

## APPENDIX Q

### **REMARKS BY PRESIDENT BOWLES ON THE SELECTION OF CHANCELLOR-ELECT DR. JAMES A. ANDERSON**

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President Bowles stated that the charge to the Search Committee in September 2007, was to bring him a leader who can tap into and develop the vast potential of Fayetteville State University, someone with passion who cares deeply about the historical mission of HBCU's and would grow to love the students and the University. The leader of the University needs to understand the deep rooted challenges at Fayetteville State University and embrace the challenges as opportunities. The next leader must be someone who will be a good community partner who understands the Fayetteville region especially the military in the region and our State. President Bowles said he is confident that the Search Committee brought him *that* person.

Dr. James A. Anderson has distinguished himself as a dedicated teacher, seasoned administrator, and proven leader. He has held key leadership positions at some of the nation's finest public universities including North Carolina State University.

He was born and raised in Washington, DC. Dr. Anderson graduated from Villanova University with a degree in psychology and he earned his doctoral degree in psychology from Cornell University. He was the chair of the Department of Psychology at Xavier in New Orleans, Louisiana. He was a professor of psychology at the University of Indiana Pennsylvania. From 1992 – 2003, he served as Vice Provost for Undergraduate Affairs at North Carolina State University where he led the revisions of a General Education Curriculum as well as the development of the First Year College, the Honors Programs, the Faculty Center for Teaching and Learning, the Minority Engineering Program, and NCSU's Diversity Initiative.

In 2003, Dr. Anderson served as Vice President and Associate Provost for Institutional Assessment and Diversity at Texas A&M University and he joined the University of Albany in 2005. He authored or co-authored books entitled *The Unfinished Agenda of Brown vs. the Board of Education* and *Driving Change through Diversity and Globalization: Transforming Leadership in the Academy*. Dr. Anderson is a former ACE Fellow, a Danforth Fellow, and a

National Learning Communities Fellow. He has received numerous awards from the National Association of Personnel Administrators and from NASULGC. He currently serves on the Board of Trustees at Villanova University and the advisory board of the International Center for Student Success and Institutional Accountability. He is married to Nancy Anderson and has three daughters.