

APPENDIX A

**PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT**

**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**September 18, 2009**

President Bowles reported that he received favorable feedback from members of the Board and others related to the policy discussions. The members of the Board expressed that they had a clear understanding of the work being done by the faculty, staff, and administrators in response to the recommendations of the UNC Tomorrow Commission. He thanked the Chancellors for their leadership and said they did a remarkable job especially with redirecting resources from the administrative side to the academic side to protect the academic core of the institution, which is our primary responsibility.

The President announced some recent campus achievements. North Carolina Central University School of Law was ranked #1 as the best value by the *National Jurist Magazine*. In addition to ranking the top ten HBCU's in America, North Carolina Central University ranked tenth. Each UNC institution was represented in the top 30 followed by Elizabeth City State University, Winston-Salem State University, North Carolina A&T State University, and Fayetteville State University.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was ranked one of the top five public universities by the *U.S. News & World Report*. This was the ninth consecutive year that UNC Chapel Hill had been ranked. In the publication's category of 'Great Schools, Great Prices,' UNC Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University ranked #1 and #3, respectively. The publication ranked Appalachian State University, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and Western Carolina University among the top ten public master's level institutions in the South. Elizabeth City State University and Winston-Salem State University were ranked among the top five public baccalaureate institutions. The publication identified Appalachian State University, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington as up and coming institutions in their respective fields. The University of North Carolina at Pembroke was ranked first in diversity among master's level institutions.

President Bowles noted that *G.I. Jobs* magazine named seven UNC campuses to its 2010 List of Military-Friendly Schools. The campuses recognized were Appalachian State University, Elizabeth City State University, Fayetteville State University, North Carolina Central University, the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and Western Carolina University.

In the area of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) support, President Bowles announced that Elizabeth City State University would receive a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support master's level instruction in math and science. Winston-Salem State University was awarded a \$2 million grant from the National Science Foundation to increase the number of science and math majors who graduate from the school and who pursue graduate degrees in the critical STEM fields. North Carolina State University would use a \$3.7 million grant from the National Science Foundation to study how genes impact lignans produced in trees. President Bowles reported that research grants and contracts at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill totaled \$716 million in 2009 up 5.6% from 2008. The bulk of the research grants and contracts were received from the National Institute of Health and the National Science Foundation. He announced that the Charlotte Research Institute at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte recently named Dr. Guy Rachmuth as its first Entrepreneur in Residence.

Next, President Bowles announced that North Carolina ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> in college participation rates of low income families. We made progress on this front, but there was more work to do. He said that the University's need-based aid and low tuition is making a difference to ensure that students from all economic demographics had a chance to pursue a college education.

Lastly, President Bowles announced that Vice President McCollum was retiring in October. He thanked Vice President McCollum for her remarkable, dedicated, capable, and effective service. He said that Kitty was truly his standard for excellence.

At the end of President Bowles' remarks, Mr. John Davis recommended that the members of the Board read the issue of *U.S. News & World Report* that the President referred to in his report.