

## **BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**

The University of North Carolina

March 15, 2007

The Board of Governors met in special session on March 15, 2007, in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Mendenhall Student Center on the campus of East Carolina University. Mr. Phillips, the chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

### **INVOCATION**

Mrs. Sanders gave the invocation:

Father, Wonderful, Almighty, Triune God:

We thank you for the opportunity to come into your divine presence. We thank you for the opportunity to serve you and to glorify you through our work on this Board of Governors. We humbly ask forgiveness for our sins, especially the sin of ungratefulness...for in the midst of poverty, there is prosperity; in the midst of wars and rumors of wars, there is peace; in the midst of famine, we are fed. And Father, we have done nothing to merit such favor. Like David, we ask who is man that you are mindful of us? It is all by your grace and your mercy. Your word tells us that to whom much is given, much is required. We ask, dear God, that you would order our steps. Give us wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of you so that we might know and abide in the hope of your calling.

Today Father, we meet in the poorest region in our state, where we have sown much, and bring in little; we eat, but we have not enough; we drink, but we are not filled; we are clothed, but not warm, and he that earns wages, earns them to put into a bag with holes. Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, consider your ways. Today Lord, help us to consider our ways. For in this great state, no region need be left behind. Not one child in northeastern North Carolina should be denied access to a quality education. Every man or woman who wants to work ought to be able to earn a living wage. And every child ought to be able to bloom where he is planted.

Lord you promised in your word that if even two shall agree on earth as touching anything that we shall ask, it shall be done for them of our Father which is in heaven. Today we touch and agree that this University shall be the best in the nation. That every campus will be a blessing not only to the students who attend, but to the regions that they serve and to all the citizens of this great state.

We ask a special blessing for the chancellor who will be appointed today to lead Elizabeth City State University. Let him never lean to his own understanding, but trust you for guidance and direction. Let the decisions of this board be grounded in your word, rather than our intellect, for the wisdom of men is foolishness to you. We ask these blessings in the matchless name of your son Jesus. Amen.

## **ROLL CALL**

Secretary Perry called the roll and the following members were present:

Bradley T. Adcock	G. Leroy Lail
Brent D. Barringer	Charles H. Mercer, Jr.
Peaches Gunter Blank	Fred G. Mills
R. Steve Bowden	Charles S. Norwood
F. Edward Broadwell, Jr.	Cary C. Owen
Laura W. Buffaloe	Derek T. Pantiel
William L. Burns, Jr.	Patsy B. Perry
John W. Davis III	Jim W. Phillips, Jr.
Phillip R. Dixon	Gladys Ashe Robinson
Ray S. Farris	Irvin A. Roseman
Dudley E. Flood	Estelle W. Sanders
Hannah D. Gage	William G. Smith
Peter D. Hans	J. Craig Souza
Charles A. Hayes	Priscilla P. Taylor
Peter Keber	J. Bradley Wilson
Adelaide D. Key	David W. Young

The following members were absent:

H. Frank Grainger	James E. Holshouser, Jr.
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## **STATE ETHICS ACT**

Chairman Phillips stated that under the State Ethics Act, members have a duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts. Looking at the agenda for today's meeting, Chairman Phillips asked if any members knew they had a conflict of interest or an interest that would give rise to the appearance of a conflict of interest. No members responded.

On motion of Dr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Bowden, the board voted to convene in closed session pursuant to North Carolina General Statutes 143-318.11(a)(5), and 143-318.11(a)(6). The motion carried.

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The Board of Governors went into closed session at 5:53 p.m. and returned to open session at 6:00 p.m.

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### **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PERSONNEL AND TENURE**

Mr. Mercer, chair of the Committee on Personnel and Tenure, presented the committee's report.

#### **Election of a Chancellor at Elizabeth City State University**

Mr. Mercer stated that President Bowles reported to the committee on the search for a chancellor at Elizabeth City State University. President Bowles came forward and stated that he is delighted to make a recommendation for the appointment of a chancellor at Elizabeth City State University. He began by introducing Mr. Walter Davenport, chair of the Elizabeth City State University Board of Trustees and chair of the Chancellor Search Committee.

Chairman Davenport thanked President Bowles and the Board of Governors for the chance to report on behalf of the search committee. He stated that in September 2006, the committee accepted the President's charge to find the best candidate. The committee held public forums to gather input from students, faculty, alumni, and the community. With the assistance of the executive search consulting firm of Heidrick & Struggles, the committee did an outstanding job in recommending to the Board of Trustees an excellent slate of candidates. Chairman

Davenport added that the goal of the search committee was to select a strong, passionate leader and a community partner who would be the next visionary for Elizabeth City State University.

President Bowles stated that he was pleased to announce the recommendation of Dr. Willie J. Gilchrist as chancellor of Elizabeth City State University at an annual salary of \$200,000. He then reviewed the qualifications of Dr. Gilchrist who currently serves as the university's interim chancellor. President Bowles stated that the University is most fortunate to retain a leader with such determination, integrity, and commitment.

Dr. Buffaloe moved approval of the recommendation, and Mrs. Sanders seconded it. The motion carried. At the request of Chairman Phillips, Dr. Buffaloe, Mrs. Sanders, and Mr. Dixon escorted Dr. Gilchrist into the room.

See Appendix A for the remarks of Dr. Gilchrist.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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Secretary

APPENDICES

(All appendices are a part of the official record of the meeting.)

Appendix A    Remarks of Dr. Willie J. Gilchrist

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