

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

April 12, 2010

President Bowles referred to the previous day's presentation on Teaching Quality Research. He confirmed that the top priority of the University was to prepare more quality teachers and school leaders for North Carolina Public Schools. President Bowles stated that he believes the University was making great progress in producing not just more teachers but better teachers in North Carolina. Next, President Bowles said that the University was blessed to have great scholars like Dr. Sankar, the 2010 O. Max Gardner Award winner, leading our research and teaching efforts at all of our universities throughout the state. This is testament to our faculty that they are the University's greatest asset.

Next, President Bowles reported on some recent campus activities. He thanked Chancellor Nelms for his extraordinary leadership and for hosting the Board of Governors meeting in conjunction with North Carolina Central University's Centennial Celebration. President Bowles said that Chancellor Nelm's presentation was very helpful and similar presentations by the other campuses would be helpful at subsequent meetings. He announced that Chancellor Martin's installation was scheduled for April 23, 2010, in Greensboro. Next, President Bowles welcomed Chancellor Woodson, who had attended his first Board of Governors meeting. Chancellor Woodson began his work at North Carolina State University earlier this month.

President Bowles reported on some recent campus achievements. First, he credited former Chancellor Oblinger for the success of the Industrial Extension Service (IES) campaign at North Carolina State University, which he had helped to create. The IES had set a goal to create \$1 billion in economic value to manufacturers in North Carolina. The goal had been reached one year early. Seventy-five North Carolina manufacturers who used IES services reported \$206 million in increased sales or productivity as a direct result of those services. Next, the University of North Carolina at Greensboro was awarded a five-year, \$2.8 billion grant from the National Science Foundation that will enable UNCG graduate students to enrich science lessons for hundreds of students at three High Point schools. Graduate students in biology, chemistry, and

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geography will work with teachers and students at the elementary, middle, and high school levels to make great advancements in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) areas directly in alignment with UNC Tomorrow initiatives. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill received a \$5 million gift from the William R. Kenan Charitable Trust to support the recruitment of outstanding young faculty. The gift spurred an additional \$500K from an anonymous donor for the same purpose. President Bowles said that the Kenan family has been extremely generous donors and that the University is grateful. Also, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will receive \$14.5 million from the Federal Stimulus Funds and the National Institute of Health to instruct a new animal facility that would support a research focus on genetic diseases. Next, he announced that Chancellor Reaves from Winston-Salem State University was appointed by U.S. Secretary of Education Duncan, to a four-year term on the Historically Black College and University Capital Financing Advisory Board.

President Bowles acknowledged that this meeting marked Dr. Judith Wegner's last meeting as the Chair of the Faculty Assembly. He said that Dr. Wegner was one of the most knowledgeable and effective leaders to represent the interest of faculty all across our University. She had served the University remarkably in every way and had earned the respect of the staff at General Administration, the Board, the Chancellors, and the people of North Carolina. Next, President Bowles announced that Associate Vice President for Finance Smith was retiring after 33 years of service at UNC General Administration. He personally thanked James for his leadership and for all he had done for the University.

President Bowles reported that he, along with leaders from the community colleges and the public schools, was invited to speak to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. He spoke about the impact of the budget cuts. He said that the University had already taken the brunt of the cuts to help the State deal with budget shortfalls last year. President Bowles said that the General Assembly's budget for 2010-11 reduced the University's budget by two percent, as was expected. The Governor's budget recommended an additional 5% reduction. That would be of significant concern and we needed to be prepared to take action to protect the University.