

APPENDIX U

REMARKS OF DR. STANLEY F. BATTLE BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2006

Thank you. This is my wife Judy. After 31 years, I had better introduce her first. It is unfortunate that our daughter, Ashley is not here. She is a journalism major at Columbia University, a very bright young lady. I have a dry sense of humor so when I saw you standing, I wanted to make a few remarks about that, but I will not. It is humbling, to be very honest with you. The search was done impeccably well. The board knows more about me than I know about the institution because it was done privately. The last few days have been very hectic because people have been talking, and it wasn't me. Certainly to President Bowles, Dr. Speight-Buford, the search committee, and the Board of Governors, I want to thank everyone for this opportunity. It is very interesting and humbling to say the least. There is only one thing I want to say and that is that when I interviewed, the board asked me a question about where I would like to see the institution go. I said that my only goal was to make it the finest institution in the country. And I am dead serious about that. Based on its size, its ability to function, and where it needs to go. That's what we are going to shoot for. I enjoy rising early and going to bed late. I am going to use every second and every minute, effectively and efficiently we are going to run together as dogs. But the reality is this. It will emerge quietly, effectively and efficiently, that's the goal. And actions speak much louder than words, so I am not going to say a great deal about how we're going to do it. The most important objective now is to really talk to people on the campus. Get to know the campus inside out. No one is more important than the next link. And then the alums, A&T has a great alumni group. They have been very instrumental in raising money. But I think they have only really scratched the surface in that regard. More importantly, we have to tap their minds, what they think, where they want the campus to go. Now you did not hear me

say *historically black*. I said *institution, university*. That is who we are. This state leads the country in supporting its institutions. I was really attracted to that. I was also attracted to a couple of simple facts. I heard President Bowles say ‘we work together’, then I heard it from the search committee, and then I heard it from his team. That’s all I wanted to hear. But we will strive to be the best. Thank you.