

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
October 8, 2010

President Bowles congratulated Dr. Walden. He said that Dr. Walden has traveled every part of North Carolina and that in doing so he has done more to motivate and encourage public officials, public interest groups, business leaders, and state officials in the hopes of providing them with a better understanding and knowledge of economic issues that confront them. President Bowles said that the University must recruit, retain and reward faculty just like Michael Walden.

Next, President Bowles said that he would like to recognize the Chancellors – the *real* leaders of this University. He recognized Chancellor Woodson for hosting the National Outreach Scholarship Conference. Participants from all across the country attended. One of the featured sessions, The Engaged University System, showcased the UNC Tomorrow initiatives, which included presentations by faculty, staff and students from all of our 17 campuses. Next, *The Wall Street Journal* interviewed business recruiters and asked them to rank the best colleges and universities they believed provided the best graduates. North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ranked 19th and 25th, respectively.

Regarding the demonstration of the research and development portal at last month's meeting, President Bowles noted that the portal was in its last phase of development. Since then both North Carolina State University and UNC-Chapel Hill announced new initiatives that are designed to promote innovation and entrepreneurialship on the campuses. North Carolina State University launched its Springboard Innovation Partnership Portal. The portal was created to facilitate researchers who want to find collaborators to market their inventions, businesses looking for creative solutions, and faculty, staff, and students who want entrepreneurial training. UNC-Chapel Hill announced a new \$125 million fundraising campaign named Innovate Carolina. It is an ambitious plan to bring the power of innovation and entrepreneurialship to bear on the world's biggest problems. The plan would empower faculty and students to act on their ideas.

Next, President Bowles announced that Mrs. Alice Roess, member of Appalachian State University Board of Trustees, recently earmarked \$300 million for the University in her will. A portion of the Roess' estate will add to the endowment of the Holland's Fellow Program for

Business Study in Asia, the Turchin Center for the Visual Arts and the Athletics Facilities Enhancement Campaign.

The U.S. Department of Interior has selected North Carolina State University as the site for its new Climate Science Center. Ten federal scientists will move to NC State to lead the Center and collaborate with faculty from various disciplines who are working on climate change. North Carolina State University received a \$1.8 million grant from the Department of Defense that will allow the faculty to work with personnel at the Walter Reed Army Institute to test the effectiveness of molecules that prevent infections.

The University of North Carolina School of the Arts and the Thomas S. Kenan Institute for the Arts hosted the Southeast Regional Entertainment Technology Conference on the UNCSA campus. The conference included demonstrations and workshops on the new cutting-edge technologies that Cirque du Soleil uses in their productions. Western Carolina University was one of six universities throughout the country that was recognized by the Washington Center for Internships and Academic Seminars for its exceptional commitment to civic engagement and service learning. Also at Western Carolina University, they received the 2010 Higher Education Civic Engagement Award for emphasis on incorporating civic engagement into the undergraduate experience as well as for the success of its Center for Service Learning. At North Carolina Central University, the School of Law received \$2 million in federal stimulus funds to upgrade broadband services while expanding access to legal education programs. President Bowles announced that intercollegiate athletics is alive and well at Winston-Salem State University. Its football team currently held a 6-0 record and was ranked 17th nationally in NCAA Division II football. President Bowles said that all this has been accomplished despite a \$1 million reduction in WSSU's athletic budget.

President Bowles reminded the Board that Chancellor Woodson would be formally installed as the 14th Chancellor at North Carolina State University on Tuesday, October 26, 2010. Lastly, President Bowles announced that Vice President Murphrey was retiring and he thanked him for his service and for agreeing to stay onboard until the end of this year. Chief of Staff Davies would oversee the search to fill this position.