



The University of North Carolina 2008 Legislative Policy Agenda

1 **President's Advisory Committee on Efficiency and Effectiveness (PACE) Recommendations**

The following are PACE's legislative recommendations to find efficiencies within the University.

Auxiliary Services

- Provide vending regulatory relief by repealing G.S. 143-64 which requires water and juice proposals be solicited separately.

Estimated Cost Savings / Avoidance

Failure to address this issue could reduce contract revenue by \$1.8 million annually.

Human Resources

- Improved HR flexibility by obtaining substantially equivalent status under the State Personnel Act. (*Recommendation of HR Task Force*)

Ability to develop new HR programs that benefit SPA employees, while retaining all current protections and grievance procedures provided by the State Personnel Act (consistent with flexibility already provided to municipalities)

Facilities Management

- Retain energy savings through performance contracting

UNCG used performance contracts for recent upgrades to HVAC and electrical systems. The UNCG project alone is expected to reduce utility costs by \$7.9 million over the next 12 years.

2 **Modify Repairs & Renovations Allocation**

Modify the current R&R allocation formula to accurately reflect the proportion of state-owned buildings throughout state government.

3 **Campus Safety**

Provide qualified immunity from liability and protection from discipline by licensing bodies when a campus mental health or health professional, in his/her professional judgment, shares information about a troubled student when there may be a substantial risk of harm to the health and safety of the student or another individual.

4 **Consolidate Teacher Scholarship Loan Programs and Provide Interest Rate Flexibility**

Consolidate several teacher scholarship loan programs in order to more efficiently allocate resources, while maintaining the unique characteristics of each program. Allow the State Education Assistance Authority to set scholarship loan interest rates up to 10% making interest charged to students more competitive.

5 **Sales Tax Exemption**

Clarify that capital projects funded from University receipts and those funded through affiliated entity limited liability corporations are exempt from state sales tax.

6 **Transfer Energy Funding**

Transfer existing pass-through funding from the State Energy Office to the University.