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**SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT GONZALES' REPORT  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING  
May 22, 2015**

Senior Vice President Gonzales provided an abbreviated report on behalf of President Ross, who was recovering from shoulder surgery. On behalf of President Ross, Senior Vice President Gonzales thanked the retiring members of the Board for their service, strong support and hard work. Dr. Gonzales acknowledged the new members – some of whom observed today's meeting. He welcomed Mr. Zack King, the new student member of the Board. He recognized the Chancellors and called attention to a few milestones and campus achievements that have occurred since the last meeting.

Senior Vice President Gonzales recognized two of our campus leaders who will step down next month – Chancellor Kyle Carter of UNC Pembroke and Chancellor Linda Brady of UNC Greensboro. He thanked them for their outstanding service and congratulated them on their retirements. He recognized Chancellor Sederburg for his year-long service as chancellor at UNC Wilmington while a search was ongoing for a permanent leader. Chancellor Sederburg will step down next month. He thanked Chancellor Sederburg for his outstanding service.

Recognizing some recent campus highlights, Senior Vice President Gonzales reported that the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University was ranked #4 in the nation for producing family care physicians. The ranking is conducted by the American Academy of Family Physicians and the award honors medical schools that graduate the greatest percentage of students who choose first-year family medicine residency positions. At Elizabeth City State University and Fayetteville State University, both schools were selected to participate in the North Carolina HBCU Internship Program. The program is designed to connect students to work with some of the state's largest companies such as Bank of America, Belk, Cisco, RTI International and other companies. Fayetteville State University was awarded a \$1.65 million renewal grant from the National Institute of Health for FSU-RISE Program – Research Initiative for Scientific Enhancement. The program prepares underrepresented minority students in biology, chemistry, and math and computer science for post- secondary studies.

At North Carolina A&T State University, a research team led by NC&AT will develop control systems for a new dimension in battlefield strategy – large teams of unmanned vehicles such as drones. This effort is funded by a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Air Force. At NC State University, the school received a \$16 million gift from the Randall B. Terry Charitable

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Foundation to fund research, scholarship and endowed professorship at NC State University College of Veterinary Medicine. Since 1996, the Foundation has contributed more than \$47 million to the College. At NC School of Science and Mathematics, two student teams won top honors in the 2015 Conrad Spirit of Innovation Challenge competition. Teams across the nation presented their concepts to a panel of industry experts, leading entrepreneurs, government officials and world renowned scientists at the Innovation Summit at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida. In the Energy and Environment Category – team Frack Boys earned recognition for their solution in removing contaminated ground water caused by hydraulic fracturing. In the category of Aerospace and Aviation – team PeriPump was recognized for its novel approach for efficient fluid management in zero-gravity environment. Two teams also from NCSSM entered the 2015 Moody's Mega Math Challenge – an annual math modeling contest sponsored by the Moody's Foundation. The teams joined more than 1,500 other high school students from across the country. Amazingly, NCSSM's two teams finished first and second place in the nation. They earned \$35,000 in scholarships between the two teams.

UNC-Chapel Hill and GSK announced an exciting – first of its kind – public-private partnership creating a dedicated research center on the UNC-CH campus and a jointly owned company, Quara Therapeutics, dedicated to discovering a cure for HIV/Aids. This is a new model for accelerating the scientific breakthroughs required to tackle an extraordinarily global health issue. He congratulated Chancellor Folt and GSK's CEO Sir Andrew Witty for their leadership in forging this new alliance. At UNC School of the Arts, Mr. Nate Fenwick Smith, a 2014 graduate of the School of Filmmaking, won a College Television Award – commonly known as a Student Emmy Award – from the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences Foundation (ATAS). Mr. Smith won in the original music competition category for his score for the film *The Collection*. At Winston-Salem State University, Amica Mutual Insurance Company will contribute a \$100,000 to an endowed scholarship fund in honor of Chancellor Donald Reaves, who retired as chancellor last December. The fund which was created to help support undergraduate honor students was established with an initial gift from Dr. and Mrs. Reaves.

Senior Vice President Gonzales recognized other individuals. He recognized the Presidential Interns – Mr. Devan Lalas and Ms. Dorian Thompson. The interns will be departing General Administration later this summer. He noted that the interns have spent the past year assisting us on an array of projects including the implementation of the University's Strategic Plan. Both have been a tremendous asset. He thanked them for their service.

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Last, he recognized the 2015 Class of Marian Drane Graham Scholars. The Graham Scholars program is offered to rising junior and seniors on UNC campuses and provides an opportunity for students to develop leadership skills and a better understanding of key issues facing higher education. The scholars spend time as interns in a state government agency. The 2015 Graham Scholars include Joel Cartner of UNC Wilmington, who will intern at the NC Center for International Understanding; Ayana Shobe of UNC Charlotte who will intern at the NC Department of Public Instruction; Christopher Watkins of NCA&T State University, who will intern at the NC State Education Authority; Rose-Helen Graham of NC State University, who will intern at the NC Community College System; Shakyra Jones of UNC Greensboro, who will intern at the Institute for Emerging Issues; and Amanda Newton of UNC Asheville, who will intern at the North Carolina Department of the Secretary of State. He welcomed the Scholars and thanked them for joining us.