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A. INSTITUTIONAL VISION AND MISSION

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University began its strategic visioning process in 2000 under the leadership of Chancellor James C. Renick. Through this evolutionary process of dialogue and involvement of administrators, faculty, staff, alumni, and students, the University's strategic plan, "Uncompromising Excellence: A Blueprint for the Future" was created with the following distinctive vision statement:

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is a learner-centered community that develops and preserves intellectual capital through interdisciplinary learning, discovery, engagement, and operational excellence.

The University's mission statement has been changed to reflect our status change, our recently established Ph.D. programs and Research Clusters and is as follows:

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is a public, doctoral/research intensive, land-grant University committed to fulfilling its fundamental purposes through exemplary undergraduate and graduate instruction, scholarly and creative research, and effective public service. The University offers degree programs at the baccalaureate, masters and doctoral levels. As one of North Carolina's three engineering colleges, the University offers Ph.D. programs in engineering, as well as two interdisciplinary Ph.D. programs in Leadership Studies and Energy and Environmental Studies. Basic and applied research is conducted by faculty and students in eight research clusters: Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology, Computational Science and Engineering, Public Health, Biotechnology and Biosciences, Leadership and Community Development, Information Technology, Transportation and Logistics, and Agriculture, Energy and Environment.

Each year the University develops a report card of progress toward reaching the goals expressed in "Uncompromising Excellence: A Blueprint for the Future," commonly referred to as Futures. NC A&T's traditions of leadership and excellence in higher education are the cornerstones of the programs and initiatives of Futures. A retreat open to all faculty, staff, students, alumni, and friends of the University is held in April each academic year. This year the retreat was held on April 29 and the presentations can be found at <http://www.ncat.edu/futures/>. The Futures' report card is included at the end of this Plan. Additionally, in Fall 2005, the two new doctoral programs: Energy and Environmental Studies, and Leadership Studies, will be implemented.