

Leases of Student Housing – North Carolina Central University

The Board of Trustees of North Carolina Central University has requested permission to extend an existing lease and to seek additional leased student housing in order to accommodate a continuing high number of students seeking on-campus housing for the 2006-07 academic year.

Originally approved in August 2005, NCCU is requesting permission to extend and increase the number of beds of its current lease with Campus Apartments, Inc. at their Campus Crossing Apartments Community located at 1400 E. Cornwallis Drive in Durham for the 2006-07 academic year. The lease will be for 564 beds (up from 480) and is estimated to cost \$3.2 million or \$20.03 per bed per day including utilities, janitorial services, transportation, security, and furnishings. Office space for NCCU staff and complex common spaces are provided at no additional charge.

Also, NCCU is requesting permission to work with the State Property Office to lease up to an additional 300 beds for the 2006-07 academic year at a location and price to be determined by bid. The lease of these 300 beds is estimated to cost \$1.2 million.

These additional beds will help address the 370 beds that have been taken off-line during the renovation of Eagleson Residence Hall, the 510 beds off-line with the closing of Chidley and Latham Residence Halls, and increased demand for on-campus housing. The rates charged will be consistent with equivalent on-campus housing.

The cost of the leases will be funded from student housing receipts and housing reserves.

It is recommended that the requests of the NCCU Board of Trustees be approved and transmitted to the Council of State for final action.