

## **APPENDIX E**

### **UNC Bond Program Modifications – Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central University**

The Boards of Trustees of Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central University have requested approval of the reallocation of UNC Bond Program funds.

Elizabeth City State University commissioned the preparation of a campus facilities master plan. The plan proposes the conversion of the central core of campus to a pedestrian-only area and relocates roads and parking to the campus perimeter. These proposed alterations would solve vehicular-pedestrian conflicts and drainage problems, and provide walking paths to link the north and south portions of campus. The Bond Program did not anticipate this significant change in land use and, accordingly, there are no funds identified for such a conversion. The Bond Program includes a project to renovate Doles Hall at \$1,722,500, a residence hall that houses only 36 students. The university has undertaken a privatized housing initiative in an effort to satisfy student housing needs and allow for the demolition of Doles Hall, without replacement. The university requests that the Doles Hall renovation project be cancelled and the funds be reallocated to make infrastructure improvements as outlined in the campus facilities master plan.

North Carolina Central University, with increasing enrollment growth, has reevaluated the capacity of campus food services. Included in the UNC Bond Program is the renovation of Pearson Cafeteria, a facility which would have a seating capacity of 400, at an institution that now has 2,200 boarding students and a predicted residence hall capacity of 3,200 beds. It has been determined that the renovated cafeteria will not adequately meet North Carolina Central University's future needs. The University has therefore requested a reallocation of bond program funds to expand Pearson Cafeteria. The land for expansion would be provided by

demolishing the Old Senior Building and the campus deli. A current bond project for renovations to the Old Senior Building would be unnecessary, eliminating the need to use \$2,130,700 for this purpose. To those funds would be added \$5,600,000 that would be transferred from a bond project for renovation of the Farrison-Newton Building, a project largely accomplished using a different funding source.

It is recommended that the requests of Elizabeth City State University and North Carolina Central University be approved and transmitted to the General Assembly for final action.