

UNC Tomorrow Response Phase Planning Process

Through the UNC Tomorrow Response Phase planning process, the UNC Board of Governors, and constituent institutions and affiliated entities of UNC will identify and develop specific plans for implementing responses to the UNC Tomorrow Commission's recommendations. The Response Phase planning process is structured to include modified components of UNC's traditional long-range planning process and is based on the UNC Tomorrow Commission's report and recommendations.

In developing their response plans, campuses are strongly encouraged to seek input from and engage faculty, staff, and students, and integrally involve representatives from these groups as active contributors to the planning process. Groups whose expertise may be particularly valuable in developing response plans to related sections of the UNC Tomorrow's Commission's report include (but are by no means limited to) members of the UNC Economic Transformation Council, University Council on International Programs, Human Resources, Career Services, and Student Services. Campuses are also encouraged to utilize existing internal campus communications mechanisms (intranet bulletin boards, listservs, email, campus newspapers, etc.) to broadly disseminate the Commission report to faculty, staff, and students, and share information about the campus response phase planning process.

Campus Planning Guidelines

SECTION I. General Guidelines: In developing reports on the components of the UNC Tomorrow Response Phase (these components are detailed in Section II), campuses are asked to review the recommendations of the UNC Tomorrow Commission and prepare specific responses within the time frames indicated to meeting the needs of the state identified in the Commission's recommendations. In doing so, campuses are asked to utilize the following questions as the "template" for their responses:

1. What **existing** programs, initiatives, and activities are already in place that effectively respond to the Commission's recommendations?
 - a. How is their effectiveness assessed?
 - b. Can their effectiveness be improved, and if so, how?
 - c. What is the cost, if any, of improving their effectiveness?
 - d. Where will the funding for these improvements come from (with emphasis on utilizing and reprioritizing existing resources, and eliminating unnecessary, duplicative, or obsolete programs, initiatives, and activities)?
 - e. Who is accountable?

In developing proposals to improve **existing** programs, initiatives, and activities, please provide clear **timelines** for implementation, **cost estimates and proposed internal/external sources of funding, assessment methods,** and **accountability measures.**

2. What **new** programs, initiatives, and activities are needed to respond to Commission recommendations?
 - a. What is the cost of establishing them?
 - b. Where will the funding for these efforts come from (with emphasis on utilizing and reprioritizing existing resources, and eliminating unnecessary, duplicative, or obsolete programs, initiatives, and activities)?
 - c. How will their effectiveness be assessed?
 - d. Who is accountable?

In developing proposals to establish **new** programs, initiatives, and activities, please provide clear **timelines** for implementation, **cost estimates and proposed internal/external sources of funding, assessment methods,** and **accountability measures.**

3. What **administrative and policy changes** are needed to successfully implement response plans in ways that ensure UNC's efficiency, effectiveness, and relevance to both current *and future* challenges? *Examples: rewards and incentives for faculty, removal of administrative barriers that inhibit inter-institutional collaboration, more flexible personnel policies*

To the extent that needed **administrative and policy changes** are within the campus' authority to address directly, please provide clear **timelines** for implementation, and where relevant, **cost estimates and proposed internal/external sources of funding, assessment methods,** and **accountability measures.** For needed administrative and policy changes are not within the campus' authority to address directly, please provide a description of the needed change with an explanation of the problem or issue that the change would address.

4. Where appropriate, what **interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations** can be established (preferably within existing resources) and what **"best practices"** by campuses can be modeled and adopted by others to address needs identified in the Commission's recommendations?

In developing proposals to establish and/or strengthen **interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations,** please provide clear **timelines** for implementation, **cost estimates and proposed internal/external sources of funding, assessment methods,** and **accountability measures.**

Recognizing that each campus has its own unique strengths that should be maximized, that no one campus, by itself, can completely and effectively meet every need of our state identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission, the need to strategically prioritize and focus existing resources, and the goals of achieving stronger inter-institutional collaboration and less

duplication of programs and resources, campuses are asked to consider the following questions in focusing their UNC Tomorrow Response Phase efforts¹:

1. Which initiatives are best addressed on your campus because of your distinctive mission, resources, and regional needs and considerations?
2. Which initiatives cannot be addressed effectively by your campus?
3. Which initiatives are best addressed in collaboration with another (or other) institution(s)?
4. Which initiatives are best addressed by another institution?

¹ Questions in this section recommended by the UNC Faculty Assembly.

SECTION II. Specific Components: Detailed below are the specific components of the UNC Tomorrow Response Phase planning process to which campuses are asked to respond within the general guidelines outline above. Further detailed instructions will be provided by February 15, 2008, if needed.

PHASE I

**Due by May 1, 2008 (unless otherwise indicated)
Report to the Board of Governors at its June 2008 meeting**

A. Global Readiness [Martin]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should educate its students to be personally and professionally successful in the 21st century, and, to do so, should enhance the global competitiveness of its institutions and their graduates.” (Sec. 4.1)

1. 21st Century Skills – The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should prepare its students for successful professional and personal lives in the 21st century, equipping them with the tool they will need to adapt to the ever-changing world.” (Recommendation 4.1.1).

In responding to this recommendation, campuses are asked to review and affirm the knowledge and skills outlined below which represent the desired characteristics of graduates of UNC institutions, review their general education requirements, other curricula where appropriate, and other activities and initiatives, and develop plans for ensuring that students’ knowledge and skills in the following areas will be enhanced:

- oral and written communication
- critical thinking and analytical reasoning
- problem solving, creativity and innovation
- teamwork and collaboration
- work ethic and professionalism
- financial literacy
- information and digital literacy
- environmental literacy
- science and math
- global awareness

In reviewing general education requirements, those campuses that have recently reviewed their general education curriculum are asked to describe how the results of that process address these goals and identify any gaps that require additional review. Those campuses that

have not recently undergone an extensive review of their general education curriculum are asked to develop a plan (including specific time lines) by which this review will be conducted.

Campuses are also asked to consider other innovative initiatives and special programs, including those relating to upper division courses and experiences, which achieve the goals identified above, and where appropriate, develop plans (including specific time lines) for improving and/or establishing such initiatives consistent with the General Guidelines outlined in Section I.

2. Global Competitiveness – The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended ensuring the global competitiveness of UNC institutions, especially research programs, and increasing partnerships with other higher education institutions nationally and internationally (Recommendations 4.1.2 and 4.1.3).

Campuses are asked to identify ways in which they can achieve these goals, including that of increasing opportunities for enhancing the global awareness of faculty and students.

In developing plans to respond to this section, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

B. Increasing Access to Higher Education [Martin/ Mabe]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should increase access to higher education for all North Carolinians, particularly for underserved regions, underrepresented populations, and non-traditional students.” (Sec. 4.2)

Campuses are asked to review existing academic programs, student support systems, distance education, online programs, potential flexible program offerings, and student recruitment efforts, and identify ways in which they will institutionalize:

- Increasing access to their educational programs (academic courses, degree programs and certificate programs) in underserved regions of the state
- Increasing access to their educational programs (academic courses, degree programs and certificate programs) for non-traditional students and life-long learners, including encouraging the completion of baccalaureate degrees
- Strengthening and streamlining articulation agreements and collaborative programs, including academic advising programs, with Community Colleges
- Serving as a model for accommodating the needs of persons with disabilities

- Increasing the educational attainment of underrepresented populations, especially African-American males, Hispanics, and American Indians, and increasing student diversity on their campuses
- Helping to ensure that all students are better prepared to enter and succeed academically in college, including increasing retention and graduation rates and strengthening programs such as Early College and Summer Bridge
- Increasing access through the use of distance education and online degree, certificate, and licensure programs.
- Other initiatives identified by the campus that respond to this Section of the UNC Tomorrow Commission report

In developing plans to expand access, diversity, and opportunities for student success, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

Ten-Year Enrollment Plans: Campuses are asked to factor anticipated enrollment increases based on the plans developing under this section into their **Ten-Year Enrollment Plans** (preliminary information on Ten-Year Enrollment Plans due February 29, 2008; final plans due June 1, 2008) [Mabe/Nelson]

Capital Facilities Plans: Campuses are asked to factor anticipated enrollment increases, both on or off campus, potential full summer sessions, combining efficiencies, and increased facility utilization, reallocation of resources, requests for new resources for facilities or support services on or off campuses, and plans developed under this section into their **Capital Facilities Plans** (Report on FY 08-09 Capital Plan due March 7, 2008; report on FY 09-15 Capital Plan due September 2008) [Nelson]

C. Improving Public Education [Mabe]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should be more actively involved in solving North Carolina’s public education challenges.” (Sec. 4.3)

Campuses are asked to review existing academic programs, research and scholarship activities, and public service/engagement programs and initiatives, and identify ways in which they will institutionalize:

- For those campuses with education-degree programs, improving the quality of these programs consistent with the goals identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission (Sec. 4.3.1)

- For those campuses with education-degree programs, increasing the number of education-degree graduates or alternative completers, especially in the areas of science and math and other high need areas, consistent with or in excess of currently established benchmarks
- Increasing the geographic distribution of education graduates, especially in the areas of science and math and other high need areas, in rural areas and other areas experiencing high teacher shortages
- Enhancing professional development programs for public school teachers and administrators, including content-based, methods-based, and mentoring programs
- Mechanisms (including, if necessary, revisions to current faculty rewards systems) for applying faculty expertise to pressing public education challenges, including high school drop-out rates, low-performing schools, and poor student performance
- Other initiatives identified by the campus that respond to this Section of the UNC Tomorrow Commission report

In developing plans to respond to this section, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

D. Economic Transformation and Community Development [Boney]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should be more actively engaged in enhancing the economic transformation and community development of North Carolina’s regions and the state as a whole.” (Sec. 4.4)

Campuses are asked to review existing campus-based initiatives, research and scholarship activities, and public service/engagement programs and initiatives, and identify ways in which they will institutionalize:

- Increased capacity and commitment to respond to and lead economic transformation and community development initiatives and needs, through stronger engagement with their respective regions and, where appropriate, the state as a whole
- Specific strategies for expanding service to and engagement with rural and underserved areas of the state
- Mechanisms to link faculty and campus expertise with regional economic transformation strategies and community development initiatives to stimulate new and

emerging industries, assist small business and existing industries, leverage tech transfer and other applications of research innovations to further economic growth, and better communicate campus economic transformation resources to the public

- Promoting the arts and cultural enrichment
- Communicating faculty expertise on important community issues and facilitating inclusive discussions of such issues
- Other initiatives identified by the campus that respond to this Section of the UNC Tomorrow Commission report

In developing plans to respond to this section, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

E. Health [Houston/Caravano]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should lead in improving the health and wellness of all people and communities in our state.” (Sec. 4.5)

Campuses are asked to review existing campus-based initiatives, research and scholarship activities, and public service/engagement programs and initiatives, and identify ways in which they will institutionalize:

- Leading in improving health and wellness, including promoting best-available health care practices through campus-based and university-owned services, such as student health services, campus wellness programs, UNC Health Systems, and AHEC
- Mechanisms to utilize health information to address critical health-related issues and inform government officials and the public
- Leveraging and focusing faculty and campus expertise in addressing critical health, and public health challenges
- Other initiatives identified by the campus that respond to this Section of the UNC Tomorrow Commission report

Review of academic programs to address the shortage of health care professionals (both in numbers and geographic distribution – see Recommendation 4.5.2) is to be addressed in Phase II (see Campus Planning Phase II, Sections A and B).

F. Environment [Houston/Caravano]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that that “UNC should assume a leadership role in addressing the state’s energy and environmental challenges.” (Sec. 4.6)

Campuses are asked to review existing campus-based initiatives, research and scholarship activities, and public service/engagement programs and initiatives, and identify ways in which they will institutionalize:

- Improving the environmental sustainability of their campus
- Leveraging and focusing faculty and campus expertise in addressing critical energy and environmental challenges
- Increasing public education programs and raising public awareness about environmental and sustainability issues
- Other initiatives identified by the campus that respond to this Section of the UNC Tomorrow Commission report

In developing plans to respond to this section, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

F. Outreach and Engagement [Boney/Leath]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should become more directly engaged with and connected to the people of North Carolina, its regions, and our state as a whole.” (Sec. 4.7)

Campuses are asked to review existing campus-based initiatives, research and scholarship activities, and public service/engagement programs and initiatives, and identify ways in which they will institutionalize:

- Mechanisms (including, if necessary, revisions to current faculty rewards systems) for applying, translating, and communicating faculty expertise to broader audiences and to help address important regional and statewide issues
- Strategic plans for scholarly public service (including, if necessary, revisions to current faculty rewards systems) aligned with regional and statewide needs
- Communications mechanisms and systems to better communicate campus resources and assets

- Other initiatives identified by the campus that respond to this Section of the UNC Tomorrow Commission report

In addition campuses are asked to describe the way in which they will apply these strategies to parts of other key recommendations in the report. For example, campuses should outline specific strategies to respond to research and engagement elements related to economic transformation and community development (Section 4.4), and as a supplement to their strategies to increase the quality of student preparation for work (e.g. 4.1.2), boost access to higher education (e.g. 4.2.1), strengthen public education (4.3.5), improve health (4.5.3), and address energy and environmental concerns (e.g. 4.6.3).

In developing plans to respond to this section, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

G. Changes to Internal Policies and Processes

The UNC Tomorrow Commission identified 8 issues internal to the UNC system that should be examined (Sec 5):

- 5.1 The missions of UNC's 17 constituent institutions
- 5.2 The academic planning process
- 5.3 Faculty rewards systems
- 5.4 Faculty recruitment and retention
- 5.5 Staff recruitment and retention
- 5.6 Efficiency
- 5.7 Interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations
- 5.8 Accountability and performance measures

Campuses are asked to respond to Recommendations 5.6 - 5.8 in Phase I (campus plans due May 1, 2008). Campuses are asked to respond to recommendations 5.1 – 5.5 in Phase II (campus plans due December 1, 2008).

In responding to Recommendations 5.6 – 5.8 in Phase I, campuses are asked to identify barriers to and opportunities for improving and/or increasing:

- Efficient use of available resources, including continued implementation of PACE and increased facilities utilization (increased facility utilization, combining efficiencies, and resource prioritization based on the goals of UNC Tomorrow should be factored into Campus Facilities Planning) (Recommendation 5.6) [Davies/Nelson]
- Interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations (Recommendation 5.7) [Martin/Mabe/Leath]
- Accountability and performance, including establishing campus goals for first priority performance measures (Recommendation 5.8) [Mabe]

In developing plans to respond to this section, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission.

PHASE II

Due by December 1, 2008 (unless otherwise indicated)

Report to the Board of Governors at its February 2009 Meeting

A. Review of Existing Degree Programs (including Recently-Approved Degree Programs) for alignment with UNC Tomorrow [Mabe/Sadler; UNC Tomorrow Commission Report Sec. 5.2]

NOTE: Guidelines for this section are being developed pursuant to the Board of Governor's recent approval of the new policy on academic planning (approved March 2008) and will be available mid-August 2008. [Dr. Alan Mabe]

B. Review of proposed new High-Need Degree Programs (if any) for alignment with UNC Tomorrow recommendations [Mabe/Sadler; UNC Tomorrow Commission Report Sec. 5.2]

NOTE: Guidelines for this section are being developed by UNC General Administration and will be available mid-August 2008 (Dr. Alan Mabe).

C. Review of Inter-institutional Centers and Institutes for alignment with UNC Tomorrow [Leath/Thornton]

Campuses are asked to review inter-institutional centers and institutes under the Response Phase General Guidelines for Inter-institutional centers and institutes to develop specific plans for assessing and improving their effectiveness in response to UNC Tomorrow Commission recommendations. Chief Academic Officers (CAOs) at the campuses with administrative oversight for these inter-institutional centers and institutes will be responsible for submitting the final responses. CAOs are encouraged, when appropriate and in consultation with Center/Institute Directors and relevant Chief Research Officers, to include a cover letter with any recommendations for the elimination of ineffective, duplicative, or obsolete inter-institutional centers and institutes.

NOTE: Reports from Inter-institutional centers and institutes are due September 1, 2008; please refer to Response Phase Guidelines for Inter-Institutional Centers and institutes for further instructions.

D. Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Retention [Martin]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that "UNC should prepare for wide-scale faculty retirement and should increase efforts to recruit and retain high-quality faculty."

(Recommendation 5.4) The Commission further recommended that “UNC should increase efforts to attract and retain high-quality staff at all levels.” (Recommendation 5.5)

Campuses are asked to review retirement and attrition trends among faculty and staff, and identify strategies for responding to the need to maintain high-qualified faculty and staff, including the need to increase diversity among both groups. In identifying strategies responding to this section, campuses are asked to consider the related suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission. In conducting this review, campuses are encouraged to seek input from and involve their human resources professionals and faculty and staff representatives.

E. Review of Tenure and Reward System in relation to integration of UNC Tomorrow Recommendations and other findings and goal setting by the campus [Martin]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should lead the campuses in a refinement and adjustment of the tenure, promotion, and incentive system to place greater value on faculty involvement and engagement in applied research and outreach that will enhance the state’s competitiveness without decreasing support for teaching, basic research and scholarship.” (Sec. 5.3)

Campuses are asked to outline the process by which they will review their tenure, promotion, and incentive systems to determine whether their systems appropriately value faculty involvement and engagement in applied research, outreach, and public service consistent with the Commission’s recommendation, and the process by which campuses will adopt changes, if necessary and appropriate, to their current systems. In outlining their process, campuses are asked to identify the mechanisms by which faculty will be involved, and the time frame for conducting this review and adopting changes.

In reviewing their tenure, promotion, and incentive systems, campuses are asked to consider the following suggested strategies identified by the UNC Tomorrow Commission:

- Encourage faculty to address important societal issues, and reward them for doing that work well.
- Create incentives for faculty to engage in applied research, scholarship, and public service.
- Continue to support and reward basic research, theoretical scholarship, and creative activities.
- Make appropriate University faculty more accessible to small business owners, nonprofit organizations, K-12 schools, and community groups.

- Continue to support the use of the tenure process as a way to validate that faculty candidates are highly qualified experts in their fields.

In considering modifications to faculty reward systems, campuses are asked to continue to affirm the value of and reward quality teaching, and student advising and mentoring by faculty.

F. Mission Review-Implication for campus mission based on overall review [Mabe]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should examine the missions of its 17 constituent institutions in light of national, state and regional needs from a ‘system’ perspective so that the programs and resources of all institutions serve the state and its regions in a manner that complements each other, maximizes resources, and avoids unnecessary duplication.” (Sec. 5.1)

NOTE: Guidelines for this section are being developed.

UNC General Administration Planning Outline

During the UNC Tomorrow Response Phase Planning Process, UNC General Administration will conduct efforts that parallel those of the campuses and affiliated entities. These efforts will be done in collaboration with the campuses, and follow the general guidelines outlined below:

General Guidelines:

1. Identify and assess **existing programs and activities already in place on UNC campuses** that are responsive to the Commission's recommendations, and assessing whether UNC's resources and assets are adequately and accurately distributed among its campuses to maximize the effectiveness and impact of these programs and activities.
2. Identify and monitor **existing initiatives** that effectively respond to the Commission's recommendations, and where necessary, improving the effectiveness of these initiatives. *Examples: PACE, teacher education initiative, nursing education initiative, University of North Carolina Online*
3. Review and modify **existing processes** to respond more directly to the Commission's recommendations. *Examples: Academic planning process, long-range planning process*
4. Review and modify **existing policies** to respond more directly to the Commission's recommendations. *Examples: Enrollment growth planning, enrollment growth funding model, peer institutions, promotion and tenure policies, human resources systems*
5. Develop plans for **new programs, initiatives and studies** where no existing effort is in place, and determining which UNC institutions are best suited to undertake these efforts. *Examples: Comprehensive communications plans, branch campuses feasibility study, applied public policy institute*
6. Identify **best practices** among campuses, and facilitate **opportunities for greater inter-institutional collaboration** among UNC campuses and between UNC campuses and private colleges and universities and community colleges. *Examples: Best practices in teacher education, inter-institutional collaborations in joint degree programs, 2+2 programs, tech transfer collaboration, and entrepreneurship education*

Specific General Administration Initiatives

PHASE I

**Due May 15, 2008 (unless otherwise indicated)
Report to the Board of Governors at its June 2008 meeting**

A. Academic Planning Process [Mabe/Sadler]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should review the academic planning process to ensure that the needs of North Carolina are fully considered in establishing and discontinuing degree programs.” (Sec. 5.2)

In consultation with the campuses, GA will develop proposals for revising the academic planning process consistent with this goal in a manner that ensures systemic, periodic review of degree programs in light of regional and statewide needs, that addresses differential regional needs, and that takes into account data on statewide trends such as utilizing health information to monitor health professional supply and inform the academic planning process (Sec. 4.5.3).

Due March 1, 2008 for March BOG policy discussion; BOG action at May BOG meeting.

B. Develop an overall process to address program duplication and inter-institutional collaboration [Mabe/Sadler]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that UNC should “eliminate unnecessary duplication of programs where possible,” (Sec. 5.2 Suggested Strategy) and “encourage and facilitate interdisciplinary and inter-institutional collaborations among its institutions.” (Sec. 5.7)

GA will explore greater efficiencies in program offerings and develop an overall process to address program duplication and facilitate inter-institutional collaboration among UNC institutions in program offerings.

Due by March 1, 2008 for March BOG policy discussion; BOG action at May BOG meeting.

C. Study need for branch campuses, higher education centers, sites for access and support of non-traditional students [Martin/Sadler]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should increase access to its educational programs – including academic courses, degree programs at all levels, and certificate programs – for traditional students, non-traditional students, and lifelong learners,” (Sec. 4.2.1), and suggested that UNC “explore the feasibility of establishing satellite campuses and higher education centers, especially in high-need areas.” (Sec. 4.2.1 Suggested Strategy)

GA will develop guidelines for evaluating the feasibility of and need for satellite campuses and higher education centers; further analysis will be conducted based on these guidelines.

GA will also develop specific plans to address what, if any, support services need to be distributed across the State to support online students (assisting with technical problems, proctored test sites, start-up information, etc.)

Guidelines for evaluation to BOG for policy discussion at March 2008 meeting; follow-up report at the November 2008 BOG meeting.

D. Facilities Planning [Nelson/Harris]

Facilities planning will be conducted in a manner that aligns facilities needs and priorities with campus responses to UNC Tomorrow Commissions’ recommendations, and incorporates anticipated increased enrollment growth, potential full summer enrollment, increased facilities utilization, combined efficiencies, reallocation of resources, and sustainability and environmental concerns. General Administration will convene a committee to develop recommendations on system-wide environmental conservation and sustainability goals and benchmarks.

Report from campuses on FY 08-09 Capital Plan due March 7, 2008

Report from campuses on FY 09-15 Capital Plan due September 2008

Develop policy on environmental conservation and sustainability due Fall 2008

E. Continue to implement and monitor PACE [Davies]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should continue to seek efficient use of available resources in the fulfillment of its mission,” (Sec. 5.6), and suggested that UNC

“continue to build on the President’s PACE initiative to improve UNC’s efficiency and eliminate duplication where possible.” (Sec. 5.6 Suggested Strategy).

GA will continue implementation of the recommendations of the President’s Advisory Committee on Efficiency and Effectiveness (PACE).

- Measure and Report on progress to date *(April 2008)*
- Select and Procure e-procurement software *(March 2008; campus implementation deadlines staggered throughout 2008 and 2009)*
- Middle management analysis and review *(March 2008)*
- New payroll system implementation for the campuses using central payroll *(plan by June 2008, full implementation by January 2010)*
- Implement Energy Savings Program *(plans evaluated by February 2008, progress reports every three months through 2010)*
- Implement information technology recommendations *(December 2008)*
- Improvements in auxiliary enterprise operations *(December 2008)*

F. Expanded Role in Improving Public Education [Chapman/Mabe/Martin]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission found that “UNC should be more actively involved in solving North Carolina’s public education challenges.” (Sec. 4.3)

GA will develop a system plan to expand its role in North Carolina’s K-12 system, and will do so in consultation with State Board of Education, Community College System and Independent Colleges and Universities where relevant.

In particular, GA will develop specific plans to address:

- The need to improve the quality and quantity of public school teachers (done in collaboration with campuses through their response phase planning);
- The need to improve the quality and quantity of public school administrators (done in collaboration with campuses through their response phase planning); and
- The need to break down barriers and build a seamless relationship with the State Board of Education, the Department of Public Instruction, the State Board of Community Colleges, the Community College System, and Independent Colleges and Universities.

G. High-Need Degree Programs Assessments [Jenkins/Mabe/Sadler]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that UNC help address North Carolina's shortage of certain health-care professionals, mental health professionals, public school teachers and administrators, and professionals in the STEM disciplines. The Commission also noted that these shortages are particularly acute in many rural areas of the state.

Based on the Commission's findings, GA will initiate assessments of high-need degree-programs areas, with firm plans to both address shortages and improve quality, of the following:

- Health Affairs: Medical Education: Nursing, and Allied Health professions
- Mental Health Workers/Drug counselors
- Teacher Education: More and Better Teachers, Principal preparation
- STEM Disciplines

H. Review Inter-Institutional Institutes, Centers, and Affiliated Entities [Leath/Thornton]

GA will review inter-institutional institutes, centers, and affiliated entities under the Response Phase General Guidelines, and develop specific proposals for assessing and improving the effectiveness of existing entities that respond to the UNC Tomorrow Commission's recommendations, and eliminating ineffective, duplicative, or obsolete entities.

GA will begin by developing a comprehensive inventory of all inter-institutional institutes, centers, and affiliated entities. GA will then review response plans prepared by entities and make recommendations on areas of improvement and/or elimination to increase the effectiveness of these entities and ensure alignment with the needs of the state.

Guidelines for this section are under development by General Administration.

I. System-wide applied public policy and economic competitiveness research and scholarship mechanism [Boney/Leath/Houston]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that "UNC should create a mechanism for applying research and scholarship to address significant regional and statewide issues." (Sec. 4.7.3)

GA will refine specific plans to increase research on areas of economic importance to the state and will finalize and present for consideration a proposal to establish a system-wide mechanism for applied public policy research.

GA will refine specific plans for a system-wide competitive research fund to facilitate and fund research focusing on pressing state needs.

Funding proposals relating to these initiatives included in the BOG 2008-2009 Budget Priorities.

J. Comprehensive Communications Plans [Caravano/Houston]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should communicate its resources and expertise to wider audiences.” (Sec. 4.7.4)

GA will develop comprehensive communications plans for better communicating UNC resources and assets to broader audiences and assist campuses in developing similar campus-based communications plans.

K. Underrepresented Student Populations [Martin/Williams]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should increase the educational attainment of all underrepresented populations, especially African-American male and Hispanic students.” (Sec. 4.2.5)

GA will Inventory and identify effective programs that increase educational attainment of underrepresented populations, with particular focus on African-American males, Hispanic, and American Indian students. GA will also convene a Task Force to review programs for effectiveness, establish benchmarks by which to measure effectiveness on an on-going basis, identify “best practices” to take to scale within the UNC system, and develop specific plans for stronger collaboration with the K-12 system and Community College system to increase the college-going, retention, and graduation rates of these students.

L. Faculty and staff recruitment and retention [Martin/Jenkins/Houston]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that UNC should “prepare for wide-scale faculty retirement and should increase efforts to recruit and retain high-quality faculty,” (Sec. 5.4) and “increase efforts to attract and retain high-quality staff at all levels.” (Sec. 5.5)

GA will develop methods for assessing future faculty and staff attrition/retirement trends to determine and better prepare for future employment trends and needs within the UNC system.

Assessment methods due by May 15, 2008 [Jenkins]

GA will also develop a system-wide plan to increase the pipeline of undergraduate students, especially minority students, moving successfully through appropriate advanced degree programs and into faculty positions, expanding the recruitment of students into existing doctoral programs, especially in the areas of highest need (such as health care and STEM disciplines), and enhancing partnerships with other programs (such as the SREB Doctoral Program).

Plans due by September 1, 2008 [Martin]

PHASE II

Timelines for due dates and BOG reports indicated below

A. *Mission Reviews* based on the results of campus reviews [Mabe/Martin]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should examine the missions of its 17 constituent institutions in light of state and regional needs from a ‘system’ perspective so that the programs and resources of all institutions serve the state and its regions in a manner that complements each other, maximizes resources, and avoids unnecessary duplication.” (Sec. 5.1)

GA will work with campuses in reviewing their missions in light of the campus responses to UNC Tomorrow and the Commission’s recommendation.

Campus Phase II plans impacting mission review due December 1, 2008; Report and Recommendations to BOG at its February 2009 meeting.

B. *Develop a System-wide Research, Engagement, and Economic Transformation Plan* [Boney/Leath]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that UNC should “apply, translate, and communicate research and scholarship to broader audiences,” (Sec. 4.7.1), and “increase its capacity and commitment to respond to and lead economic transformation and community development,” (Sec. 4.4.1)

GA will continue efforts, begun in Phase I (see Section I), in collaboration with campuses, to strengthen system-wide engagement in economic transformation and community

development, increase engagement and public service by campuses, and support and facilitate application, translation, and communication of research and scholarship.

Plans due September 1, 2008; report to BOG at its November 2008 meeting.

C. Develop Seamless Relationship with the Community College System [Martin]

The UNC Tomorrow Commission recommended that “UNC should continue ongoing efforts with the North Carolina Community College System to strengthen and streamline articulation between the two systems and develop a more seamless relationship.” (Sec. 4.2.2)

GA will continue current efforts with the NC Community College system to define an expanded common agenda, strengthen and streamline articulation, increase 2+2 and other joint programs, improve academic advising, explore the use of joint and shared facilities, and other on-going initiatives to develop a seamless relationship between UNC institutions and Community Colleges.

Due by January 2009