



The University of North Carolina 2012-13 Legislative Policy Agenda

The University of North Carolina is committed to promoting efficiency and effectiveness as we deliver on our mission to educate and prepare the workforce of tomorrow. Ten UNC campuses submitted approximately 40 policy proposals for consideration. Many could be resolved administratively, however. Given current budget challenges, the Board of Governors recommends the following 2012-13 policy agenda to create additional efficiencies, streamline processes, leverage economies of scale, and improve our outreach and service. In addition to recommending certain legislative actions, the University stands ready to work with the General Assembly and the Governor to reduce the cost of operations, implement regulatory reform, and streamline business practices.

Operational Efficiencies and Effectiveness

Eliminate unnecessary or duplicative reporting requirements.

Increase Board of Governors' authority related to the disposition of property for a period of not more than 10 years.

Authorize UNC campuses to administer all student fees in Institutional Trust Fund accounts.

Personnel Efficiencies

Consolidate the employment authority for all University faculty and staff under the UNC Board of Governors.

Restore management flexibility needed to manage budget reductions and to retain and recruit university employees.

Authorize participation in the Optional Retirement Program for all University employees.

Authorize UNC to purchase fiduciary liability insurance for the management of the Optional Retirement Program and the UNC 403(b) Plan.

Authorize the extension of existing professional liability insurance to include claims against health care providers in their official capacity as University employees.

Improve Health Services

Authorize ECU to retain rental receipts from health care service providers co-located in campus facilities in order to improve patient access to health care.

Provide flexibility to establish campus-wide smoking policies.