

APPENDIX A

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING OCTOBER 12, 2007

This has been an exciting week for a lot of us. Not only did we have two of the UNC Tomorrow Listening Forums this week, but we also had the last one. It has been a full week, so I will be very brief.

It's hard for me to stand here today and not feel like we are really blessed at this University. I think we are blessed with great and committed faculty like Dr. George Wilson and we have to do more to attract and retain leaders like George. We are also blessed to have great scholars like Oliver Smithies who won the Nobel Prize this week. It is the first one in the University's history.

I am so grateful to have Senator Burr come here today and support what we are doing to try to move this University forward and to do it with a real pace because the world is rapidly changing. We are really blessed to have his kind of leadership in Washington, D.C. He could not be more helpful to us in trying to do things that move this University forward and help our students be prepared for the knowledge-based global economy. I don't think we could be more blessed to have the leadership we have in Raleigh. This is a state legislature who has stuck with this University through thick and thin. If we didn't have that support, we would not have the margins of excellence to even think about competing in a knowledge-based global economy. I don't know how you all felt, but as I went to these UNC Tomorrow Listening Forums, I felt blessed that we have people in North Carolina that really love and believe in this University. They are counting on us to do the right thing to take this University forward so we are prepared to get their kids the skills and education they need to compete in a knowledge-based global economy.

We are also blessed by the leadership of our chancellors. This is an extraordinary group of leaders. Nothing positive happens in any organization without great leadership. I am proud of the leadership we have. I am glad Stanley Battle is here for his first meeting. We are looking forward to the leadership he is bringing to North Carolina A&T State University. I am proud that UNC Asheville chancellor, Anne Ponder, is being recognized as a distinguished alumnus at UNC Chapel Hill. When I listened to Chancellor Moeser announce his retirement last week I thought about what he has done as a leader and the demands he has made for excellence at UNC Chapel Hill. The evidence is there. It's in the diversity and quality of the student body, it's in the quality of the faculty, it's in the facilities, in the scholarships, and in the Carolina Covenant. We have been blessed to have his leadership at Chapel Hill and I am glad that we have him for another year.

I left this week feeling that this is a great time to lead this University and I feel blessed to have this job. I thank you for it and I thank you for the leadership that you all have given and for the public service. That is what this really is. It is public service in the finest sense of that word. I thank you for the public service that you give to the people of North Carolina.

I have just one issue to bring today and it is one that I feel really strongly about. I have a letter that I would like to read to you from my hero, President *Emeritus* Bill Friday. There is a recommendation in this letter that I think is so appropriate.

President Bowles read the letter from President Friday recommending that the Board of Governors name the General Administration Building for President Emeritus C. D. Spangler, Jr.

Mr. Chairman, I would like to second that recommendation. There are few people who have given up more than Dick Spangler did to serve as president of this University for 11 years. He has given this University so much and yet you can't find his name anywhere because that's

what he wanted. We could have hundreds of buildings on every campus named for Dick Spangler. However, do you know what he cares about? He cares about this greater University and all of the campuses. I think it is so appropriate that we honor him for the great public service he has given by naming these buildings in honor of President *Emeritus* C.D. Spangler, Jr. I make that recommendation to you Mr. Chairman.