Authorization of New Capital Improvements Projects – The University of North Carolina at Charlotte

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte has requested the authority to establish two new capital improvements projects.

The first project would replace the hazardous pedestrian bridge that connects Parking Lot 8 with Scott and Holshouser Residence Halls. The existing bridge (20 feet wide by 325 feet long) has severe structural problems. The project would include the replacement of the bridge, the sidewalk from Lot 8, the concrete tops of the two storage buildings that form the bridge landings at the two residence halls, the main stairway off the bridge into Scott Hall, bridge lighting, and an anti-icing system. The project, to be completed by the 2010 fall semester, is estimated to cost $1,500,000 and would be funded from housing receipts budgeted and available for this project.

The second project would provide additional facilities for UNCC's Motorsports Engineering program which has outgrown its current 5,500 square-foot building. This project would construct an additional 13,500 square feet of space that would provide new laboratories, faculty and staff offices, and support space. The new building would be compliant with the State's current building energy efficiency requirements. The project, to be completed by October 2011, is estimated to cost $4,500,000 and would be funded from a combination of facilities and administrative receipts ($4,000,000) and gifts ($500,000).

It is recommended that the requests of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte be approved.