

## APPENDIX A

### **PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2008**

President Bowles thanked the Board for hosting the University Award Dinner. He said that the awards are a very special part of the University and that it was a real privilege to have recognized this year's recipients, Dr. Carroll and General Shelton.

He recognized the leaders of the University and thanked them for their service. He noted recent campus achievements. For the eighth consecutive year, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was selected the best value in public higher education in America. Five other UNC campuses were ranked in the top 100. They were North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, Appalachian State University, the University of North Carolina at Asheville, and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. He reported that the *Military Advanced Education* magazine selected the University of North Carolina at Pembroke as one of the most military-friendly universities in the country. In addition, UNCP received a \$2.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to improve student advising, strengthen academic support, and increase the number of full-time faculty. The Department of Criminal Justice at North Carolina Central University received a \$900,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to train first responders and other emergency workers in rural areas. President Bowles said that he joined Chancellor Oblinger and Chancellor Battle at an event that announced a \$3.1 million award by the Kellogg Foundation in support of the Center for Environmental Farming Systems – a dual endowment going to NCSU and NCA&T, the first in the history of this University. Funds will allow the Center to increase production, processing, and distribution of locally grown foods. The President remarked that he recently read an article regarding students from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts who were involved in recent Broadway performances. Chancellor Mauceri replied that five students from UNCSA recently made their debut on Broadway starring in *Billy Elliott* and the *Phantom of the Opera*.

President Bowles recognized guests: Dr. Judith Wegner, Chair of the UNC Faculty Assembly, Dr. Mary McDuffie, Executive Director of the North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching, Dr. Richard Sullins, Executive Assistant to the President of the North

Carolina Community College System, and Ms. Kate Torrey, Director, University of North Carolina Press.

He reported that the Committee on Budget and Finance hosted a discussion regarding the University's 2009-11 Budget Priorities. He shared a few important items from the discussion. Due to the economic climate, the state's resources will be tight and the General Assembly will be forced to make difficult decisions when allocating the state's limited resources. However, he believed that it is critical to move forward with a budget proposal that lays out the needs of the University. The 2009-11 budget priorities are lean, focused and fully prioritized. The budget request is the lowest percentage increase in the University's operating budget in over 20 years. The Chancellors have all collaborated in building the proposal. He also said that the proposal was in alignment with the recommendations from the UNC Tomorrow Commission.