## Declaration of Emergency Capital Improvements Project – Elizabeth City State University

On October 11, 2006, the Chancellor of Elizabeth City State University notified the President of the need to invoke emergency procedures as allowed by G.S. 143-129 to make the necessary repairs to restore a decommissioned residence hall to active use.

Unable to find housing in the area for 42 students that requested on-campus housing, ECSU decided to reactivate Mitchell-Lewis Residence Hall to provide an appropriate living and learning environment for these students. Once repaired, Mitchell-Lewis will alleviate the current crowded conditions in campus housing and will not be demolished as planned.

The project, estimated to cost \$773,000, will be financed from a combination of Repair and Renovation funds and housing receipts. Work will clean and test life safety systems throughout the residence hall and make necessary exterior and interior repairs including the replacement of plumbing fixtures, floor tile, doors and hardware, suspended ceiling system, and interior and exterior lighting. Given the number of students that need immediate housing, it is expected that only the first floor of this three-level building will need to be fully restored. The second and third floors will be restored as part of a more comprehensive project using the traditional capital process.

In accordance with emergency procedures, the State Building Commission has been notified.