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**PRESIDENT ROSS' REPORT  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**August 12, 2011**

President Ross reported that budget allocations had been distributed among the campuses. The 2011-2012 state budget contained \$414 million in net cuts to the University. The Chancellors were committed to preserving high academic quality and the delivery of excellent student services throughout our campuses.

Next, President Ross thanked the members of the Board for their passion and commitment in serving. He noted that the future of the University remains bright and strong. President Ross welcomed Senior Vice President Ortega, who joined the University last month; he recognized the Chancellors for their leadership especially as they continue to successfully manage our campuses through a difficult economic climate. President Ross acknowledged two new Chancellors – Chancellor Miller from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington and Chancellor Belcher from Western Carolina University. Both Chancellors began their appointments last month and were off to a great start.

Regarding recent campus milestones/achievements, President Ross announced that eight of our campuses were recognized in *The Princeton Review 2012 Best Colleges* – Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, UNC Asheville, UNC-Chapel Hill, UNC Greensboro, UNC Pembroke, and UNC Wilmington. UNC-Chapel Hill was named one of the best educational bargains in the country by *Fiske Guide to Colleges 2012*. North Carolina State University, UNC Asheville, and UNC Wilmington were also featured in the publication as the best and most interesting colleges and universities in the United States and Canada.

At UNC School of the Arts (UNCSA), the School of Filmmaking received national recognition. It was ranked 12<sup>th</sup> on the Hollywood Reporter's inaugural list of the 25 best film schools in the world. The UNCSA School of Filmmaking was ranked eighth in the United States and second among the public schools. A research team at North Carolina State University received a \$25 million grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of

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Food and Agriculture to research human noroviruses across the food supply chain. North Carolina A&T State University (NCA&TSU) and North Carolina Central University were among more than 30 partners involved in the research project. A team of researchers at NCA&TSU will explore nanotechnology-based approaches to deactivate the viruses. At Elizabeth City State University, Dr. Hirendra Nath Banerjee, Professor of Biology, received a \$100,000 grant from the Thurgood Marshall College Fund and the U.S. Department of Energy to explore potential osteoporosis treatments. Seven undergraduate students were working with him on this project studying a protein in the body that eats away bone; this was an example of how faculty research was tied directly to teaching both at the graduate and undergraduate levels.

Dr. Terri Helmlinger Ratcliff, Executive Director of the Industrial Extension Service at North Carolina State University, was the first woman ever to receive the “Engineer of the Year” award by the *National Society of Professional Engineers*. Next, researchers from UNC-Chapel Hill/North Carolina State University Joint Department of Biomedical Engineering had a scientific experiment aboard NASA’s final space shuttle mission (Atlantis) last month. Their experiment on bone loss prevention was carried into space. Also aboard Atlantis, was an experiment conducted by NCSU researchers related to a study on plant growth in space.

Next, two students from UNCSCA would be represented in the 2012 Miss America Pageant. Ms. Hailey Best, a 2009 alumna of UNCSCA High School and winner of the Miss North Carolina Pageant, and Ms. Michaela Lackey, a current student in the School of Dance and winner of the Miss Georgia Pageant, were vying for the title of Miss America, which will be aired in January.

UNC Wilmington (UNCW) and the North Carolina Central University School of Law were combining their strengths to offer a program in maritime and admiralty law to law students and practicing attorneys who wish to expand their expertise in these fields. The program would be held on the UNCW campus beginning in 2012. The program would also offer courses in ocean and coastal law, coastal and marine science and policy, and environmental sciences.

At Western Carolina University, the Nurse Anesthesia Program received a \$1.2 million federal grant to expand its program and develop a high-fidelity simulation laboratory at Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College Enka campus.

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Next, President Ross thanked the Committee on Personnel and Tenure for its support in establishing a new position at UNC General Administration of Vice President for International Community and Economic Engagement. Vice President Boney was appointed to the new position and his responsibilities would be expanded to include an international focus consistent with the recommendations of UNC Tomorrow.

President Ross acknowledged Chancellor Ballard and the members of the task force for their work on the UNC Task Force Report on Athletics and Academics. President Ross intended to move forward with the recommendations presented in the report.

Lastly, President Ross remarked that he would keep the Board apprised of the impact of state budget cuts on the University.