

August 22, 2003

**THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF  
NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL & TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY**

**ACTION ITEM**      Resolution Authorizing the Creation of a Joint Millennial Campus  
and Governance Structures with UNC-G

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Following exhaustive study and extensive discussions with Chancellor Patricia Sullivan and other UNC-G officials, agreement has been reached to create a Joint Millennial Campus and research park along with necessary governance structures. This plan is seen as a major cooperative endeavor that will combine the strengths of both institutions for the mutual benefit of our campuses and also of the region. By joining forces, the Triad's major public universities can generate significant new initiatives in teaching and research that will serve as a major stimulus for economic development. The Joint Millennial Campus and research park will provide an opportunity to attract new businesses and will undoubtedly result in the creation of new technologies and start-up companies providing high quality employment opportunities. Additionally, this center for cutting-edge research will attract top quality faculty and students, increasing our competitiveness both in the State as well as nationally.

The General Assembly has by statute expressly authorized two or more constituent institutions to create a "Joint Millennial Campus on recommendation made by the President of The University of North Carolina to the UNC Board of Governors after consultation by the President with the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of a constituent institution." North Carolina General Statute § 116-198.34(8b).

To effect the creation of a Joint Millennial Campus and research park, a nonprofit corporation will be established to manage the park and any joint ventures with private business that may occur there. The structure of the organization will be modeled closely upon the "Charlotte Institute for Technology Innovation," which manages UNC Charlotte's millennial campus, previously approved by the President and Board of Governors of UNC.

In its most recent session, the General Assembly made provision for the transfer of the North Carolina School for the Deaf to the UNC Board of Governors, specifically for the purpose of establishing a Joint Millennial Campus. The nonprofit corporation to be created for management of the Joint Millennial Campus will be the entity designated to accept transfer of the North Carolina School for the Deaf from the UNC Board of Governors.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That the Board of Trustees adopt the attached resolution authorizing North Carolina A&T State University to partner with UNC-G in seeking approval from the President and Board of Governors of UNC for the creation of a Joint Millennial Campus and necessary governance structures.

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James C. Renick, Chancellor

APPROVED BY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
North Carolina A&T State University

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Gerald L. Truesdale, Vice Chair

Attachments

**RESOLUTION**  
**In Support of the Creation of a Joint Millennial Campus**  
**Between North Carolina A&T State University and**  
**The University of North Carolina at Greensboro**

**WHEREAS** following extensive discussions with Chancellor Patricia Sullivan and other University of North Carolina at Greensboro officials, agreement has been reached to create a Joint Millennial Campus and research park along with the necessary governance structure, and

**WHEREAS** this plan is seen as a major cooperative endeavor that will combine the strengths of both institutions for the mutual benefit of our campuses and also of the region, and

**WHEREAS** by joining forces, the Triad's major public universities can generate significant new initiatives in teaching and research that will serve as a major stimulus for economic development, and

**WHEREAS** the Joint Millennial Campus and research park will attract new businesses and will undoubtedly result in the creation of new technologies and start-up companies providing high quality employment opportunities, and

**WHEREAS** such a center for cutting-edge research will attract top quality faculty and students, increasing our competitiveness both in the State as well as nationally and

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly has expressly authorized two or more constituent institutions to create a Joint Millennial Campus "on recommendation made by the President of The University of North Carolina [to the UNC Board of Governors] after consultation by the President with the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees of a constituent institution." North Carolina General Statute § 116-198.34(8b).

**WHEREAS** the General Assembly has made provision for transfer of the North Carolina School for the Deaf to the UNC Board of Governors, specifically for the purpose of establishing a Joint Millennial Campus, and

**WHEREAS** the nonprofit corporation to be created for management of the Joint Millennial Campus will be the entity designated to accept transfer of the North Carolina School for the Deaf from the UNC Board of Governors.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** North Carolina A&T State University is authorized to join with University of North Carolina at Greensboro in seeking approval from the President and Board of Governors of UNC, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 116-198.34(8b), for the creation of a Joint Millennial Campus and the necessary governance structures.

This the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 2003.

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Gerald L. Truesdale, Vice Chair  
Board of Trustees

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Velma Speight-Buford, Secretary  
Board of Trustees