

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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President Bowles reflected on the policy discussion and the committee meetings from the previous day. He said it was evident that all of the Chancellors, the members of the Board, and the staff were fully engaged as a team with the work of the University. He said that there was much work that still needed to be accomplished during his term and prior to the arrival of a new president.

Next, he recognized the Chancellors for their outstanding leadership on the campuses. He said they are the *real* leaders. President Bowles acknowledged Vice President and General Counsel Luger for acting as Chancellor at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics earlier this month until Dr. Williams, who would serve as Chancellor on an interim basis, begins next week.

Next, President Bowles reported on some recent campus achievements. The UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center received an outstanding to exceptional rating – the highest rating possible – among the nation's leading cancer centers. President Bowles said that this assessment of our faculty's quality and productivity was accredited to the State's commitment to cancer research. East Carolina University received the 2010 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award from the U.S. Department of Defense. This is the highest recognition given to employers for their support of employees who serve in the National Guard and the Reserves. The award was created in 1996 and since its creation only one other university in the country has ever been chosen to receive this award.

At Fayetteville State University, Ms. Carole Weatherford, Professor of English, received the 2010 North Carolina Award for Literature. Ms. Weatherford's specialty is children's literature and many of her works have appeared on the *New York Times Bestseller* list. Next, Dr. Zhenlu Cui, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, won the National Science Foundation Faculty Early Career Award from the Society for Industrial and Applied Mathematics. President Bowles acknowledged Chancellor Anderson for his campus posting the syllabi and course descriptions

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online. Fayetteville State University was recognized by the Pope Center for this effort as well, which is considered a real step forward in transparency.

At UNC Charlotte, their football program had been launched. The self-liquidating project was signed. The construction of a new football stadium was slated to begin next spring, coaches would be hired and a team assembled in 2012. UNCC football would be played in 2013.

The 2011 edition of *The Princeton Review* released its rankings of the *Best 373 Colleges* region by region. Nine UNC campuses – Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, NC State University, UNC Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Charlotte, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke and UNC Wilmington – were ranked.

President Bowles referred to *The Education Trust* publication. This publication released reports that examined the graduation rates among white, African American and Hispanic students in colleges and universities across the country. He noted that the data reveals alarming disparities. The reports cited both public and private colleges and universities with the best and worst track records in graduating white and minority students. President Bowles read some passages from the reports. The report cited East Carolina University, UNC Charlotte, and UNC Greensboro as graduating white and minority students at similar rates. UNC Charlotte and UNC-Chapel Hill were cited for graduating Hispanic students at rates comparable to white students. In closing, President Bowles commended the members of the Board for their unwavering focus that they have placed on improving retention and graduation rates for all students. Their efforts are recognized nationally and are making a real impact and they should be proud.