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NSU Board of Visitors Takes Steps to Appoint Eddie Moore Permanent President

Board authorizes Rector to finalize contract and replace interim title

(NSU Newsroom—Dec. 11, 2015)— The Norfolk State University Board of Visitors today began the process of appointing Eddie N. Moore Jr. as permanent president of the 80-year-old public institution. The Board approved a resolution authorizing Board of Visitors Rector Thomas N. Chewning to negotiate and execute a contract with Moore, replacing the interim title he has held since joining the university in September 2013.

“Eddie Moore is the right leader at the right time for Norfolk State,” asserts Chewning. “His strong leadership skills have been invaluable during a challenging period for the university, and continuity of leadership will allow us to stay focused on key initiatives vital to the future growth of the university.”

According to Chewning, among Moore’s accomplishments was the recent decision by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to remove NSU from probation. Moore’s oversight of a cross-departmental effort to prepare a monitoring report for SACSCOC successfully addressed administrative and procedural matters at the school, which existed prior to his arrival on campus.

“President Moore set the tone for improvement and change at NSU as Interim President and CEO,” Chewning continues. “He guided us through our accreditation challenges and helped us emerge a stronger institution.”

Before accepting the appointment as interim president and CEO, Moore had recently served as president of St. Paul’s College from November 2011 through June 2012. Previously, Moore served as the president of Virginia State University (VSU) from 1993-2010. Before his tenure at VSU, Moore was treasurer of the Commonwealth of Virginia, where he served on 18 state boards and had oversight authority for more than $20 billion of Virginia’s assets. He also served as comptroller at the College of William and Mary. Before entering the public sector, Moore had a corporate career with Gulf Oil Corporation, where he worked in accounting.

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Throughout his career, Moore has been involved in organizations that are committed to enhancing the quality of education and the principle of student-centeredness. He served on the boards of numerous educational organizations, including the Virginia Board of Agriculture and the Education Subcommittee of Richmond Renaissance, Board and Finance Committee Chair for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association, and the 1890 Council of Presidents and Chancellors. His past board service also includes:

- Six years on the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools – Commission on Colleges
- Board memberships on the Virginia National Defense Industrial Authority
- NCAA Division II President’s Council, NCAA Executive Committee
- Virginia’s A. L. Philpott Manufacturing Extension Partnership

In addition, Moore currently serves on the corporate boards of Owens and Minor Corporation and Universal Corporation, Inc.

Moore earned his bachelor of science in accounting from Penn State in 1968 and his MBA from the University of Pittsburgh in 1975. He is a certified public accountant in Texas and the Commonwealth of Virginia (inactive). Moore is a Vietnam War veteran, who is a recipient of the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious achievement. Moore has earned several awards including the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Achievement Award from the College of William and Mary. He holds honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degrees from VSU and St. Paul’s College. He also received the Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Funds Leadership Award, the Dominion Virginia Power Strong Men/Women in Leadership Award, the Distinguished Alumnus Award from Penn State in 1999 and the U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Award, in addition to numerous other awards and honors.

“I am honored and humbled by the faith the Board of Visitors has entrusted in me today by appointing me President of this great institution,” said Moore. “Norfolk State has many strengths. Chief among those strengths is the supportive environment created by our faculty and staff and experienced by our students and alumni. Students have said that the personal encouragement and close mentorship of NSU’s faculty makes a lasting difference in the academic experience. We are well-positioned for a brighter future.”

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