



The University of North Carolina

2006 Non-Budget Legislative Agenda

- 1 **Enrollment Funding in the Continuation Budget**

Place Enrollment Funding in the Continuation budget for the University and the Community College system, in a similar manner as the public schools.
- 2 **University Efficiency Measures**
 - Allow the Board of Governors to delegate statutory duties to the President.
 - Elimination of duplicative or unnecessary reports and allow appropriate reports to be provided by the President, in lieu of the Board of Governors.
 - Authorize the Board of Governors to increase informal contract limit (for small construction) from \$300K to \$500K.
 - Eliminate requirement to have consultant contracts pre-approved by the Governor.
 - Raise the force account limit to \$200K for all direct and indirect costs of a construction project or to \$100K for the total cost of labor on a project.
 - Modify GS 133-3 to allow campuses of the University to establish campus standards for building components by conducting public evaluation and selection processes, and, thereafter, specifying said components by brand when writing construction specifications.
 - Permit the use of special obligation bonds or other means of financing for acquisition of equipment and renovation or repair of existing facilities.
 - Increase service requirement for retiree health care.
 - *Clarify University inclusion in SL 2005-227 dealing with the dollar threshold for purchasing and sales. (pending AG's opinion for inclusion on agenda)*
- 3 **Faculty & Staff Competitiveness**
 - University exemption from, or modification of, G.S. 135-1(20) to preserve UNC's phased retirement plan and allow for more flexibility in rehiring of retirees.
 - Expand the existing Tuition Waiver Program for faculty & staff:
 - a. Increase number of allowed courses from two to three.
 - b. 25% tuition reduction for dependents and spouses of UNC employees
 - Provide immediate (or 1-year) vesting in ORP for EPA employees in order to make compensation packages more competitive with University peers.

4	Bond Project Modifications	<p>The following projects listed in Chapter 3 of the 2000 Session Laws and authorized by voter referendum in November 2000 have been recommended for scope modifications by the campuses. These suggested changes are consistent with the initial intent of the listed projects. However, these alterations are due to changed conditions or discovery of a more efficient means to accomplish the same end result.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) UNC-Chapel Hill proposes to transfer funds from Caldwell and Howell Halls to other classroom projects. 2) UNC-Chapel Hill proposes to transfer funds from Hill and Davie Halls to other classroom projects. 3) NCSU proposes to change scope of Williams Hall Laboratory Building Comprehensive Renovation and transfer of residual funds to Polk Hall Laboratory Building's comprehensive renovation.
5	Nursing Scholars Program Modification	<p>To permit the State Education Assistance Authority to determine scholarship loan award levels for the Nursing Scholars Program and to eliminate confusion in existing statute regarding recipients who are enrolled less than full-time.</p>
6	Dental and Medical Scholarship Loan Modification	<p>To grant the Board of Governors authority to forgive a dental or medical scholarship loan, as the case may be, if, within seven years of graduation, exclusive of any authorized deferment for residency or any extenuating circumstance approved by the State Education Assistance Authority, the recipient practices dentistry or medicine in North Carolina for four years.</p>
7	Contributions To Parental Savings Trust Fund Tax Deductible	<p>Amend GS 105-134.6 & GS 116-209.25 to allow taxpayers who make contributions to the Parental Savings Trust Fund to deduct all, or a portion of, their total contributions in calculating NC taxable income for any given tax year beginning in 2006.</p>
8	UNC Non-Appropriated Capital Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Request authorization for non-appropriated capital projects for the campuses of the University (in development) ▪ Revise use of self-liquidating funds to allow for the purchase of residential student housing.
9	Center for Design Innovation, Joint Millennial Campus and <u>Center for Nursing</u>	<p>Modification of SL 2004-179 to provide that the Center for Design Innovation (WSSU & NCSA), the Joint Millennial Campus (UNCG & NCA&T) and <u>a Nursing and Allied Health Building (UNCP) will be completed with the allocation of funding.</u></p>
10	Dual Office Holding	<p>Eliminate the prohibition against spouses of members of the Board of Governors' and of members of Boards of Trustees' being employees or officers of the State, so long as the spouse is not an officer or employee of UNC, for BOG members, or of the relevant campus, for BOT members nor a member of the General Assembly. Include NCSSM in this provision.</p>

11	NCSSM Governance	Resolve the governance structure of the NCSSM
12	Parking Fines Assessment	Modification of G.S. 115C to allow for the recovery of administrative costs for assessing parking fees on the campuses.
13	Exemption from Sales Tax	Provide that organizations, including disregarded entity limited liability companies, that are recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as charitable organizations, exempt from taxation under Section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code, shall be exempt from paying sales tax in connection with providing student housing and other educational facilities.
14	University Golf Courses – Alcohol Sales	Allow golf courses open to the public and owned by University campuses to sell alcohol.