

## APPENDIX A

### **PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

**JANUARY 9, 2009**

President Bowles reported that he was very pleased with yesterday's discussion on tuition and fees. He thanked all the members of the Board, the Chancellors, and the members of the Board of Trustees for their participation and input in the discussion.

He noted some recent campus achievements since the last meeting. The work of UNC Tomorrow has been recognized nationally. The Carnegie Foundation announced that eight UNC campuses (ASU, ECU, NCCU, UNCC, UNCG, UNCP, UNCW, and WCU) were designated as "2008 *Engaged Universities*." This national designation recognizes institutions that have proven themselves against rigorous standards and the commitment to collaborate with communities through teaching, research, and outreach. In 2006, UNC Chapel Hill and NC State University were recognized for this achievement. At Fayetteville State University, two students were chosen to participate in a debate series during the weekend of the Presidential Inauguration at the Smithsonian Institute. At UNC Wilmington, Dr. Kate Bruce, Professor of Psychology and Director of the Honors Program, was chosen as the "Teacher of the Year" by the Carnegie Foundation. Two seniors from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, Mr. Sajith Wickramasekara and Mr. Andrew Guo, won the Siemens Competition in Math, Science & Technology with their research project in genetics and computational modeling. President Bowles congratulated the women's soccer team at UNC Chapel Hill for winning the national championship and he congratulated East Carolina University's football team for their winning the Conference USA Championship.

President Bowles congratulated Ms. Kate Torrey, Director of UNC Press, for her role in publishing Vladislav Zubak's book, *A Failed Empire*, which was selected as the best book of 2008 by *The Washington Post* Book World.

He announced that Vice President Andy Willis was leaving his position at UNC General Administration to join Governor Perdue's administration. He has been an enormous asset and advocate for the University. A new Vice President for Governmental Relations will be announced soon.

President Bowles announced that President Emeritus C.D. Spangler, Jr., met with him last month and presented a check in the amount of \$10 million to the University for the Challenge Grant Program. The Challenge Grant Program was created by the Spangler Foundation to increase the number of distinguished professorships in high need academic fields at all of the UNC campuses. It has made a significant difference in the quality of education that we can offer to our students, he said.

Again, President Bowles reflected on the tuition and fees discussion and thanked all those who participated for their input. He recognized the sensitivity and importance in this matter given the current economic conditions. He said that the Board would be receiving further information from General Administration as they consider this vital issue.