

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

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

The first project would replace the failing steam and condensate lines serving the Cone University Center and King Building. Work would include conversion to a hot water heating system where replacing the existing lines from the main steam plant is cost prohibitive. The project, to be complete by October 2009, is estimated to cost \$750,000 and would be funded from maintenance reserves generated by Cone Center Student Fees (available balance \$750,000).

The second project would renovate 8,800 square feet on the second floor of the Student Activity Center for use by intercollegiate athletics. The continued growth of intercollegiate sports programs at UNCC, including organizing a football program, has created a need for more staff office space. The space currently utilized as a student game room would be renovated for office and support space, reception area, and conference room. The project is estimated to cost \$1,000,000 and would be funded from Intercollegiate Athletics Department Funds (available balance \$2,511,022) generated from student athletic fees, gate receipts, and gifts.

The third project would make improvements to the clean room and laboratory air systems in the Optics Laboratory in Grigg Hall. Supporting 3,580 square feet of research labs, the ventilation systems need to comply with current code requirements and standards for clean room temperature and humidity control. The project is estimated to cost \$600,000 and would be funded from currently budgeted and available funds in UNCC's capital accounts.

It is recommended that the request of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte be approved.