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Dear Alumni:

As you may be aware, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University has made the important decision to focus on more direct communication, support, programming and engagement with you as members of our Aggie Family. As part of that, we are dissolving the Alumni Association, a decision that, while difficult, was made with great care and deliberation and with you first and foremost in mind.

Our path forward includes two important elements: consolidation of all alumni relations activities under the Office of Alumni Relations and the replacement of the Alumni Association with a new Advisory Council on Alumni Relations.

In January 2020, the university secured the services of an external affairs consulting firm to conduct an assessment of the current integrated alumni relations model for effectiveness and efficiency and make recommendations for greater effectiveness and efficiency. Subsequently, an ad hoc committee of leading A&T alumni with diverse perspectives was formed and charged with reviewing the recommendations provided in the final assessment report and making a formal recommendation to the chancellor for the future organization of alumni relations. After thorough consideration, the ad hoc committee voted unanimously in support of the change noted above. Chancellor Martin accepted the committee's recommendation and informed the Board of Trustees in April.

The ad hoc committee felt strongly that a more direct voice for alumni, chapters, and affinity groups was still necessary and better achieved through an Advisory Council. As a result, the North Carolina A&T State University Alumni Association, Inc., will cease to exist as an affiliated entity of the university effective on July 23, 2020. As such, per the association's bylaws, referencing the UNC Policy Manual and the operating agreement between the university and the Alumni Association, the association will be dissolved and its assets and programming integrated into the university under the Office of Alumni Relations in University Advancement.

Going forward, the new Advisory Council will provide strategic advice to the Office of Alumni Relations and University Advancement. This council, comprised of up to 15 members appointed by the chancellor and chaired by a designee of the chair of the A&T Board of Trustees, will provide direct linkage to the university's leadership and support the efforts of the office in strengthening alumni engagement and communication efforts. It will also include representation from various alumni constituencies and diverse points of view. The Council will be comprised of alumni representing generational, gender, and geographic diversity and its members will have track records of service and support of the university.

A primary focus of this change is to strengthen and engage more deeply our vibrant, enthusiastic alumni community. Alumni will always represent the heart of the university as ambassadors and advocates for N.C. A&T. As we embark on this exciting new direction, we look forward to

supporting your continued efforts to honor the legacy, traditions and history of our university and plan to increase staffing of the office accordingly to facilitate that support.

Thank you for all that you do for North Carolina A&T State University, but also for all I know you will do for this great institution as we move forward together.

With much Aggie Pride,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Teresa M. Davis". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Teresa M. Davis '89

Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni Relations