The NCCU Board of Trustees convened in the Emma Marable Conference Room in the William Jones Building on the campus of North Carolina Central University on April 25, 2007. Chairman Cressie Thigpen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**INVOCATION:** Trustee Eddie Long gave the invocation.

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Mr. Cressie Thigpen, Jr., Mrs. Kay Thomas, Mr. Robert Williams, Mr. Eric Michaux, Mr. R. Edward Stewart, Mr. George Miller, Mr. Travis Porter, Mr. Glenn Adams, Bishop Eddie Long, Mr. Robert Dolan, Mrs. Nancy Wysenski, Mr. Charles Baron and Mr. Mukhtar Raqib.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:** It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Michaux that the agenda be adopted. The motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES.** Trustee Adams moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Williams to approve the minutes for February 14, 2007, and the Executive Committee minutes for March 27, 2007. The motion passed.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:** Chairman Thigpen requested a moment of silence to remember and pay tribute to those students and faculty who lost their lives and were injured during the Virginia Tech tragedy.

The Chairman reminded the Board members to complete their Financial Disclosure Statements which were due March 15th. You have 30 days from the date of notice, if the statement is not received for non-compliance there is a $250 fine.

Chairman Thigpen commended the Athletic Department for 6 conference championships for 2006-2007 year (softball, volleyball, football, women’s cross country, women’s basketball and baseball).

Chairman Thigpen recognized the long service of two members of the Board of Trustees who will retire from the board in June. They are Travis Porter and Robert Williams. Chairman Thigpen recognized Trustee Ed Stewart to read the resolution for Travis Porter (attached).

Trustee Porter thanked the Board for their friendship he has truly enjoyed the Board and thanked the Chancellor for all he has done for this institution and regrets his departure, but wishes him well. This is his 20th year as a trustee in the University system. Chairman Thigpen and the Board have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity, honor and pleasure to serve with Trustee Porter.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Trustee Kay Thomas to read the resolution for Robert Williams (attached).
Trustee Williams thanked the Board “it has been truly a labor of love to have served on this Board of Trustees with the good fortune to serve during some dynamic times for NCCU under the dynamic leadership of the current Chancellor.” Trustee Williams indicated he was here when Chancellor Ammons arrived in 2001. Trustee Williams appreciates the leadership Chancellor Ammons has given and he has special appreciation for the support he has received from this body, for the commoderie, the input and inter-action throughout his tenure. Trustee Williams looks forward to continue to support NCCU, thanks again for your association, your support and fellowship.

Chairman Thigpen on behalf of the entire board it has been a pleasure to serve with you. Trustee Williams recognized his sister, Mrs. Smith who has been a tremendous supporter throughout his tenure on the Board.

Gifts were presented to Trustee Porter and Trustee Williams from the board and the University.

**POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE:** Trustee Michaux expressed his joy in working with the two retiring trustees and has thoroughly enjoyed the relationship with both of them.

Quite often things done by the NCCU Board of Trustees are overlooked. Chairman Thigpen was recently inducted into the North Carolina Bar Association General Practice Hall of Fame which deserves recognition by this Board.

Trustee Michaux also expressed his gratitude to Chancellor Ammons. He has enjoyed service on this Board under this administration and all the fine work Chancellor Ammons has done. Chancellor Ammons has met the goals and challenges and deeply appreciates his service.

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Trustee Michaux presented the Audit Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The Internal Audit Office completed the Information Technology Systems (ITS) Student Work-Aid Review and will issue a report on April 27, 2007.

The Student I-9 Review and the Social Security Review – 2nd Follow-up is in progress. It appears the university has made significant improvements toward decreasing the number of exceptions listed on the report.

The Office of the State Auditor issued the June 30, 2005, Financial Statement Audit on March 9, 2007, and there were no findings.

The action item 2007-2008 Audit Plan was provided in draft form, requiring review from the committee prior to the next board meeting. The final audit plan will be presented as an action item for approval during the next board meeting.
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Trustee Stewart presented the Finance Committee Report. There was one (1) item for action and several items for information.

The committee heard from Ms. Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, who submitted a Resolution to Approve the Issuance of Special Obligation Bonds. The resolution requests the Board of Governors to issue special obligation bonds (the “Bonds”), the proceeds of which will be used for the purpose to refinance the costs of acquisition and equipping the Eagle Landing Residence Hall.

It was moved by Trustee Stewart and properly seconded by Trustee Miller that the Board of Trustees approve the resolution requesting the Board of Governors to approve the Issuance of Special Obligation Bonds for the purpose of refinancing the costs of the acquisition and equipping the Eagle Landing Residence Hall adjacent to the NCCU campus. The motion carried.

Vice Chancellor O’Duoir provided the committee with information regarding the State Budget. He stated that the total State operating budget for fiscal year 2006-07 is $1.6 million dollars. He also provided updates to the committee on the auxiliary accounts. He stated that funds to support scholarships will be transferred at the end of the fiscal year.

The committee was told that the staff is currently completing the PACE report that is due to General Administration staff in May. The report will be shared at the next board meeting.

The committee heard a report from Mr. Greg Marrow, Chief Information Officer. Mr. Marrow announced that the Alumni and Institutional Advancement BANNER will “go live” soon. The Finance Banner component has been fully functional for one-year.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Trustee Miller presented the Building Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The committee heard an update on construction projects from Mr. Virgil Bryan, former Director of Capital Projects. He stated that projects under construction include the Eagleson Residence Hall, Pearson Cafeteria and the BRITE Center. The Steam Line Repair project is in design at this time. The Shepard Library has been completed. The Hoey Administration renovation has been cancelled at this time and the funds for this project have been re-allocated to the Eagleson Residence Hall Project and the Pearson Cafeteria Project. He also presented the timelines for completing the construction projects.

The Board members, Chancellor Ammons and other administrators and staff attended the Topping Off Ceremony on the site of the BRITE construction and had lunch. This ceremony marks a significant milestone in the construction process, namely that the highest point of the construction has been reached and the last steel beam is in place. The Trustees commended the
designers, the construction company, Chancellor Ammons, Dr. Yeh and the capital projects team for their outstanding work in getting this project to this point.

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE: Trustee Porter presented the Institutional Advancement Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The committee heard a presentation from Vice Chancellor Katéy Assem. He noted that giving from July 2006 – April 2007 was $6,907,721 compared to $5,377,196 at this time last year.

Within the division, other notable activities include:

- Alumni giving is up 22% in the amount of alumni donors and up 30% in the amount of cash received from alumni.
- A total of three Major Gift endowed commitments have been completed totaling $325,000. A commitment in the amount of $500,000 is pending.
- The NCCU Washington DC Scholarship Dinner and Dance will be held April 28, 2007.
- The committee received information from Mrs. Sharon Saunders, Special Assistant to the Chancellor and Mr. Greg Marrow, Chief Information Officer, regarding the new NCCU website. The new website will be available on May 14 for the NCCU campus and June 1 for the public. Further the committee reviewed the recently released NCCU recruitment video. Copies of the video are at your places.

ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE: Trustee Thigpen presented the Endowment Committee Report. There were several items for information.

Mr. Charles Curry and Mr. Clifford Mpare from Piedmont Investment Advisors, LLC, were excited to share important developments within Piedmont Investment Advisors. Legato Management Ventures, LLC (Legato) has acquired a minority stake in Piedmont Investment Advisors. Legato made its investment through the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS) Manager Development II Program. Piedmont expects this investment to substantially contribute to its continued growth and expansion. They also gave a detailed overview of the investment performance of the endowed professorships. They explained that between December 31, 2006, and March 31, 2007, the market showed an upward performance, which resulted in an investment return of 2.36% and a market value of $4,239,985.

The Board heard from Mrs. Gracie LeSane, Endowment Accountant, who presented the University Endowment report. She stated that the market value of the Endowment Fund as of March 31, 2007, was $16,775,357 compared to $15,874,364 as of March 31, 2006. This change reflects a market value increase of $900,993 for the same period.

Mr. Katey Assem, Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement, presented the NCCU Foundation Endowment Board report. He stated that the value of the Foundation endowment as
of March 31, 2007, was $10,076,567 compared to $8,993,162 as of March 31, 2006. This change reflects an increase of $1,083,405.

EDUCATIONAL PLANNING AND ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Trustee Thomas presented the Educational Planning and Academic Affairs Committee Report. There were (4) four items for approval and several items for information.

The committee heard from Dr. Janice Harper, Assistant Vice Chancellor for University Programs, and Dr. Ira Wiggins, Director of the Jazz Studies Program. They presented information regarding a proposal to establish a North Carolina Central University African American Jazz Caucus (AAJC) Research Institute. Dr. Wiggins provided an abbreviated history and a brief sketch of each of the components of the program.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Adams that the Board approve the request to establish a North Carolina Central University African American Jazz Caucus (AAJC) Research Institute. The motion carried.

Next, the committee recognized Dr. Elwood Robinson, Interim Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences. Dr. Robinson introduced Attorney Ronald Penny, Chair of the Public Administration Department and Ms. Cassandra Atkinson, Instructor and Director of the Community Research and Technical Assistance Program. Ms. Atkinson noted that the state Department of Transportation approached the program about developing a degree program that would increase the number of diverse professionals working in the area of transportation. Ms. Atkinson has developed the curriculum to support a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Transportation Administration and Management. This program will be the first undergraduate degree in public transportation management in the state university system and meets the expressed needs for the North Carolina public transportation workforce.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Williams that the Board approve the request for an intent to plan a Bachelor of Science degree in Public Transportation Administration and Management. The motion carried.

Dr. Percy Murray, Dean, Graduate School and Dr. Li-An Yeh, Director of the BRITE Center for Excellence presented information to the committee. They outlined the proposal to plan a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences. Dr. Yeh highlighted the various aspects of the program components including goals, objectives, and the long-term and short-term benefits to the state and nation.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by Trustee Adams that the Board approve the request for an intent to plan a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Sciences. The motion carried.

Dr. LaHoma Romocki, Interim Chair of the Department of Health Education provided the committee with an in-depth review of the request to change the name of the Department of
Health Education to the Department of Public Health Education. The presentation included the rationale for the name change and short-term and long-term benefits to the program.

It was moved by Trustee Thomas and properly seconded by trustee Adams that the Board approve the request to change the name of the Department of Health Education to the Department of Public Health Education. The motion carried.

Dr. Lorna Harris, Chair of the Department of Nursing, provided a status report on the recent site visit for continuing accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accreditation Commission. She reported that the exit interview was very good with no findings, and formal approval will be given in June 2007. She reported that the General Administration Office commended the improved performance of NCCU first time takers of the licensing examination; however, the 82% pass rate for 2006 graduates was below the required 85% rate. Therefore, the Nursing Department must reduce by 15% the number of students allowed in the upper division classes in 2007-2008. The Nursing Department is allowed to have 106 students in the upper division courses and the department has reduced its numbers while strengthening the student success rate; therefore, this mandate will not adversely impact the program. Further, Dr. Harris stated that the Department of Nursing currently has forty-one nursing students who are completing their required precept nursing experience.

The committee had requested an update on the status of previously approved Ph. D. program planning requests. Dr. Percy Murray, Dean of the Graduate School, provided an update on doctoral degree proposals submitted to UNC-General Administration. He reported that the proposals have not moved forward because approval of the degrees is contingent on the UNC System mission statement review that is currently underway.

Dr. Elwood Robinson, Interim Dean of the College of Behavioral and Social Sciences, provided the committee with an informative overview of the School’s current work and future plans. He provided a glimpse into the inner workings of the departments within the College and the models of interdepartmental collaboration throughout the university. He highlighted how these collaborative efforts benefit the students and faculty.

Provost Beverly Jones highlighted a number of items from the Productivity and Achievement Report from the Division of Academic Affairs. She concluded her report by citing several staff achievements.

**TRUSTEE STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE:** Trustee Adams presented the Trustee-Student Relation Committee Report. There were several items for information.

The committee heard from Mr. Raqib, the Student Government President. Mr. Raqib thanked everyone for the experience and encouragement he received throughout this year and proceeded to highlight some of this year’s SGA initiatives, activities, and programs.
The SGA presentation was closed with introductions of the 2007-08 SGA officers.

Dr. Carey Hughley, the Chairman of the NCAA Division I Strategic Planning Committee provided a status update of the Plan. The committee is finalizing the plan and using an established check list to determine realistic benchmarks, goals and standards outlined in the strategic plan. This check list results from a campus-wide collaborative effort. Questions were fielded and noted of several action placements within the plan.

The committee heard from Associate Vice Chancellor Frances Graham, who summarized divisional highlights in Student Affairs for April. In light of the recent events at Virginia Tech, she outlined the University’s emergency safety measures and procedures.

Ms. Constance Roberson, Director of the Student Union/Student Activities Board informed the committee of the Student Activities Spring Break excursion to the Bahamas. Christina Williams, a senior, provided a student’s perspective of opportunities and activities she experienced on the trip.

Dr. Graham closed with a briefing of the Cultural Immersion Alternative Spring Break trip. Nineteen students and several staff members traveled to Italy. Erika Purkett and Jennifer Williams, student coordinators, also provided highlights of this most rewarding experience. The group performed community service, toured, and interacted with people in the areas they visited.

**CHANCELLOR’S REPORT:** Chancellor Ammons extended his thanks and gratitude to Trustees Bob Williams and Travis Porter for their service to this Board and to this University and for their friendship and commitment to the students, faculty and to all of us and NCCU. Chancellor Ammons also expressed his congratulations to Chairman Thigpen recently inducted into the Small Practice Hall of Fame and thanked him for his leadership and all he does for NCCU.

Chancellor Ammons introduced Mr. Tremayne Mansion, Major Gifts Officer.

**Progress Report:**

Mayor Bell and the Durham City Council honored the women’s volleyball, women’s cross country, football and women’s basketball teams, all of which won CIAA championships in the past year during the City Council meeting on Monday, April 16th. The Mayor also awarded Chancellor Ammons the key to the city for my leadership and achievements at NCCU.

Honors Convocation – Robyn S. Hadley, former director, president and chief operating officer of Job American Management of North Carolina Export-Import, Ltd., delivered the key note address at the 58th Honors Convocation. She became the first African-American female from the south and only the third African-American ever to receive the prestigious Cecil Rhodes Scholarship since the scholarship was established in 1903.
Erica Purkett, a senior majoring in social work with a minor in Spanish, was presented the highest student honor that the University bestows, the Chancellor’s Award for Academic Excellence. She is a Chancellor’s and an NCCU National Alumni Scholar. One day she plans to work internationally as a Peace Corps volunteer.

**Highlights:**

NCCU officials were on hand April 18th to celebrate the construction of two major research facilities. The event marked the “topping off” of the University of North Carolina’s Nutrition Research Institute and the North Carolina State Institute of Advanced Fruit and Vegetable Science. NCCU’s BRITE and BBRI are involved in the Nutrition Research Institute. In addition, the School of Law Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Law Institute and the North Carolina Research Campus, a 350-acre bio-tech hub in Kannapolis, N.C., recently sponsored a symposium titled “Stem Cells: Diffusing the Rhetoric.”

The last lyceum program for this academic year featured Louis Gossett Jr. One of the most sought after and busiest veteran actors in the film and television industry today, Gossett has an unique talent for portrayng powerful and charismatic characters who have charmed audiences worldwide. He captured an Emmy, television’s highest honor, for his compelling portrayal of Fiddler in the historic television mini-series, *Roots*. He is the recipient of every known acting accolade, including an Academy Award for Best Supporting Actor for his unforgettable portrayal of a military sergeant in the hit film *An Officer and a Gentleman* and multiple Golden Globes, Emmys, and People’s Choice Awards.

**Academic Affairs:**

Corye Dunn of Durham and Brian Elston from Greensboro recently won third prize in the Client Counseling Challenge for Region IV at the national competition sponsored by the American Bar Association Law Student Division Competitions. NCCU’s law students, in early rounds in February, defeated several schools, including the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law, and William & Mary Marshall-Wythe School of Law... NCCU’s law students made it to the final round against the University of Victoria and a team from the School of Law at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. The competition began in February with 98 schools and 143 teams.

NCCU Jazz Combo and the NCCU Jazz Ensemble recently performed at the Villanova Jazz Festival, which is a competitive festival held yearly near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The NCCU Jazz Combo won first place and received the Best Rhythm Section award. Marcus Anderson (tenor saxophone) won best soloist. The NCCU Jazz Ensemble also won first place in the big band division. Anthony Brown (bass) won best soloist, and the trumpet, saxophone, and rhythm sections received best section awards. Out of a 100-point scale, one judge rated the band 97 and another judge rated the band a 92.
Music Department Grant - The grant is titled “Training to Establish the North Carolina Central University/African American Jazz Caucus Jazz Research Institute Digital Library. This grant will allow three of our current library staff to learn digitization techniques to begin the jazz digital library and fund the basic equipment.

Playwright and actor Samm-Art Williams will join the Department of Theatre as an artist-in-residence in August. Williams was the co-executive producer of the NBC sitcom The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air, the ABC sitcom Hangin’ with Mr. Cooper and the executive producer of the FOX sitcom Martin. As an actor, Williams has performed with the New Federal Theatre in the plays Tea; Liberty Call; Blood Simple; Huckleberry Finn; The Wanderers; A Rage in Harlem; and Dressed to Kill. Williams has written several new plays including Home the Musical; Conversations on a Dirt Road; The Dance on Widows’ Row and The Waiting Room, which is currently on stage at the 45th Street Theatre in New York.

NCCU has recently been accepted as a member of the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP) headquartered in Washington, D.C. ISEP is a nonprofit membership organization that provides affordable and diverse study abroad and exchange opportunities to students around the world. ISEP membership makes it possible for NCCU students to study abroad at over 135 different universities in 39 countries.

Financial Affairs:

A Facilities Management Department has been created within the Financial Affairs Division. The Physical Plant and Capital Projects units will be operating under Facilities Management and renamed Facilities Services and Design & Construction Services. The Facilities Services unit will provide services in the area of building maintenance, preventive maintenance, grounds, housekeeping, recycling and motor fleet management. The Design and Construction Services unit will be responsible for the planning engineering, and construction management of NCCU's Capital Improvement and Repairs & Renovation projects.

Student Affairs:

The Campus Echo staff recently attended the 2007 HBCU Student Newspaper Conference. Campus Echo won 16 awards across 20 categories of which four were first place honors. The Campus Echo won the most awards received by any historically black college or university.

Campus Echo staff members Rony Camille, editor-in-chief of the Campus Echo, was awarded the National Association of Black Journalists Region III, Student Journalist of the year. This is a first-time achievement by an NCCU journalism student.

This summer, Rony and Shelbta Brown, a staff reporter, will participate in the New York Times Summer Journalism Institute internship program.
Institutional Advancement:

At the annual meeting of NCCU’s Pre-Professional Health Society, Dr. Vernon Clark was honored with the endowment of $200,000 for a scholarship in his name. Dr. James E. Graham, retired gynecologic oncologist and associate professor from Michigan State University College of Medicine, and his wife Sadie D. Graham have established the Dr. Vernon Clark Endowed Scholarship Fund at NCCU to assist minority undergraduates enrolled in NCCU’s allied health programs. In addition, a stipend will be made available to new minority graduates from NCCU who intend to pursue further education in medicine, dentistry, or pharmacy. In addition to the endowed scholarship, the Grahams commissioned Clark’s likeness to be cast in bronze. The bust by Michigan artist Suzanne Johnson will be displayed in NCCU’s Department of Biology in the new Mary M. Townes Science Building.

All private funding raising increased $1.5 million. Last year, during the period from July 1, 2005 through March 23, 2006, fundraising increased from $5,040,022 to $6,601,614 for the same period in 2006-2007.

IT/Public Relations:

IT and the Office of Public Relations are working to complete the redesign of the NCCU website. While it is scheduled to officially launched in June 2007, the site will be able to the campus for review in May to provide feedback. The site features new navigation menu and a master calendar that can be updated by the campus community. It will include testimonials from students and the university’s new recruitment video. IT will be able to track the visits to the website.

Highlights of Chancellor Ammons’ Years:

This is my final Board of Trustees meeting as Chancellor of North Carolina Central University. I would like to thank the board for the support that it has granted over the years. Your support has given me an opportunity to make my dreams for this university a reality. Some of the achievements that I am most proud of is securing the $19.1 million from the Golden LEAF Foundation to construct the Biomanufacturing Research Institute and Technology Enterprise. With this institute, NCCU be able to help the state to build its work force in biotechnology. I’m also proud of the physical growth of the campus in which nearly 500,000 square feet of space has been added since 2001. Enrollment has increased during my tenure from 5,753 to 8,675, an increase of 50.7 percent. We are currently the fastest growing institution in the UNC System. I’m proud of our move to Division I and what it will do to raise the profile of the University and proud of our other efforts to increase awareness of the university through the media, community initiatives and faculty achievement.
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We also became a leader in the state among HBCUs in the recruitment of National Achievement Scholars, some of the nation’s best and brightest students. Among all institutions in North Carolina, NCCU trailed Duke and UNC Chapel Hill.

I’ve faced some challenges during my tenure at NCCU, particularly the mold crisis where more than 500 students were displaced, the loss of the accreditation by the School of Business and the Duke Lacrosse incident. We survived all of these situations together. And in the case of the business school, made a remarkable come back in record time. Chancellor Ammons recognized Mr. Rob Chapman and Provost Jones and presented the Certificate that certifies that the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business AACSB International, certifies the accreditation of the School of Business at NCCU. This certificate is given for achievement of the highest standard in management education through a commitment to quality and continuous improvement in the School of Business dated April 22, 2007.

We also accomplished feats that were historic in a sense. In 2001, we secured the first clean audit in 20 years and secured subsequent clean audits in 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2006. We established the Josephine Dobbs Clement Early College High School and the African American Male Institute and Summit. We’ve toured the state, producing record enrollment and building support for the university. And, in 2005 we began to regain our strong hold in athletics, with record breaking CIAA championship teams in football, women’s basketball, volleyball and women’s cross country track.

It has been a remarkable experience for me to serve as the ninth chancellor of NCCU. When I arrived on campus, my house was not ready, and I told staff and others that it was okay, I didn’t come to sleep. I came to make NCCU a better institution of higher learning, a place where dreams are fulfilled and excellence is the yardstick by which we measure success. I believe that I can rest now. I can sleep knowing that I’ve reached many of my goals. Thank you, the Board of Trustees, to my administrative team and to the faculty and staff for this great student body for the opportunity to serve. On Thursday, April 26, 2007, Chancellor Ammons will meet with President Erskine Bowles to discuss his final weeks at NCCU. Chancellor Ammons’ last day is June 15th and his official ending date is June 30, 2007. Chancellor Ammons again thanked everybody for making this opportunity a significant part of his life and the life of his family. NCCU will always have a special place in their hearts, given an opportunity to see what they could do.

**Upcoming Events:**

- **UNC Tomorrow Task Force – President Bowles will meet with Chancellor**

- **Remembrance Service for Virginia Teach University – April 26, 2007 at 4: p.m. – Administrative Circle.**

- **Sixth Annual Chancellor’s Concert and Awards Ball – April 27, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in B.N. Duke Auditorium.**
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- Commencement – May 5, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. – O’Kelly Riddick Stadium.
  Commencement Speaker, Attorney Timothy D. Proctor, General Counsel for Diageo,

At the conclusion of Chancellor Ammons’ report, Chairman Thigpen thanked the Chancellor and
Mrs. Ammons for all that they have done for the university and will be missed. Chairman noted
what he will miss are the monthly meetings and the exotic tea. Chairman Thigpen read the
Resolution for Chancellor Ammons (attached).

The NCCU Board of Trustees will host a Scholarship Gala in honor of Chancellor & Mrs.
Ammons on June 9, 2007. Please save the date. Trustee Kay Thomas is co-chairing this event
along with Provost Jones.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT REPORT: The Student Government Report was presented by
Trustee Mukhtar Raqib.

The 2006-07 comes to an end with many accomplishments:

- Monthly Student and Faculty Mixers
- Successful Homecoming Activities
- NCCU and Duke Unity Fest
- Implementation of the Faculty Eagle Accountability Database
- NCCU and Duke Black Student Alliance Awareness Programs in April, 2007
- University Community Service Hours to clean up around campus in April, 2007
- Active Senate and Class Councils

Mr. Raqib thanked the Board of Trustees for this excellent experience that developed him
professionally. He also thanked faculty and administrators for working with SGA and making
sure that decisions being made included student input, the students and advisors for giving him a
chance to represent the student body. “It has been a great experience a lot of ups and downs and
would not change it for the world. Without your support and dedication my experience would
not have been the same”. A special thanks to Provost Beverly Jones, Vice Chancellor Roland
Gaines, Dr. Freddie Parker and Dean Cecelia Steppe-Jones.

Mr. Raqib acknowledged Chancellor Ammons being a great Chancellor being approachable and
mentor to him. Chancellor Ammons always encouraging him to do his best, had an open door
policy to discuss student issues and has provided him an opportunity to study abroad this
summer in Africa.

Mr. Raqib recognized and thanked SGA Advisors, Constance Roberson and Vickie McNeil, and
introduced Tomasi Larry, 2007-08 SGA President, Isaac Bellamy, Vice President, Latoya Tate,
Miss NCCU and Mr. Corey Dinkins, Mr. NCCU.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Trustee Adams to read a resolution for Mukhtar Raqib (attached).
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NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION: Mr. Richard Smith, President of the National Alumni Association Report, presented the Association’s report and it is attached.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT: Dr. Freddie Parker presented the Faculty Senate Report and it is attached.

EMPLOYEE SENATE REPORT: Ms. Rebie Coleman, Chair, presented the Employee Senate Report. Chairperson Coleman introduced the 2007-08 officers: Vice Chair Karen Sanford, Secretary Ruby Messick, Assistant Secretary, Kendra Cardwell, Treasurer, Chevella Thomas and Parliamentarian James Abdullah.

The election of officers was held on April 12, 2007 and the first meeting on April 19th. Ms. Coleman on behalf of the Employee Senate expressed to Chancellor Ammons a sincere thanks for all he has done and for his strong support; all deeply are saddened of his leaving NCCU.

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Trustee Miller moved that the committee convene in closed session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (5) and N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a) (6). The motion was properly seconded by Trustee Williams and it carried.

CLOSED SESSION

The Personnel Committee heard from Provost Beverly Jones and Athletic Director Bill Hayes who presented candidates for salary increases.

The Committee also heard from Provost Beverly Jones regarding a candidate for the position of Associate Dean for Finance and Administration.

Vice Chancellor Katey Assem presented a candidate for the position of Associate Director of Annual Giving.

Following discussion of these candidates, Trustee Williams noted that he would seek approval in open session.

Chairman Thigpen recognized Trustee Miller, Chair of the Building Committee. Chairman Miller indicated that Provost Jones presented recommendations from the Naming Committee which she chairs. The Naming Committee recommends the naming of the School of Education Building and two residence halls, known as “New Residence I and II”.

The Building Committee discussed the naming recommendations in committee. It was moved by Trustee Stewart and properly seconded by Trustee Porter to recommend approval of these naming honors to the full board. The motion carried.
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There being no further business for closed session, Trustee Porter moved and it was properly seconded by Trustee Stewart to reconvene in open session. The motion carried.

**OPEN SESSION**

It was moved by Trustee Williams and properly seconded by Trustee Thomas that the Board approve the salary increases, the candidate for the position of Associate Dean for Finance and Administration and the candidate for the position of Associate Director of Annual Giving. The staff will forward all relevant information to the UNC Board of Governors for final approval. The motion carried.

It was also moved by Trustee Stewart and properly seconded to approve the naming of 3 campus facilities – Education Building and New Residence I and II. The motion carried.

There being no additional business, Trustee Thomas moved and it was properly seconded to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosalind Fuse-Hall*

Rosalind Fuse-Hall, Assistant Secretary
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
Honors
Robert C. Williams

WHEREAS, in 1999, the Board of Governors elected Robert C. Williams, an alumnus of the university, to serve as a member of the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Central University has been fortunate to have such an earnest and committed retired educator and businessman among its ranks; and

WHEREAS, he has been an active advocate, having served as a member of the Audit Committee (1999–2000; 2005–2006), serving as vice chairman from 2005–2006; the Development Committee (1999–2000); the Committee on Educational Policy and Academic Affairs (1999–2002; 2005–2006); the Personnel Committee (1999); the Building Committee (2001–2002); as well as the Trustee-Student Committee (2001–2002); and


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina Central University salutes Mr. Robert C. Williams for his dedicated and loyal service to his alma mater and this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be retained in the university files.

The 25th day of April,
two thousand and seven

[Signature]
Cressie H. Thigpen, Jr.
Chair, NCCU Board of Trustees

[Signature]
James H. Ammons
James H. Ammons, Chancellor
North Carolina Central University
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY

Honors

W. Travis Porter

WHEREAS, in 1995, the Board of Governors elected W. Travis Porter to serve as a member of the North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Central University has benefitted from having this committed civic leader among its ranks; and

WHEREAS, he has been an active participant having served as a member of the Educational Policy and Academic Affairs Committee (2003); the Audit Committee (2004–2007); and the Building Committee (2003 and 2006); and

WHEREAS, he has assumed leadership roles on the Institutional Advancement Committee, serving as a member (2003–2004), and chairman (2005–2007); and as a member (2003) and vice chairman of the Finance Committee (2004–2005).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that North Carolina Central University commends W. Travis Porter for his candid commentary and committed service to this campus and this community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be retained in the university files.

The 25th day of April, two thousand and seven

Cressie H. Thigpen, Jr.
Chair, NCCU Board of Trustees

James H. Ammons, Chancellor
North Carolina Central University
North Carolina Central University Board of Trustees
Honors
Chancellor James H. Ammons, Jr.
2001–2007

WHEREAS, on June 1, 2001, Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr., began working as the ninth chancellor of North Carolina Central University; and

WHEREAS, during the first year of his administration, he led recruitment initiatives that resulted in a 6.1 percent increase in enrollment for the fall 2001–2002 cohort; he established the NCCU Business and Industry Cluster, a corporate group of campus supporters; he led the initiative to recruit the first scholar from the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics; he launched the chancellor’s “Cycle of Success” scholarship; and he initiated a toy drive for the benefit of the children of Eagle Village; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership in 2002–2003, the UNC Board of Governors’ goal for enrollment growth was surpassed with a double-digit increase of 13 percent; he enrolled his first National Achievement Scholar; the Southeast Consortium for Mathematics and Engineering partnered with NCCU to launch the Early College High School that has become a national model for high school reform and innovation; and NCCU was the first historically black college or university (HBCU) to host television’s Hardball with Chris Matthews, featuring presidential candidate Senator John Edwards as the special guest; and 88 percent of the 2000 Capital Bond Program was initiated; and

WHEREAS his third year abounded with significant achievements including the record enrollment of 7,191 students; the first clean audit in 20 years; a grant of $19.1 million from the Golden LEAF Foundation to support the construction of the Biotechnology Research Institute and Technology Enterprise (BRITE) Center of Excellence; and a 13.1 percent increase in African American participation in the Historically Underutilized Businesses program for a total of 22.5 percent of agreements awarded to minority contractors; and

WHEREAS, NCCU gained national exposure when Chancellor Ammons led the effort that set a new record for the Tom Joyner Foundation “School of the Month” campaign by securing $555,000 dollars for scholarships and again, when he launched a 16-city tour that included NCCU Spirit, a talented student recruitment group that relayed the history and values of NCCU through song, dance and spoken word; and

WHEREAS, the enrollment growth was sustained through the fourth year of his administration reaching an all-time high of 7,727 students; and the year ended with a special appropriation from the North Carolina General Assembly of $6 million for the operating budget of the BRITE Center; and

WHEREAS, after five years, NCCU met the mandated enrollment growth goal two years ahead of schedule with 8,219 students, an increase of 6.5 percent; the Athletic Department worked with the administration to move from Division II to Division I in the NCAA, while garnering championships in football, volleyball, women’s cross country and softball; and
WHEREAS, in 2006–2007, NCCU was named the “fastest growing campus” with a 5.5 percent increase in fall 2006, bringing the total enrollment to 8,675 students; and Black Enterprise magazine named NCCU as one of the “Top 50 Colleges” in the nation in its September 2006 issue; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, NCCU became the “Home of Champions” capturing six conference championships in softball, football, volleyball, women’s cross country—becoming the first HBCU to win a Division II Regional Tournament, women’s basketball and men’s baseball—fielding a squad for the first time in 32 years; and

WHEREAS, he completed the $121 million Capital Bond Program and opened NCCU’s new West Campus encompassing $87.4 million in construction for the Mary M. Townes Science Building, the BRITE Center of Excellence and the Benjamin S. Ruffin Residence Hall; and

WHEREAS, the NCCU School of Business received accreditation from the Assembly of American Colleges and Schools of Business International, the most prestigious level of accreditation for this discipline and was reaffirmed in record time by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs; and

WHEREAS, these achievements were peppered with very challenging tasks each year beginning with severe budget reductions for two consecutive years, environmental concerns in the historic and new facilities, loss of accreditation of the School of Business, and two separate, tragic incidents involving NCCU students, leading the campus through those dark days into brighter times with strength and steadfast commitment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the entire NCCU family and Durham community applauds the extraordinary work of and pays tribute to the tremendous leadership Dr. James H. Ammons, Jr., the ninth chancellor, who left the university firmly established with innovative academic programs, providing extraordinary experiences for students and alumni, raising significant funds for scholarships and professional development opportunities for faculty and staff, revitalizing the facilities, and establishing fiscal integrity for the university.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be retained for the university files.

On the 25th day of April, two thousand and seven

[Signatures]

Cressie H. Thigpen, Jr.
Chair, NCCU Board of Trustees

George Miller, III
Secretary, NCCU Board of Trustees
NORTH CAROLINA CENTRAL UNIVERSITY
Honors
Mukhtar Raqib

WHEREAS, Mukhtar Raqib was elected as the president of the North Carolina Central University Student Government Association for the 2006–2007 academic year; and

WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Trustee–Student Relations Committee and the Educational Planning and Academic Affairs Committee, providing the student perspective on important matters considered by the NCCU Board of Trustees as well as serving as a member of search committees for the chief of police and the tenth chancellor of the university; and

WHEREAS, he brought energy and passion for strengthening the relationship between students attending NCCU and Duke University by sponsoring the Unity Fest, NCCU and Duke Black Student Alliance Awareness Programs and the evening at the Durham Bulls game; and

WHEREAS, he worked diligently to involve students throughout the campus community by sponsoring the Unity in Progress Administration–Student monthly socials; assisted the Office of Residential Life to establish the on-line housing assignment process; promoted community service hours to clean up the community surrounding the campus, as well as staged one of the most successful Homecoming Week of activities in recent history; and

WHEREAS, he implemented the Faculty Accountability Database that provides a student perspective on the classroom experience; and

WHEREAS, for his strong leadership, efficient organizational skills in managing his administrative team and for his calm and effective work with his peers during the Duke Lacrosse incident, he was the recipient of the 2007 Martin Luther King Trailblazer Award.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the entire North Carolina Central University family commends this remarkable young man whose quiet demeanor and exemplary leadership skills have left an indelible mark of excellence upon his alma mater, North Carolina Central University, as a member of the NCCU Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be retained in the university files.

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Cressie H. Thigpen, Jr.
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