

## APPENDIX U

### **PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING JUNE 9, 2006**

Since this will be my only chance to speak at this meeting and this will be Chairman Wilson's last meeting as Chair, I would like to just take a second of personal privilege and tell you what a pleasure it has been for me to work with and to learn under Brad Wilson. He is a leader in the finest sense of the word. He is also an extraordinary partner for a neophyte in education like me. Brad has taken the time to school me, to work with me, to teach me the ins and outs of this University, and to give me the opportunity to succeed. I have never worked for someone who I admire and respect as much as I do Brad Wilson. His calm, steady, progressive leadership has truly been extraordinary. I thank you Brad, for all you have done.

There are other people I would like to thank. First, Dr. Gretchen Bataille. All of the positive things that we will get credit for here in General Administration in the years to come were placed in process under her and Molly Broad's great leadership. Gretchen is an extraordinary person, I did everything I could to talk her into staying, but she has new fields to plow. She is a leader and she did an extraordinary job at the North Carolina School of the Arts. It truly was a mess when she got there. Those twenty policies she put in place should have been in place long ago, but she had the courage of her convictions and the strength to do it. She has made that school now have a potential we always wanted it to have. I admire you greatly and I hope you will come back and we can take that *Interim* off and make you a *Chancellor* at one of our universities.

I also want to personally thank Dr. Richard Thompson for all he has done for the children of the south, whether they are in North Carolina or Mississippi. When you have been a coach, a

teacher, a principal, a superintendent, an assistant superintendent, the head of the Mississippi school system, the deputy head of the North Carolina system, you have had every single job you can possibly have in the University system, you have touched a lot of lives. This is truly a good man. Not only does he have that great sense of humor that he just displayed here, but he has truly made such a big difference in the lives of all of us. Richard, thank you for all you have done for so many.

*President Bowles introduced several of the chancellors and representatives of affiliated organizations in attendance at the meeting.*

Let me just make some brief remarks on the 2006 Short Session. Most of you are intimately familiar with where we are because you have been so helpful to us. I can tell you that the fact that these great chancellors have all agreed to work together, we really had one budget and we were one University in this effort has had very positive ramifications as we tried to get a budget through both the Senate and the House. I thank you so much for cooperating, participating, and leading this effort. It has truly made a big difference. If you look at the budget that has come out of the Senate, there were no cuts in the University budget. That is the first time in five years there have been no cuts. Full enrollment growth to meet our 7100 new students that will come to our campuses this year is in that Senate budget and we hope to see it in the House budget also. Financial aid to meet the needs of our neediest students without going into the Escheats Fund is there. That is a very, very positive part of what we are trying to do. Faculty salaries in the Senate budget call for a 6% raise plus a 2% bonus. That is really important for us. The money we asked for teachers, nurses, health care, and to create new jobs in North Carolina, most of our requests there were also met. We also got the largest increase in our Repair & Renovations budget since 1993. We got the money we need to meet the rising costs of utilities. I am very excited by what we have been able to do and we all owe a debt of gratitude to

Mark Fleming. He is, without question, the best lobbyist anywhere in this country. We have a few things we are still working on and this budget is far from complete. The House and Senate budgets will both be out by Monday, and the heavy lifting is still ahead of us. We will be working on it night and day. We will be calling on many of you, particularly the chancellors, to come help us and to bring in the legions. We will continue to need the help of the faculty and the students and if we stay positive and stay one, I am confident this will be a great budget and a great day for the students of North Carolina.

A little later today, I hope that I will get a chance to thank the members of this body for endorsing the appointment of Harold L. Martin, Sr., as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs. This appointment was endorsed by the Committee on Personnel and Tenure yesterday. I feel that having Harold as a partner will be a great thing. When I charged the search committee to go out and find someone to lead the academic side of the University, I told them I wanted someone that the faculty itself would trust, respect, and knows would make fair decisions. They found the perfect person. Harold Martin was Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost at North Carolina A&T State University, and you know the remarkable transformation he has brought about as Chancellor at Winston-Salem State University. Some of the things that jumped out at me when I first went to Winston-Salem State were obviously the physical transformation of the campus, but beyond that was enrollment growth and the quality of the students. The board scores are over 70 points higher than they were when Harold got there. The technology on the campus is truly remarkable. The working relationship that he has established with the people of Winston-Salem is just beyond belief. I hope later in this meeting, Mr. Chairman, that you will endorse the election of a proven leader, a man of extraordinary talent, integrity, and commitment

to come join us at General Administration as our Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and our Chief Academic Officer.

I want to say a word about the job that Alan Mabe has done during the time that Gretchen has been at the School of the Arts. Alan has been wonderful, you all have seen it. Every assignment we have given him, he has done it correctly, on time, and in such a proactive manner. He is a great asset to this University. I am looking forward to working with him in the years to come. As many of you know, I refer to him as *my brain* and he is that, I promise you.

Lastly, I had hoped that we would be able to come forward with a recommendation on tuition at this meeting. We are not quite there but are making great progress in trying to come up with a tuition plan that is fair to our students and meets the expectations of *The Code* and the Constitution of the State. We are making progress, and I expect we will be there by the August meeting. We will have a chance to come to the Tuition Task Force prior to that to get their approval.

Mr. Chairman that concludes my remarks.