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### **EXCERPTS OF DR. GARY L. MILLER'S REMARKS CHANCELLOR-ELECT OF UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT WILMINGTON**

**May 3, 2011**

Dr. Miller expressed his deep appreciation to President Ross and Mrs. Wendy Murphy, Chair of the Board of Trustee Chair, for their extraordinarily generous and kind remarks. He recognized Chairman Gage and the distinguished members of the Board of Governors. He remarked that this appointment as Chancellor to the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW) was an honor. He was mindful of both the great opportunity and of the great responsibility this appointment carried.

Dr. Miller remarked that this is a time of unparalleled challenge and transformation in American higher education. It is also a time of great opportunity. To realize these opportunities, we must reaffirm and recommit to a sacred obligation – to prepare the next generation of citizens for North Carolina, the nation and the world. Furthermore, the deepest and most sustaining value of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington is the steadfast belief that the real power of learning and discovery is found in the magical interaction of students and exceptional faculty and staff. The University of North Carolina at Wilmington has put this core idea into action in most extraordinary ways. UNCW is a national innovation leader in undergraduate education, research, student service and community engagement, as well as in many other areas. In the coming days, he would meet with students, faculty, staff, alumni, community members, staff at General Administration and other constituents to discuss the future of UNCW, to test ideas, to embrace imaginations because UNCW is a university with a soul, a university on the move, a university with important promises to keep, and a university with a national imperative.

Next, Dr. Miller spoke of his commitments. He asked the students to bring to him their ideas, passions, and most of all, a commitment to hard work. He and his wife, Georgia, were excited about getting to know the students, to understand the students' perspectives of the world and to learn from each other. To the faculty and staff, he said that they will work together with integrity, transparency, mutual respect, and of course, a good sense of humor. Shared governance was extremely important and Dr. Miller was committed to the broadest collaboration and consultation with all faculty and staff. He stated that UNCW was a world class university

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and commended Chancellor DePaolo for her accomplishments. Dr. Miller stated that he, the staff, faculty, students and others would build upon these accomplishments that have been achieved during Chancellor DePaolo's leadership. To the community, Dr. Miller promised that UNCW would continue its tradition as a fully engaged community partner. To the alumni, he and his wife, Georgia, were excited to get to know Seahawks and they want alumni to visit the campus more frequently. To the Board of Trustees, he noted that their perspective, experience and wise counsel were absolutely essential to UNCW's success. He was committed to a vigorous collaboration with the trustees who support this great university. To the Board of Governors and to President Ross, he noted that UNCW is a key part of the system. He was committed to continuing the great spirit of partnership that has been enjoyed with UNCW and Chancellor DePaolo.

In closing, Dr. Miller remarked that Georgia and he were very excited about undertaking this great journey.