabeth City State University received a \$750,000 grant from the GlaxoSmithKline Foundation to provide training for students enrolled in the UNC Chapel Hill/ECSU Pharmacy Partnership Program. North Carolina Central University's law school was recently named the nation's top value by *PreLaw Magazine*. The Centennial Campus at North Carolina State University was named the top research park in America. The Cliff Communities, Inc. pledged \$1 million to the University of North Carolina at Asheville for the Center of Health and Wellness. The Center will focus on childhood obesity, workplace wellness and senior wellness. The University of North Carolina at Greensboro received a five-year \$6.6 million grant from the National Institutes of Health for a series of projects targeted at reducing minority health disparity for diabetes, cardiovascular diseases, and HIV Aids in the Piedmont Triad area.

President Bowles announced that Ms. Leslie Winner was chosen to lead the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation in Winston-Salem and he was extremely disappointed to lose her. No doubt, she will be missed at UNC and the President remarked that he is personally grateful to her for her extraordinary work. She is a brilliant general counsel.

North Carolina is in the grips of an extremely serious drought. Governor Easley called on every community and every individual in the State to save every drop of water. Through the UNC Tomorrow effort, the University is the single largest user of water in the entire State. We have an economical and moral responsibility to act and lead by example. Our campuses had implemented measures to reduce non-central water usage and promote conservation among faculty, staff, and our students. We are committed to working closely with State agencies responding to the crisis to identify additional best practices that we can implement.

President Bowles stated that in all the community listening forums that were conducted, they heard a constant plea from the people for the University to do more to strengthen K-12 public schools and raise the academic success and aspirations of not only the schools, but the students. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation approved a \$1.7 million grant to the University that will enable us to partner with the North Carolina New Schools Project. Four innovative high schools in North Carolina will become learning laboratories for high school innovation. Through this collaboration, UNC teachers and principles will gain insight into the reforms taking place in these schools and they can model their programs so the University can be more effective preparers of more and better teachers in North Carolina. Four high schools will be prepared to host visiting teachers and principles for residencies so they can observe and explore best practices. He acknowledged Mr. Tony Habit, President of the New Schools Project, Mr. Howard Lee, Chairman of the North Carolina State Board of Education, and former Chief Justice Burley Mitchell, Chair of the New School Project's board, who all attended the meeting to share in this announcement. The President then called on Chief Justice Mitchell to say a few words about the Project.

This concluded the report.