

**PRESIDENT ROSS' REPORT**  
**BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING**  
**October 24, 2014**

President Ross thanked the members of the Board for their time and attention they devoted this week to Mr. Wainstein's report on the investigation of past academic wrongdoings at UNC-Chapel Hill. This has been a very difficult week. He thanked Chancellor Folt for her steadfast leadership and resolve. He publically thanked District Attorney Woodall, the Board of Governors, and Board of Trustees at UNC-Chapel Hill. The University has implemented new policies, safeguards and best practices across the system to ensure compliance, ethics and integrity in athletics and academics throughout the University. He has that staff at UNC General Administration and our chancellors to identify additional changes to regulations and policies that may be needed to foster an enhanced culture of compliance, ethics and integrity in athletics throughout our system. President Ross stressed that protecting the academic integrity of our public University is paramount and we must vow to do everything we can to be absolutely certain that nothing like this ever happens again.

President Ross stated that the University is blessed to have great and committed faculty like Dr. Kurt Michael, who was presented today with the 2014 Governor James E. Holshouser, Jr. Award for Excellence in Public Service. Dr. Michael offers living proof that the teaching, research, outreach, and service that takes place on our campuses each and every date really matters and that it has the power to change lives and communities for the better. He recognized the Chancellors. He welcomed Chancellor Stacey Franklin Jones, who was attending her first Board of Governors meeting. Chancellor Jones began her service on October 1<sup>st</sup> and has hit the ground running. In her first couple weeks, she has appeared before the Legislature's Joint Education Operations Committee and then hosted an orientation visit by member of the Board of Governors and General Administration staff.

Recognizing several recent campus achievements and accomplishments, President Ross reported that East Carolina University (ECU) marked its tenth year of preparing engineers with the celebration of the program's growth from a 25-student department to a full-fledged College of Engineering and Technology with 550 students. Approximately 95% of ECU's engineering students are offered jobs within 90 days of graduation. At Fayetteville State University (FSU), it was ranked among the nation's 50 best colleges for veterans according to a recent *USA Today*

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report. Ranked 33<sup>rd</sup>, FSU was the only North Carolina institution ranked in the top 50. FSU's Department of Criminal Justice has been awarded an \$860,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to fund a three-year project that will focus on HIV prevention among African American adults.

At NC A&T State University (NCA&TSU), preliminary fall enrollment numbers indicate that NCA&TSU now has the largest enrollment of any historically black college and university in the nation. It began the academic year with approximately 10,735 students, and surpassed Florida A&M University and Howard University. At North Carolina Central University, it has received a \$932,000 from the U.S. Department of Education that will allow the School of Special Education to expand its communication disorders program through a new specialty track that combines speech-language pathology and special education. At NC State University, Chancellor Woodson announced an \$8.1 million gift that will establish the Moise A. Khayrallah Center for Lebanese Diaspora Studies. The Center – funded by Dr. Moise Khayrallah and his wife, Vera – will create a unique center dedicated to the study of immigration, particularly of Lebanese descent. The couple emigrated from Lebanon to North Carolina in 1993. Dr. Khayrallah is a biotechnology entrepreneur who has started three drug-development companies and his wife is a licensed social worker.

At UNC Asheville (UNCA), Wells Fargo has provided a \$100,000 lead gift to help UNCA and Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College launch a new joint scholarship program. This scholarship partnership will help students with the cost of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College and then earn a bachelor's degree at UNCA. At UNC-Chapel Hill, internationally recognized professors Dr. Joseph DeSimone and Dr. Tom Meyer were elected to membership in the Institute of Medicine, one of the highest honors a U.S. scientist can receive in health and medicine. Dr. Meyer was also selected to share a \$1 million prize given by Israel for research on alternative fuels. At UNC Charlotte, alumni Vickie and Gene Johnson have donated \$2 million to support UNC Charlotte's Marching Band Scholarship Fund and help finance the construction of the Vickie and Gene Johnson Marching Band Center.

Chancellor Linda Brady at UNC Greensboro (UNCG) announced her plans to retire next summer after seven years in the position. Chancellor Brady has led UNCG with great integrity and has shepherded the institution through some very tough economic circumstances. Under her leadership, UNCG has expanded collaboration and partnerships, particularly with NCA&TSU and the local business community. UNCG's School of Education has been awarded a five-year,

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\$7.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education. The grant will further UNCG's efforts to integrate technology across all teaching fields, and recruit, train and support more teachers in the STEM fields. At UNC Pembroke (UNCP), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services awarded UNCP a \$1 million grant to train 60 – 80 social workers over the next three years. Students in UNCP's master's degree program will receive stipends and health insurance while completing internships in primary care settings.

At UNC School of the Arts, David Smith, director of the Sound Design Program in the School of Design & Production, won the USA Creative Business Cup for an invention he calls "Battery Vampire," which taps into residual power that's normally left in traditional batteries. His "2ndLifeTech" device will represent the United States next month in an international competition in Denmark. At UNC Wilmington, the U.S. State Department has awarded the school an initial three-year \$1 million grant to partner with the International Islamic University in Islamabad. The partnership will foster reciprocal opportunities for faculty and students in professional development, research and community engagement.

Western Carolina University's (WCU) social work program has received a \$1.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of health and Human Services to expand the number of social workers qualified to practice in the areas of substance abuse prevention and behavioral health and other underserved areas of western North Carolina. WCU will work in collaboration with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians and the Center for Native Health. At Winston-Salem State University, the school's Department of Rehabilitation Counseling has received two grants totaling more than \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Education. The first will enable WSSU to help address the shortage of rehabilitation counselors providing services from the deaf or hard of hearing. The second grant will enhance its online master's degree program in rehabilitation counseling.

Finally, at NC School of Science and Mathematics (NCSSM), a new scholarship program at Duke University will benefit graduates of the NC School of Science and Mathematics. The fund was created with a \$1 million gift from Sean Fahey, a graduate of both schools and co-founder of Claren Road Asset Management. One student in each Duke class will benefit from the program.