

7. Authorization of Capital Improvements Projects – ECU, NCSU,  
and UNC-CH .....Jonathan Pruitt

**Situation:** East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have requested authority to proceed with non-appropriated capital improvements projects using available funds derived from receipts, student fees, foundation funds, trust funds, research facilities and administrative funds, and carry forward operating funds.

**Background:** The Board of Governors may authorize capital construction projects at UNC campuses using available funds.

**Assessment:** ECU, NCSU, and UNC-CH requested projects that meet the Statutory requirements, and it is recommended that the Board of Governors approve the projects and their methods of funding. It is further recommended that these projects be reported to the Office of State Budget and Management as non-appropriated projects do not require any additional debt or burden on state appropriations.

**Action:** This item requires a vote.

Authorization of Capital Improvements Projects – East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have requested authority to establish new capital improvements projects.

ECU – Residence Hall Mail Service Improvements: This project will remove residence hall mailboxes at fourteen locations across the campus as part of a program to centralize resident student mailbox access. A new central mailbox space will be created within the Neighborhood Service Office of West End Dining to provide 1,315 new mailboxes serving 2,630 resident students. The spaces vacated in the various residence halls will be re-purposed and renovated as part of the surrounding lobbies, lounges and corridors where the mailboxes are currently located. The project, estimated to cost \$800,000 and funded from housing receipts, will be completed by Fall Semester 2015.

NCSU – Erdhal Cloyd West Wing Sprinkler Addition: This project will expand the existing automatic sprinkler system with the addition of new fire alarm devices into the first floor (16,273 square feet) and second floor (16,938 square feet) of the Erdhal Cloyd (West) Wing of the D.H. Hill Library, a four-story structure built in 1952. The State Construction Office (as the jurisdiction having authority over the State Building Code for State-owned facilities) requires installation of these life safety improvements before any other work in this wing of the Library is undertaken. The project, estimated to cost \$339,700 and funded from Library facilities and administrative receipts, will be completed by November 2014.

UNC-Chapel Hill – Thurston Bowles Cage Wash Installation: The Thurston-Bowles Building animal facility is the primary rat housing and rodent behavioral facility at the University. This facility is conveniently located on campus near the Lineberger Cancer Center that houses a large percentage of investigators who use these research animals. This project will accomplish three specific items: 1) replace 20-year-old cage washers with two efficient cage and rack washers, 2) optimize and increase the cage handling space to meet research needs, and 3) improve personnel safety and modernize the HVAC and exhaust system in the cage wash facility. The project, estimated to cost \$919,828 and funded from a combination of a National Institutes of Health grant and facilities and administrative receipts, will be completed by October 2015.

Authorization to Increase the Scope of a Capital Improvements Project – North Carolina State University

North Carolina State University requests authority to increase the scope of a previously approved capital improvements project.

NCSU – Gregg Museum of Art and Design: This project relocates the Gregg Museum of Art and Design from the current Talley Student Center to the former NC State Chancellor's residence on Hillsborough Street. The project includes infrastructure upgrades, major renovations to 6,000 square feet of the existing building, and a new addition of approximately 16,800 gross square feet. Three main gallery spaces will be created in addition to exhibit staging and prep space, administrative office, and teaching space. Site work will reconfigure existing surface parking and drives. The original legislative authority for the project to renovate and add to the Talley Student Center (\$120,000,000) included an amount of \$3,000,000 for relocation of the Gregg Museum. This authorization was subsequently increased by \$871,600. This request will increase the project authorization by an additional \$5,688,400 to a total of \$9,560,000 and will be funded from gifts and University Trust Funds. The scheduled completion date of the project is August 2016.