

APPENDIX A

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING SEPTEMBER 7, 2007

Good Morning. I noticed that Chancellor Ballard and Chancellor Moeser did not recognize their conflict of interest this morning, but I know they do have one and they will have to work it out this weekend.

As evident in our policy discussions yesterday on UNC Tomorrow, Athletics, and Financial Aid, and the committee meetings that followed, all of our campuses and those of us at General Administration had a not-so-long summer with lots of work. I assume most of you had a chance to read the piles of information that we got from Norma Houston. I think that was enough to keep all of us busy. I do hope that some of you found time this summer to slow down a bit, to think, reflect, and catch your breath. We are getting ready to put this organization into a higher gear. If you think we've been moving fast, you ain't seen nothing yet! I am very excited about what we are getting ready to do with UNC Tomorrow. As you know, we will be in Greenville and Rocky Mount on Monday.

President Bowles introduced several of the chancellors and representatives of affiliated organizations in attendance at the meeting and gave the board an update of the good news and accolades afforded many of the campuses.

In reference to the budget, I know we are all very pleased and grateful. We must remember to thank the General Assembly and the Governor for the enormous support they have shown to our students and to this state. They have given us the resources to take this University forward and to provide our students with the skills they will need to compete in this new knowledge-based global economy. Without these resources, we could not be successful and now that we have them we had better be successful.

- They gave us all we needed to meet our needs for enrollment growth.
- They provided the money that we needed for need-based aid so that every young person who is eligible for our state's need based aid actually will receive it and be held harmless for increases in tuition and fees.
- They provided us the funds we needed to, once again, significantly raise the salaries of our faculty and staff. We are well on the way toward moving that faculty toward the 80th percentile, which has been a long-term goal of this body. Don't forget that those faculty members hold the key to our future in their minds and this will enable us to keep and attract the kind of faculty we need to succeed.
- They provided us the money for distance education, which will hold down our costs and enable us to meet long-term demand.
- They provided us the money for our summer program that we are going to start so that some of these young people who have been coming to the University, staying for two years, dropping out, and dropping out with a lot of debt, will have a chance to enter school ready to learn.
- They provided us the money to do competitive research throughout the University in those various fields that are so important that will provide the jobs of the future to North Carolina.
- They met all of our capital requests for new facilities.
- Lastly, they provided us this extraordinary gift of \$50 million a year, which is like having a \$1 billion endowment, for cancer research.

I think this is extraordinary. All of our general alumni associations, our trustees, our faculty, our students, and you all in this room worked hard to make this happen. It didn't just happen. It happened because we worked together as one team and it was indeed very, very effective. I think we got the highest increase of any state in the nation. So thank you very much and please thank the members of the General Assembly and the Governor.

Another thing I would like to mention, we have talked about the great gift that President Spangler gave us, the pledge of \$26.9 million for 96 distinguished professorships across our 16

campuses. As part of the first phase of that plan, 16 new distinguished professorships required adequate matching funds. The General Assembly gave us that money. On the same day that the General Assembly gave us that money, I called Dick Spangler and he wrote checks for \$6.9 million and mailed them to those chancellors. What a man!

Lastly, I want to update you on the campus safety work we have been doing. In the wake of the shooting tragedy at Virginia Tech last spring, the issue of campus safety has been paramount in our thoughts here and on each of our campuses. Just last week, a commission appointed by the Governor of Virginia underscored the enormous challenges that we all face in making sure that each of our campuses are safe places to live, work, and learn. Also we must maintain our historic commitment to access and openness, it is an enormous challenge for us. Leslie Winner has been leading a University-wide task force and working with the task force that Brad Wilson leads for the Attorney General. We have been looking at campus safety from multiple angles and we will bring to you recommendations to go forward with at the November meeting. The goal is to have all institutions using best practices and working together to make the campuses as safe as they can be. The chancellors have been undertaking efforts during the summer to make sure we were doing everything we could. I will give you a couple of examples of great things they have done:

- Several campuses have implemented emergency alert systems like voice and text messaging and computer pop-ups.
- They have gotten students, faculty, and family members to provide preferred cell phone numbers and email addresses to receive alerts.
- Several campuses have installed or are installing sirens and public address systems.
- Several campuses have installed additional video cameras in public areas.
- Many campuses have installed new or expanded safety education programs, particularly at freshmen orientations.

- Most of the campuses are in the process of implementing PIER, which is a very sophisticated crisis communication system as well as a remotely-hosted emergency website.
- Some campuses have already revised and updated their mutual aid agreements with local law enforcement departments.
- Some campuses are now training their faculty to recognize and appropriately respond to troubled students, and have expanded counseling services available to our students.

These are just a sampling of things we have done, but they have been hard at work on this. As I mentioned, we will come to you with a full body of recommendations. We have been acting to ensure we are doing all we can to make our campuses safer.

Mr. Chairman, this concludes my remarks.