

Declaration of Emergency Capital Improvements Projects – NCCU, NCSU, and WSSU

The Chancellors of North Carolina Central University, North Carolina State University, and Winston-Salem State University have informed the President of the need to invoke emergency procedures as allowed by G.S. 143-129 to provide for new capital improvements projects. In accordance with emergency procedures, the State Building Commission was also notified.

NCCU: On June 11, 2008, there was an electrical fire in the university's high-voltage electrical switchgear unit located on East Lawson Street. The fire was contained within the switchgear, but the unit was destroyed. There were no injuries reported. Approximately nine buildings were without power for five hours. On June 27, 2008, three additional switchgear units were damaged by fire, and on June 30, one additional unit caught fire. The failure of these five units left 50% of the campus without electrical power and the remainder of the campus experiencing intermittent power outages. Educational instruction, freshmen orientation, and special events were cancelled. In addition, the lack of power and random power surges damaged research efforts, mechanical systems, and digital data storage and networking equipment. NCCU personnel worked with the State Construction Office, North Carolina State University, electrical engineers and contractors to assess the damage, identify causes, implement interim measures to restore campus electrical power, and to develop a proper recovery plan. The project, estimated to cost \$1,814,000, will repair the electrical distribution system (\$233,500), install an uninterruptable power supply/power conditioning unit for the Information Technology Services (\$700,500), and upgrade the emergency generator system serving campus research facilities (\$880,000). Funding for the project will be from Title III funds (\$1,168,000), Repairs and Renovations funds (\$587,000), and campus operating funds (\$59,000).

NCSU: Buckling masonry was observed on the exterior of the D.H. Hill Library and investigation revealed a structural failure of the support system for the brick masonry veneer on the south face of the building. NCSU took steps to ensure safety in and around the area of failure until repairs could be made. The project, estimated to cost \$400,000, will rebuild approximately 2,500 square feet of the south wall and be funded from Repairs and Renovations funds previously authorized by the Board. Funds have been reallocated from the contingency reserves of a number of on-going Repairs and Renovations projects. The reallocation will not affect the completion of the other projects.

WSSU: On June 26, 2008, a storm blew off the roof on the office wing of the C.E. Gaines Center. WSSU took immediate steps to prevent further damage to university property and to ensure safety in and around the Gaines Center. The project, estimated to cost \$180,000, will provide approximately 6,420 square feet of new roof and will be funded from Repairs and Renovations funds previously authorized by the Board. Funds have been re-allocated from a water main relocation project which will be delayed until additional funds become available.