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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Martin Named Chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University**

GREENSBORO, NC – Harold L. Martin, Sr., who has served since 2006 as senior vice president for academic affairs of the multi-campus University of North Carolina, has been elected chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University by the UNC Board of Governors. UNC President Erskine Bowles placed Martin's name in nomination today (**May 22**) during a special meeting of the Board of Governors held on the A&T campus in Greensboro. Martin, 57, will assume his new duties June 8, succeeding Stanley F. Battle, who in February announced his plans to step down for personal reasons.

In recommending Martin to the Board of Governors, Bowles said: "There is not a doubt in my mind that Harold Martin is absolutely the right person to lead North Carolina A&T today and in the years ahead. Harold Martin is a proud Aggie—he personifies Aggie Pride. He is not only a graduate of A&T; he has also been a faculty member, dean, and provost at A&T—he knows this institution inside and out. He is of North Carolina A&T. And he fully understands and appreciates the university's rich history, and he is passionate about the larger role it can play in the life of this city and this state, and its potential to change the future of so many North Carolinians."

As the 17-campus University's top academic officer, Martin has been responsible for leading the University's educational and research missions. In that role, he has advised the president and Board of Governors on academic issues and policies of University-wide importance and overseen academic planning and budgeting, student affairs, sponsored programs and research, faculty support, international programs, and strategy development and analysis. He also has worked closely with campus chancellors and chief academic officers on University-wide academic initiatives and helped focus diverse campus missions to meet University and state goals and objectives.

Martin holds undergraduate and master's degrees in electrical engineering from A&T and a doctorate in the field from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. He joined the A&T faculty in 1980 and was named chairman of the Department of Electrical Engineering in 1985 after a nine-month stint as acting chairman. Four years later, he was named dean of A&T's College of Engineering, a post he held until being named vice chancellor for academic affairs in 1994. From 1987 to 1994, he also served as an adjunct faculty member in North Carolina State University's Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering.

In 2000, Martin was tapped by then UNC President Molly Corbett Broad to provide stable, interim leadership for Winston-Salem State University following the resignation of the Chancellor. Sixteen months later, he was elected to the position

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on a permanent basis by the Board of Governors. During Martin's six-year tenure at WSSU, enrollment nearly doubled (from 2,796 to 5,556), freshman SAT scores climbed by nearly 70 points, and the campus underwent a dramatic physical transformation made possible by the 2000 Higher Education Bond Program. He was also credited with forging stronger working relationships with internal and external constituencies, raising the quality and breadth of academic degree programs, launching programs to improve student retention and graduation rates, upgrading the campus' technology infrastructure, and improving administrative operations and efficiencies.

Specializing in the field of computer engineering, Martin has written and lectured widely on computer architecture and increasing the representation of underrepresented minorities and women in engineering. Named 2001 Man of the Year by the *Winston-Salem Chronicle*, Martin also received the 2008 Thurgood Marshall College Foundation Award for Excellence, Duke Power's 2005 Citizen and Service Award, and McDonald's 2005 African American Achievement Award for Education. The A&T Alumni Association has recognized Martin as Alumnus of the Year (1976), while Virginia Tech has inducted him into its Academy of Engineering Excellence (2008) and honored him with its Distinguished Graduate Alumni Award (2004) and the Bradley Department of Electrical Engineering Academy of Distinguished Alumni Award (1998). He was awarded an honorary degree from Wake Forest University in 2007.

Martin currently serves on the SACS Commission on Colleges and Schools and on the boards of MCNC, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, the Research Triangle Institute, and the Winston-Salem Foundation (serving as chair in 2009). Previously, he has served on advisory committees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, chaired the board of directors of the Southern Consortium for Minorities in Engineering, and served on the boards of trustees of the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the NC Board of Science and Technology, and the NC Biotechnology Center Advisory Board.

A native of Winston-Salem, Martin is married to Davida Martin, an A&T alumna who serves as county attorney for Forsyth County. They have two sons: Harold, Jr., a business consultant in Atlanta; and Walter, a dental student at the University of Maryland.

### **North Carolina A&T State University**

Founded in Greensboro in 1891, North Carolina A&T State University is a doctoral/research intensive land-grant university. With a student enrollment of more than 10,000, it houses one of three schools of engineering within the University of North Carolina and offers doctoral degrees in related disciplines. A&T is the nation's leading producer of African American engineering graduates. It also offers a wide range of baccalaureate and master's degree programs with emphases in engineering, technology, and the sciences. In partnership with government and industry, A&T faculty conduct basic and applied research in an array of fields, including engineering, transportation, and agriculture. A&T was the nation's first historically black

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university to be named an Engineering Research Center (ERC) by the National Science Foundation, securing a five-year, \$18-million grant for biomedical engineering and nano-bio applications research. A&T is also collaborating with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the development of the Gateway University Research Park, which will support cutting-edge work in life and physical sciences, engineering, and technology.

### **The University of North Carolina**

The oldest public university in the nation, the University of North Carolina enrolls more than 215,000 students and encompasses all 16 of North Carolina's public institutions that grant baccalaureate degrees, as well as the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the nation's first public residential high school for gifted students. UNC campuses support a broad array of distinguished liberal-arts programs, two medical schools and one teaching hospital, two law schools, a veterinary school, a school of pharmacy, 11 nursing programs, 15 schools of education, three schools of engineering, and a specialized school for performing artists. The UNC Center for Public Television, with its 11-station statewide broadcast network, is also under the University umbrella.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** An electronic version of this news release and a photo of Dr. Martin can be found on the University of North Carolina website at [www.northcarolina.edu](http://www.northcarolina.edu). Photo URL: <http://www.northcarolina.edu/docs/images/HaroldMartin.jpg>.

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