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

September 9, 2011

President Ross recognized the Chancellors for their exemplary leadership. Next, President Ross thanked Chancellor Nelms and Chancellor Roberts for hosting the new members of the Board during their recent campus visits. The new members also visited the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television and President Ross thanked General Manager Howe for his hospitality.

President Ross remarked that during each campus visit, he has been greatly impressed by the faculty and students and the high quality research ongoing at our campuses. President Ross cited several examples. At North Carolina Central University (NCCU), Dr. Li-An Yeh's students had a remarkable job placement rate of 100 percent. Dr. Yeh is the Director of the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise at NCCU. Next, President Ross reported that at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM), Mr. Pranav Maddi, a high school senior, has been conducting high-level research that utilizes fibrin fibers to help combat pulmonary embolisms and deep-venous thrombosis. The UNC Center for Public Television (UNC-TV) was collaborating with the UNC School of the Arts on the production of *Oklahoma*, which will appear on a national broadcast next month. UNC-TV had begun filming the North Carolina Symphony Commemorative Concert.

Regarding other recent campus achievements, President Ross reported that Appalachian State University ranked twelfth in *Sierra* magazine's ranking of the greenest colleges in the United States. Students from Appalachian State University were competing in the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Decathlon 2011, which was a competition that challenges collegiate teams to design, build and operate solar-powered houses. Fayetteville State University was awarded a \$1.2 million grant from the National Science Foundation. The grant would provide scholarships to junior and senior math and science education majors who agree to teach in middle and high schools in districts where they were most needed. Next, NCCU's School of Law was featured in the *National Jurist* magazine and placed fourth in the nation in clinical opportunities for students.

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Next, President Ross announced that Mr. Judd Bowman and Mr. Taylor Brockman, both 1999 graduates of NCSSM and successful high-tech entrepreneurs, unveiled a \$100,000 endowment to help fund NCSSM student research projects and entrepreneurial ventures. At UNC Asheville, Professor Mark Gibney was named the 2011 Distinguished Scholar of Human Rights by the American Political Science Association (APSA). He is credited with the development of the Political Terror Scale in collaboration with other UNC Asheville faculty and students. The scale measures the level of political violence and terror a country experiences. At UNC-Chapel Hill, Dr. Robert Millikan, DVM, Barbara Sorenson Hulka Distinguished Professor of Epidemiology at UNC-Chapel Hill Gillings School of Global Public Health, was part of a national team awarded \$19.3 million from the National Cancer Institute to study aggressive forms of breast cancer found in African-American women.

President Ross reported that the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and TIAA-CREF, a leading financial services provider, formed a partnership to provide educational support to over 4,700 students and 500 faculty members at Governor's Village schools located in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school district. *HCM Strategists* magazine highlighted North Carolina Central University and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro for doing a noteworthy job of graduating low income and traditionally underrepresented minority students. President Ross remarked that Chancellor Mauceri had conducted the National Symphony Orchestra at the Kennedy Center for Performing Arts in Washington, D.C., during a private concert commemorating the 10th Anniversary of 9/11. At the University of North Carolina at Pembroke, the undergraduate research program, Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement (RISE), was awarded a five-year \$1.4 million renewal grant from the National Institute of Health. At Western Carolina University, the undergraduate degree program in Recreational Therapy was the first in the nation to earn accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health and Education programs.

In regards to Hurricane Irene, President Ross reported that the campuses of Elizabeth City State University and East Carolina University experienced extensive damage from the storm, including flooding, roof damage, window damage, and fallen trees. There were no reports of bodily injuries. Personnel at the campuses were praised for doing an outstanding job of responding to the emergency. President Ross recognized Chancellor Woodson; a grounds crew from NCSU travelled to Elizabeth City State University after the storm with trucks, equipment,

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and machinery to help with cleanup. This was a marvelous example of our campuses working together.

In light of the budget cuts, President Ross noted that there are many positive developments on our campuses and that the University would continue to provide a world-class education to its students.