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### **FOR RELEASE AT WILL**

### **Hackley to Serve as Interim Chancellor of North Carolina A&T State University**

GREENSBORO, NC – Lloyd V. “Vic” Hackley, chancellor *emeritus* of Fayetteville State University and former president of the North Carolina Community College System, has been named interim deputy chancellor of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The appointment, effective immediately, was announced today by UNC President Erskine B. Bowles. Following the June 1 departure of Chancellor Jim Renick, who is stepping down to take a senior leadership position with the American Council on Education, Hackley will serve as interim chancellor of A&T until a permanent campus leader is elected by the UNC Board of Governors.

In announcing Hackley’s appointment, President Bowles said: “Vic Hackley has earned a national reputation as a charismatic leader who is absolutely passionate about public education and student achievement at all levels. His extensive academic and administrative experience, his knowledge of North Carolina, and his demonstrated commitment to help all students succeed in both life and work make him well qualified to lead A&T during this time of transition. I am grateful that Vic has accepted this important assignment, and I know that A&T will be in very good hands and won’t miss a beat as the search for a permanent chancellor continues.”

Now president of Hackley & Associates of North Carolina, which focuses on ethics, leadership, community, and character development, Hackley is chairman *emeritus* of the national CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition and a member of the Board of Governors of the Josephine Institute of Ethics. Over the past decade, he has conducted or participated in thousands of workshops, seminars, and lectures throughout America related to ethics and character development.

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A native of Roanoke, Va., Hackley holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Michigan State University (1965) and a doctorate in international relations from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1976). A retired U.S. Air Force officer, he has earned numerous military decorations, including the Bronze Star for Valor, the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Vietnam Cross for Gallantry. He also served as a faculty member and track coach at the U.S. Air Force Academy.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1978, Hackley joined the University of North Carolina General Administration as an assistant vice president and later associate vice president for academic affairs. In 1981, he left the state to serve as a tenured professor and chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. In 1985, he was recruited back to UNC General Administration to become Vice President for Student Services and Special Programs. Three years later, the UNC Board of Governors tapped Hackley to serve as chancellor of Fayetteville State University. During his six-year tenure at FSU, dramatic improvements were realized in enrollment, retention, student preparation, and fund-raising. Hackley stepped down as chancellor in 1995 to serve as president of the North Carolina Community College System, and during his two years at the helm, the system increased its partnerships with business and industry and began developing solutions to deal with high school dropouts who transfer to community colleges.

Hackley now serves on the boards of the FSU Character Development Institute, the Southern Poverty Law Center, and the NC Supreme Court Commission on Professionalism (member *emeritus*). Previously, he has chaired the President's Advisory Board on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the NC Child Advocacy Institute, the NC Methodist Home for Children, and the Arkansas Civil Rights Commission. He has also served as a faculty member of the Government Executive Institute at UNC-Chapel Hill's Kenan-Flagler Business School and as a member of the Duke University Advisory Board and the NC State Bar Council.

Hackley has been awarded numerous honorary doctorates, public service awards, and other recognitions for his contributions to education and service to children. At FSU,

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the Academic Honors Dormitory, a distinguished faculty chair, and an academic scholarship program have been named in his honor. He has twice been presented with the North Carolina Parent-Teacher Association's (PTA) highest award for service to children. In 2002, he received the NC Methodist Home for Children's Guardian Angel Award. The following year, the NC Association of Family and Children Services named him the 2003 Trustee of the Year for his work with the Methodist Home for Children.

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