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PRESIDENT ROSS' REPORT
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING

August 10, 2012

President Ross reflected on the previous day's in-depth policy discussions. He remarked that the discussions were of great strategic importance to the University. He thanked Dr. James H. Johnson, Jr., William R. Kenan Jr. Distinguished Professor of Strategy and Entrepreneurship and Director of the Urban Investment Strategies Center at UNC-Chapel Hill, for his presentation on the impact of changing demographics on the state's economy. He thanked Mr. John "Dubby" Wynne from the Virginia Business Higher Education Council (VBHEC) for his presentation on the processes that the Council had undergone to build support for its state's colleges and universities. These presentations would help chart a bold strategic direction as we confront opportunities and challenges facing our University and higher education.

Next, President Ross congratulated Chairman Hans on his new role as Chairman and looked forward to working under his leadership. He welcomed Dr. Aldona Wos to the Board of Governors. He noted that Dr. Wos will serve the University extremely well given her many accomplishments and contributions. President Ross welcomed Chancellor Becton, who was recently appointed to serve as Chancellor at North Carolina Central University on an interim basis. Chancellor Becton has a long and distinguished career as an attorney, law professor and former judge of the North Carolina Court of Appeals. He had served as president of the North Carolina Bar Association and the North Carolina Academy of Trial Lawyers. The North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees would launch a search for a permanent successor to replace former Chancellor Nelms, who retired earlier this month.

President Ross thanked the Chancellors for the extraordinary work that they perform on a daily basis. Regarding some recent campus activities, President Ross reported that a team of students from North Carolina A&T State University and Purdue University were selected by NASA to design and build an original experiment in capillary fluid dynamics for the International Space Station. At North Carolina Central University, the Julius L. Chambers Biomedical/Biotechnology Research Institute (BBRI) received a \$5.7 million NIH grant for health disparities projects. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced that

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North Carolina State University and Duke University would team up with Novartis at its Holly Springs, North Carolina facility to develop and produce vaccines to quickly respond to chemical and biological threats. Students from North Carolina State University had developed a free iPhone app called TickID. The app serves as a field guide to the most commonly encountered ticks and provides recommended treatment for tick bites. Two professors and students from UNC Charlotte had developed an iPod app to help police respond to incidents of serious crimes committed on campus. The app uses digital architectural files to create 3-D maps of every building on campus. The maps are loaded in iPod devices carried on the arms of SWAT team members and other first responders.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute received a five-year, \$10 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to create a research and development center to help high school students with autism and other related disorders. Western Carolina University received a \$642,960 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to further cooperate with businesses and emerging entrepreneurs on projects to create new jobs in the western part of our state. The funds would further the work of Western Carolina University – Center for Rapid Product Realization, where faculty and students collaborate with commercial enterprises to develop products and processes. Fayetteville State University and North Carolina State University collaborated to establish a new Engineering 3+2 Dual Degree Program. Through the program, students can earn two Bachelor of Science degrees. Students in the program will study for three years at Fayetteville State University followed by another two years at North Carolina State University. This was another wonderful example of our institutions collaborating together to expand opportunities at lower costs. The School of Business and Economics at Fayetteville State University received a five-year, \$643,000 grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to establish an economic development administrative center, which would be a component of the Fayetteville business center. East Carolina University opened its first dental center. The School of Dental Medicine Community Service Learning Center opened to patients this month. The center will serve rural counties of the area and attract new dentists to the underserved area.

President Ross reported that Ms. Chantel Miller, a junior anthropology major at East Carolina University, earned a national award for a photo documentary she had created to raise awareness of discrimination. Ms. Miller was selected as one of ten winners for the USA

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Network's Characters Unite Award, which celebrates individual efforts to combat hate and intolerance. The award included a \$5,000 grant, which she will donate toward a scholarship fund. Mr. Harry Rybacki, a student from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, received the inaugural Google Student Veterans of America (SVA) Scholarship. The SVA Scholarship program is focused on rewarding high caliber student veterans pursuing a degree in the Computer Science field. Finally, at the University of North Carolina School of the Arts, Ms. Susan Jaffe, a world renowned ballerina, was named the Dean of the School of Dance. Her appointment was effective this month.