

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING
November 5, 2010

President Bowles remarked that the University Award Dinner last evening honoring the former president of the North Carolina Community College System, Martin Lancaster, was terrific. He said the occasion was a time for joy and celebration. He said that it was also an occasion to celebrate the collaboration and the partnership that has developed between the community colleges and the University. The community colleges and the University have done a phenomenal job of improving the chances for students in all parts of North Carolina to attend a community college in their hometown and then transfer to the University to obtain a 4-year degree. There were a number of collaborative projects taking place between our campuses and the community colleges.

Regarding recent campus achievements, the National Cancer Institute has awarded the Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute at North Carolina Central University and the UNC Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Center a \$12 million joint research grant. The grant will fund faculty partnerships between these two institutions to jointly develop programs, enhance training and support research projects in prevention, screening, epidemiology and the causation of cancer.

Next, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has funded a national effort to boost college graduation rates by better coordinating the services that colleges, schools and communities provide to students. Raleigh and Charlotte were two of four cities in the country chosen to participate in the Partners for Postsecondary Success (PPS) initiative. North Carolina State University and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte were the two lead institutions that will coordinate and administer the project.

A new partnership between UNC-Chapel Hill and Fayetteville Technical Community College was recently announced. The partnership will help college students, who are active-duty military personnel or veterans, be guaranteed admissions to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where they would pursue their associate and bachelor degrees. The partnership is based on the Carolina Student Transfer Excellence Program (C-STEP), founded at UNC-Chapel Hill in 2006. Morrison Residence Hall at UNC-Chapel Hill recently won first-place in the first-ever National Building Competition sponsored by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

(EPA). The event challenged 14 buildings from across the nation to monitor its energy usage and to reduce waste. The UNC-Chapel Hill team – the Watt Busters – reduced energy use at Morrison Hall by 36% in just one year and saved more than \$250,000 on energy bills. The Tucker Residence Hall at North Carolina State University finished 8th in the competition.

President Bowles announced that Chancellor Carter had engaged in a regional *listening* forum modeled on the UNC Tomorrow initiative. Recently, Chancellor Carter and Chancellor Anderson presided over a joint forum held at Fayetteville Technical Community College. The public was impressed by how the campuses were working collaboratively with the community colleges and within the communities. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington has partnered with Brunswick Community College to create easier educational access for students by expanding a partnership that allows more students to earn a 4-year degree without ever leaving their community. Students can complete their first two years at Brunswick Community College and then transfer to UNC Wilmington's Extension Program. This is another wonderful example of UNC Tomorrow in action.

Next, President Bowles welcomed Chancellor Roberts who was attending his first Board of Governors meeting as Chancellor of the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. President Bowles said that Chancellor Roberts has only been on the job for two weeks and that Chancellor Roberts has already received rave reviews from staff, students and trustees. President Bowles said that he was pleased that so many members of the Board had the opportunity to attend Chancellor Woodson's installation last week at North Carolina State University. It was a great occasion and a great day in the life of NC State University.

President Bowles remarked on the impending retirements of the leaders from Western Carolina University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. First, Chancellor Bardo, who has led Western Carolina University for 15 years, will step down at the end of this academic year. President Bowles commented that Chancellor Bardo's commitment to the University has been phenomenal and that he has dramatically improved WCU – enrollment has grown, academic offerings have increased, the quality of the student body has improved, and he has worked on multiple fronts to establish Western Carolina University as the catalyst for sustainable economic development in the western part of North Carolina. He said that Chancellor Bardo has received national recognition for having incorporated civic engagement and community outreach into the undergraduate experience. President Bowles credited Chancellor Bardo for giving him the idea that led to the creation of UNC Tomorrow. Next,

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President Bowles said that Chancellor DePaolo would be stepping down at the end of this academic year. He said that she has been an extraordinary leader for the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and one of the strongest advocates for the southeastern part of North Carolina. President Bowles commented that Chancellor DePaolo is determined, results-oriented, and a *proven* leader. Her achievements at UNC Wilmington are astonishing and she has made UNC Wilmington a school of choice. President Bowles said that both Chancellors Bardo and DePaolo have made their institutions stronger and better during their time on those campuses.

President Bowles announced that this marked the last meeting for some key members of his leadership team. He noted that Vice President Murphrey would be leaving at the end of the year and thanked him for his service. After more than 40 years in higher education, Senior Vice President Mabe would be retiring at the end of this year. President Bowles said that Dr. Mabe has been an invaluable partner to him, the Board, and the students. As Vice President for Academic Planning and then as Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, he has overseen the restructuring of the University's academic planning process, implementation of the University's accountability plans, the creation and development of UNC Online, and the review of our campus missions. In addition, he has overseen the University's school programs, institutional research, and the coordination of the University's various health care programs. President Bowles said that we all owe Senior Vice President Mabe a great debt of gratitude for all he has done. Next, President Bowles thanked Vice President Charest, who would be retiring, *again*, next month. For the past year, Vice President Charest has served on an interim basis as Vice President for the Human Resources Division. Prior to that, she had served as the Associate Chief Human Resource Officer at UNC-Chapel Hill where she retired after 17 years. Vice President Charest has done a remarkable job at General Administration.

Finally, President Bowles acknowledged that this marked his last Board of Governors meeting as President. First, he publically thanked the Chancellors for their extraordinary leadership. He thanked the staff at General Administration for their service and focused his remarks on his senior staff – Vice President Davies, who he described as the heart and soul of General Administration; Vice President Worthington, who he said is extraordinary in her role as communications director and special assistant to the president and who is the institutional memory of the University; Vice President Boney, who he remarked is the “think tank” and credits him for the economic innovations within the University; Vice President Leath, who he commented has made research a valuable asset for the campuses, especially the Kannapolis

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project; Vice President Rinehart, who he stated has single-handedly brought a significant amount of grant funding into the University and who has made the University relevant to the military. He thanked Norma Houston for launching the UNC Tomorrow Initiative. The initiative will have a long-term positive effect on the University for many, many years. President Bowles thanked the Finance Division – Sylvia Cooper, Karen Russell, Ginger Burks, Jonathan Pruitt and the other staff members – for their dedicated service and numerous hours of work they pour into the job. He said that they are a great team. He recognized Vice President Leydon, who he said has transformed the information technology operations. He praised Vice President and General Counsel Luger, who he said has great judgment and has served as a great partner to him and to the University. He thanked his assistants, Celeste Parrish, Kathy Jones, and Jan Kook. He acknowledged Secretary Corgnati and said that Mr. Corgnati does an outstanding job with matters related to the Board as well as within the General Administration building. He thanked the members of the Board for their leadership, guidance, and direction and who have all helped him become a better leader and president. He acknowledged Chairman Gage, former Chairmen Wilson and Phillips, whom he has worked with during his tenure. Lastly, he acknowledged the faculty – the most important asset of this University. President Bowles closed by praising the Chancellors who work tirelessly and remarked that his job was simply to make the sum greater than the parts and that he has loved it. He thanked the Board for entrusting the University – this treasure – to him and for giving him the opportunity to perform this valuable public service for the past five years.