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PRESIDENT ROSS' REPORT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

June 15, 2012

President Ross thanked the members of the Board for their thoughtful deliberations and the great deal of time and attention they have devoted to the important issues facing the University and the state. President Ross welcomed Dr. Christopher Brown, who was recently appointed as Vice President for Research and Graduate Education at General Administration. Dr. Brown previously had served as Associate Vice Chancellor for Research Development at North Carolina State University and Director of the North Carolina Space Grant. Dr. Brown earned his undergraduate degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and received his master's and doctoral degrees from North Carolina State University. Next, President Ross welcomed Ms. Cameron Carswell, student member of the Board of Governors. He stated that Ms. Carswell would bring a wonderful perspective to our deliberations and he was delighted to have her serve.

Next, President Ross recognized several individuals – Ms. Kate Torrey, UNC Press Director, who was retiring on June 30, 2012, after 23 years of service; Mr. Lyons Gray, who served a one-year appointment as Senior Advisor to the President; Dr. Sandie Gravett, the outgoing Chair of the UNC Faculty Assembly. He welcomed Dr. Catherine Rigsby from East Carolina University, who would be assuming her new role of Chair of the Faculty Assembly. He recognized Mr. Chuck Brink, Chair of the Staff Assembly. Lastly, President Ross recognized outgoing Chairman Hannah Gage. President Ross remarked that Chairman Gage has been a wonderful leader who is extremely committed to the University and to the people of our great state.

President Ross commented on the status of the state budget. The House of Representatives and the Senate had recently adopted their budgets. The two chambers were in conference and a final state budget was anticipated early next week. The University's budget priorities were in enrollment growth, operational funds for new buildings, salary flexibility, and restoring funds for need-based financial aid.

Next, President Ross reported on the agreement that was reached between WakeMed and the UNC Health Care system. As part of the agreement, WakeMed would withdraw its offer to purchase Rex Health Care, both institutions would continue to focus on improving the health

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care of Wake County residents and all North Carolinians as well as work collaboratively in the area of medical education. President Ross commended Dr. Roper, CEO of the UNC Health Care System, Dr. Bill Atkinson, CEO of WakeMed, and the members of their Boards on working together in good faith to reach this agreement.

Next, President Ross thanked the Chancellors for the outstanding work they do in managing their campuses and recognized many recent campus achievements. At Appalachian State University (ASU), the Performing Arts Center would be supported by a \$7 million commitment from Bonnie and Jamie Schaefer. ASU had received a STARS Gold rating from the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS). This Association is a transparent, self-reporting tool for colleges and universities to measure their sustainability performance. At East Carolina University, in a recent ranking of the *American Academy of Family Physicians*, the Brody School of Medicine leads the country in sending its graduates into family medicine. This marked the sixth consecutive year that the Brody School of Medicine was ranked in the Top Ten on this measure. At North Carolina Central University (NCCU), the School of Nursing was awarded a \$100,000 grant from Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina. The School would use the grant to help fund new technology to train nursing students and to underwrite research opportunities that will prepare them to address the chronic and acute health care needs of North Carolinians. NCCU received a \$1.5 million grant from The Glaxo Smith Kline Foundation to support scholarships for students majoring in math and science. NCCU received a \$1.4 million grant from the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI) over four years to support Course-based Undergraduate Research Experiences (CUREs) and allow NCCU to revamp its biology curriculum.

At the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, a team of four students won the 2012 Singapore International Mathematics Challenge. This is a biennial event where students from around the world compete in a rigorous application of mathematics. Forty-five schools from 22 countries competed in year's competition. At North Carolina State University, Mr. Sina Bahram, a current Ph.D. student in computer science, was recognized by President Obama at a White House ceremony, as one of 14 "Champions of Change." The ceremony honored those who have made significant efforts to make science, technology, engineering and mathematics more accessible to people with disabilities. Mr. Bahram earned his undergraduate

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and master's degrees from NCSU. His research centered on improving the interaction between users and technology. The research is of particular importance to Mr. Bahram, who is blind. At UNC Charlotte, AVERA, Inc., who is a world leader in nuclear energy, has pledged more than \$2 million in financial support for the Energy Production and Infrastructure Center (EPIC). This gift will fund scholarships, programs, and equipment. UNC Greensboro received a \$2 million gift from Dr. Harold Schiffman and his wife, Dr. Jane Perry-Camp, to provide music scholarships and support of the University Libraries. The Music Library will be named for this gift. At UNC General Administration, the U.S. Department of Education has awarded the University a \$28.6 million GEAR-UP grant to help increase the number of North Carolina students who were prepared to pursue post-secondary education. GEAR-UP North Carolina will partner with 11 school districts across the state that preserve and serve low income communities providing academic services to nearly 22,000 students.

Finally, at Fayetteville State University (FSU) – for the fifth time in eight years – a team of students won first place at the Opportunity Funding Corporation Venture Challenge (OFC-VC) Annual Business Plan Competition for Historically Black Colleges and Universities. The team developed a thermo electronic state-of-the-art device that uses heat from a person's hand to charge a cell phone. The team of students consisted of Ms. Tashia Parker, James Hemstock, Tye Owens, and Ben Lanier. President Ross mentioned that he was at the event where the students presented their business plan. He had asked the students (team members) to present their winning business plan at today's meeting. Chancellor Anderson remarked that the judges of the competition included CEOs of large corporations, generals and admirals. The judges were so impressed with the students' presentation that they were interested in investing in this patent-pending product. Chancellor Anderson recognized Dr. Daryush Ila, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, whose research contributed to the entrepreneurial aspect of this device. In closing, President Ross introduced the team members, who provided a brief presentation of their winning business plan.