

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

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President Bowles thanked Chancellor DePaolo for hosting the meetings. President Bowles said that Chancellor DePaolo's leadership is visible throughout the campus. He commented that the students he had met this morning are bright and energetic, the facilities are outstanding, and the campus has great faculty.

Next, President Bowles recognized Vice President Leath, Research Director Thornton, and Associate Vice President Boney for their presentation on the REACH-NC portal the previous day. He commended Associate Vice President Boney for his leadership. He is credited with recognizing ways in which this University can be as relevant and as focused as possible on addressing the needs of the people of North Carolina through a transformation environment.

President Bowles thanked Dr. Daniel Baden, Director of the Center for Marine Science and his staff, for hosting a reception the previous evening and for the great research, both on the applied and basic levels, which UNCW is conducting in the areas of oceanography, coastal and wetland studies, marine biotechnology, marine biomedical studies, and agriculture. President Bowles said that marine science is an industry of the future and it is another example of UNC Tomorrow in action. President Bowles remarked that he enjoyed the musical performance by the students and faculty from UNCW's Department of Music.

President Bowles recognized Chancellor Williams, who was serving as Chancellor at the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, pending Dr. Todd Roberts' arrival. He thanked Chancellor Williams for his leadership at the School of Science and Mathematics and said that the School was in capable hands.

Regarding recent campus achievements, President Bowles announced that NC State University and NC A&T State University were partnering in a five-year \$10 million National Science Foundation research project focused on predictions and consequences of global climate change. Researchers from North Carolina State University were developing advanced computer-modeling techniques to improve predictions of Atlantic Ocean hurricanes. Faculty from North Carolina A&T State University were developing data mining techniques to assist

scientists and public officials in better predicting the impact of hurricanes. This was another fine example of UNC Tomorrow in action. At the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, federal research grants and contracts totaled over \$800 million this year, the largest amount in campus history. President Bowles announced that despite the difficult economy, UNC-Chapel Hill had another very successful fundraising effort which brought in more than \$268 million in gifts this year. Remarkably, UNC-Chapel Hill had more than 73,000 donors in a one year period. President Bowles credited Chancellor Thorp and Vice Chancellor Kupec from UNC-Chapel Hill for the successful fundraising campaign.

At the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, the U.S. Department of Energy has recently designated the University to receive a \$2 million federal stimulus grant to help weatherize 800 homes statewide. The UNC Charlotte campus community, Habitat for Humanity, and other voluntary groups were collaborating to replace old windows, caulk and add insulation in old homes and to make them energy-efficient for low-income residents. This program would help lower heating and cooling bills for residents of these homes while providing on-the-job training for local tradesmen. At the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, President Bowles noted that today Chancellor Mauceri was hosting Mr. Rocco Landesman, Chairman of the National Endowment for the Arts. Chairman Landesman was headlining a panel on the impact and importance of the arts and culture in our communities.

Several UNC campuses were ranked in national assessments of quality and value by the *US World & News Report* Best College Rankings. For the 10th consecutive year, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill ranked in the top five among *all* national public universities. Ranked in the Top 10 public regional institutions in the South, Appalachian State University ranked third, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington ranked fifth, and Western Carolina University ranked tenth. In the same category, Appalachian State University and the University of North Carolina at Wilmington were identified as “up-and-coming” institutions. Appalachian State University was also cited for its excellence in undergraduate teaching. In other categories, the University of North Carolina at Asheville ranked seventh among public national liberal arts colleges. Ranked in the Top 10 public Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) in our nation, North Carolina Central University ranked first, North Carolina A&T State University ranked third, Elizabeth City State University ranked seventh, and Winston-Salem State University ranked eighth.

APPENDIX A

Lastly, President Bowles commended Vice President Rhinehardt for her efforts in focusing on how the University can better serve our military personnel in the state. He announced that *G.I. Jobs* magazine recently named eight UNC campuses to its list of the 2011 Military Friendly Schools. Those campuses included Appalachian State University, East Carolina University, Elizabeth City State University, North Carolina Central University, UNC Charlotte, UNC Pembroke, UNC Wilmington and Western Carolina University.