

APPENDIX Q

PRESIDENT BOWLES' REPORT BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING FEBRUARY 9, 2007

Good Morning. We have had a long and eventful few days. I feel we have all learned a lot and gained a lot from our meetings with the trustees. In addition, we have many excited people here from Winston-Salem State University who are anxiously waiting to find out who their new chancellor will be. Therefore, I will not prolong my remarks this morning.

Let me first begin by thanking Chancellor Hackley for all he has done to make not only our stay here most enjoyable and productive, but for all the very solid work he has done in rebuilding North Carolina A&T State University and bringing it back to the great institution it has been and will be in the future.

On the opposite side of that coin, as we all know, James Ammons is going home. I am sick about it, I truly am. James Ammons has been an extraordinary leader for North Carolina Central University, but no one knows better than I how strong the pull is to come home to your home university, your alma mater. That's what James is doing, he will return to Florida A&M University as its next president. James is a graduate, his wife is a graduate, his children are from there, his mother and family are there, and he is going home. While we will miss you, James we wish you God's speed. He is truly a great, great leader.

I also want to thank Jim Oblinger for hosting the Emerging Issues Forum at North Carolina State University. It allowed us to bring in national and international leaders in higher education from throughout the world. It also enabled us to have a better understanding of the enormous challenges we face in the future to make sure our students leave our universities with the skills they need to compete in this new knowledge-based global economy.

I also want to congratulate the recipient of the Thomas Z. Osborne Distinguished Citizens Award from the Greensboro Chamber of Commerce, our own Pat Sullivan. If ever there was a person who earned an award, it is Pat Sullivan, she had done so much for my hometown here in Greensboro and I am glad that she is receiving the recognition she so richly deserves.

There are some others here today I would like to recognize. First, Governor Robinson could not be here today because her husband became very ill last night. However, she would like for us to recognize her fellow students from the PhD program in Leadership Studies here at A&T. Would you please rise and let us give you a round of applause. If I had my glasses on I would probably see how young you are and know that you are the future leaders of North Carolina.

Now a brief word on the Conference on Trusteeship. I heard it described by trustees as insightful, substantive, and important. This is what we wanted it to be. It is important for our trustees to be advocates for stronger accountability, for clear performance measures, and to make sure that that our administrative operations are as efficient and effective as possible. I cannot tell you the number of trustees that came up to me and said, "I get it, I understand our role better now. We will hold our chancellors accountable, just as the Board of Governors will hold you accountable." I think this meeting was most worthwhile. It was a good use of their time and I hope it is the kind of meeting that we can have in the future.

Mr. Chairman, that concludes my remarks.