

Programs in development for Early Implementation:

PhD Degrees

- Bioengineering (in process)
- Computational Science and Engineering (establishment submitted)
- Computer Science (planning submitted)
- Engineering (planning submitted)
- Nanoscience jointly with UNCG (establishment submitted)
- Social Work jointly with UNCG (in progress)

Master's Degrees

- Bioengineering (in progress)
- Interdisciplinary Biotechnology (in progress)
- Journalism and Strategic Communications (in progress)
- Professional Masters of Science in Nanoscience jointly with UNCG (establishment submitted)

Undergraduate Degrees

- Biomedical Engineering (planning submitted)
- Motorsports Technology (planning submitted)

Programs being considered for development in the Intermediate Term:

PhD Degrees

- Technology Management
- Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling

Master's Degrees

- Architecture
- Business Administration
- Health Psychology
- Nursing Education

### III. Revised Mission Statement

#### A. Action Team Membership

The Mission Review Action Team was formed with the following members:

- Stanley Battle, Chancellor – **CHAIR**
- Quiester Craig, Dean, School of Business and Economics
- Alton Thompson, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
- Sandra Totten, Assistant Director, Title III HBCU
- Samuel Moseley, Professor and Chair, Political Science and Criminal Justice
- Vijay Verma, Vice Chancellor for the Division of Information Technology
- Earl Hilton, Executive Director Internal Operations, Student Services
- Leonard Jones, Executive Director, Housing and Resident Life, Student Services
- William Barlow, Director, Design and Construction, Facilities
- Marcus Bass, SGA President

#### B. Assignment

The assignment for the Mission Review Action Team was to review the NC A&T Mission Statement considering the implications from the UNC Tomorrow review:

- The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should examine the missions of its 17 constituent institutions in light of national, state and regional needs from a ‘system’ perspective so that the programs and resources of all institutions serve the state and its regions in a manner that complements each other, maximizes resources, and avoids unnecessary duplication.”
- The campus mission statement is meant to capture the core focus of the institution and the distinctiveness of its approach to teaching, research and scholarship, and public service. Some changes growing out of the UNC Tomorrow review may rise to the level of redefining the institution’s focus, or some aspects of its focus. Contemplated revisions to the mission statement should differentiate among changes already realized on the campus and those proposed by the campus, and explain how each would drive mission changes.

With above in mind the Action Team has reviewed the NC A&T Mission Statement and prepared a proposed revised Mission Statement to be presented the Board of Trustees.

### **C. The Process**

The Mission Review Action Team, chaired by Chancellor Stanley F. Battle and composed of faculty and staff from academic affairs, student affairs, information technology, business and finance, and the student government, reviewed the current mission in light of North Carolina A&T State University’s UNC Tomorrow Phase II Response Plan. It became immediately apparent to the Action Team that the three-pronged mission of teaching, research and scholarship, and public service of the University of North Carolina aligned very well with NC A&T’s tripartite land grant mission of teaching, research and extension. NC A&T’s current mission and vision statements emphasize interdisciplinary programs and scholarly activities in a learner-centered community promoting collaborative learning (teaching) , discovery (research and scholarship) and engagement (public service and extension). As such, NC A&T’s current mission and vision statements are in harmony with, and supportive of, the stated mission of the University of North Carolina. Moreover, our mission is appropriate to our specific, mandated (federal legislation has impacted strongly the mission of NC A&T) and unique role as a land-grant university.

Given the realization that the current mission statement of NC A&T was coterminous with the mission of the University of North Carolina, with the focus of the UNC Tomorrow Initiative, and with the University’s Response Plan to the UNC Tomorrow, the 11-member team crafted the mission statement in a more succinct form. In a very open, transparent and inclusive manner, a series of titillating meetings and electronic exchanges resulted in the revised mission statement provided below.

### **D. The Proposed Revised Mission Statement**

*North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is a public, “high research activity”, 1890 land-grant university committed to exemplary teaching, learning, scholarly and creative research, and effective public service. The University offers degrees at the baccalaureate, master’s and doctoral levels and a commitment to excellence in a comprehensive range of academic disciplines. Building on our comparative educational advantages and our unique civil rights heritage, the University provides interdisciplinary and integrated curricula and co-curricula opportunities that develop and support the intellectual and cognitive competencies of our students. Our graduates are dynamic citizens of the diverse global community and are prepared for the 21<sup>st</sup> century.*