



July 25, 2018

President Margaret Spellings  
University of North Carolina  
910 Raleigh Road  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

Dear President Spellings:

The ECU Board of Trustees feel compelled to respond to recent questions that have been raised about Chancellor Cecil Staton. In July 2017, the Board passed a resolution in support of Chancellor Staton's priorities and vision. Today, this Board would like to again express its unequivocal support for the bold leadership, vision and direction that this Chancellor is providing to East Carolina University.

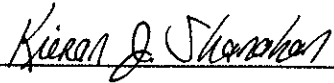
This Board recognizes the very real and important challenges that ECU faces, both financially and otherwise. Under Cecil's leadership, the university is on a positive trajectory and is taking a huge step forward in fulfilling its mission to the state of North Carolina.

It will take the cooperation of ECU leadership, UNC System Administration and the Boards of Governors and Trustees to meet these challenges. The ECU Board of Trustees collectively believes that Cecil Staton has the capacity and character to effectively steward ECU, and has the full support of this Board, as well as the faculty, staff, students and local Greenville community.

Sincerely,

The ECU Board of Trustees

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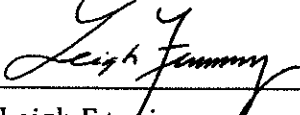
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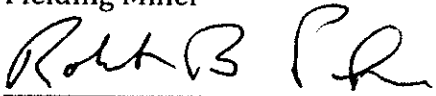
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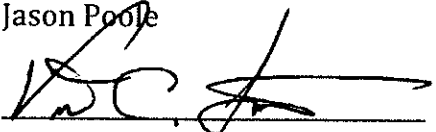
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