

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Committee on Public Affairs

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7. Short Session Preview Drew Moretz

Situation: This will be a briefing discussing the BOG-approved 2013-14 policy agenda and the process for updating the agenda. Staff will share a log of policy proposals that originated from campuses or General Administration.

Background: In February 2013, the BOG approved a policy agenda for the 2013-14 legislative sessions. During the 2013 long session, several items were acted upon by the legislature, while several new issues arose. Due to these new issues, the BOG will be asked to approve a revised policy agenda for the 2014 legislative session. Budget items are not included on this document. We've asked campuses and internal General Administration departments to submit policy proposals for the upcoming session.

Assessment: While there were successes in the past legislative session, more work remains to accomplish the BOG goals in the upcoming session. Additionally, the BOG may want to add new items to the policy agenda for the upcoming session.

Action: This is for discussion.

2014 Policy Agenda Proposals

	Human Resources/Personnel Proposals	Campus	Summary
1.	ORP Forfeiture Appropriations Budget Cut	UNCGA	Remove the \$4 million ORP Appropriations cut as a result of ORP forfeitures retained at UNC.
2.	Health Care Coverage Exemption for NPEs as a result of the Affordable Care Act	UNCGA	Present business case for UNC to administer a “pilot program” of health insurance for NPEs as a result of the ACA. This is an “unfunded mandate.”
3.	Monitor HB381 – Retirement Fiscal Integrity Act	UNCGA	Proposed legislation to implement a state-wide Optional Retirement System. Language agreed upon to change with respect to the UNC System.
4.	Maximize Campus Flexibility Regarding Salary Increases	UNC-CH	Repeal a portion of Section 35.8 of Session Law 2013-360 which requires advance approval by the UNC Board of Governors for cumulative salary adjustments exceeding 10%.
5.	Provide Immediate Vesting for members of the Optional retirement Program (ORP)	UNC-CH	Reduce employee vesting period for retirement benefits under the Optional Retirement program (ORP) from five years to immediate vesting.
6.	Healthcare Subsidy	UNC-CH	Provide authority to subsidize dependent coverage under the State Health Plan PPO Options up to an amount determined by the UNC campuses, based on financial ability.
	Finance/Budget Proposals		
7.	Salary distribution	WSSU, UNCP	Give campuses flexibility to distribute salary increased (if the General Assembly approves and appropriates funding for salary increases) and not restrict to simple across the board increases.
8.	Eliminate Repeal of Tax on Food sold in Dining Halls and Gross Receipts Tax on live Entertainment and Athletics	UNC-CH	Eliminate the repeal of these two taxes and restore tax laws pertaining to these issues back to FY 2012-2013 status.
9.	Chancellor Approved Repair/Renovation/Maintenance Projects from all fund types	UNCC	Repeal 2013 legislation that removed non-general fund projects from the Chancellor’s authority to approve projects up to \$1 million. The funding source should not dictate the approval authority.

10.	Eliminate tuition surcharge for credit hours earned at non-UNC institutions	UNCC	Session Law 2013-325 does not distinguish between credit hours earned at UNC campuses and non-UNC campuses. This law should be amended to distinguish between the two and not apply non-UNC credit hours for tuition surcharge purposes.
11.	Resident Tuition for Border Counties within South Carolina	UNCP	In-state tuition rates should be offered to SC counties located 35 miles from the NC border. This area includes the homes of at least 8 American Indian tribes and many of these counties are closer to UNC Pembroke than SC state schools.
12.	In-State Tuition for American Indians Enrolled at UNCP	UNCP	In-state tuition rates should be offered to all American Indians from any recognized tribe living outside North Carolina.
13.	In-state Tuition for Veterans	UNCGA	Allow Board of Governors to set policy on in-state tuition for veterans.
Efficiencies/Reporting Requirement Proposals		Campus	Summary
14.	Utility Savings Investment Program (USIP)	ASU	Create Utility Savings Investment Program (USIP) which allows state government units to manage and finance, through energy savings, simple energy savings measures that are well defined or require little engineering design.
15.	Eliminate State Inspection requirements for Universities	UNCG	Eliminate requirement for Purchase and Contract Quality Inspections for equipment that has already been inspected and tested by experts at the university who will use the equipment.
16.	Eliminate reporting on capital projects (section 36.7, Session Law 2013-360)	UNCG, UNCC	Eliminate Section 36.7 of Session Law 2013-360 which imposed new quarterly reporting requirements on all capital projects regardless of funding source which will consume a significant number of staff hours.
17.	Accounts Receivable Late Payment Penalty Flexibility	UNCGA (UNC FIT)	Amend G.S. 147-86.23 to afford students of the University System the same protection that consumers have under the statutes pertaining to revolving credit [G.S. 24-11(d1)], which limits the penalty to a maximum of \$10.00. Additionally, the

			amendment would clarify an institution's ability to waive a penalty for good cause, at its discretion.
	Healthcare Proposals	Campus	Summary
18.	Maintain/Reinstate Medicaid Upper Payment Limit (UPL)	ECU, UNC-CH	Revise language in Section 12H.2 (c) of 2013 Appropriates Act (S402) & Technical corrections (H112) that directs DHHS to submit a State Plan Amendment that limits the receipt of UPL to Brody School of Medicine (ECUP) and UNC HCS eligible professional providers receiving UPL payments.
19.	SODCA (State Offset Debt Collection Act)	ECU, UNC-CH	Repeal provision of H834 (Part XII 12.1) that disallows UNC HCS & ECU Brody School of Medicine from collecting debt owed to their respective enterprises through the garnishment of tax refunds, lottery proceeds, etc.