MEMORANDUM

TO: UNC Board of Governors

FROM: Dr. Steven Leath, Vice President for Research

DATE: February 11, 2010

RE: Overview of UNC Sponsored Program Activity, FY2009

Find attached a copy of the FY2009 Research and Sponsored Programs Report to the President. Despite the challenges of the current fiscal climate, competitive external funding obtained by the University of North Carolina continues to grow. Even after adjusting for activity related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), commonly referred to as the Stimulus Bill, the UNC portfolio of new external funds once again grew in FY2009. The adjusted total of $1,164,257,740 in awards represents a 5% increase over last fiscal year. Award totals increased in FY09 for eight of our universities as well as NCSSM. This level of continued growth demonstrates the quality and commitment of our faculty and staff.

ARRA has increased federal funds available for university research to unprecedented levels. UNC constituent universities have aggressively pursued these funds, collectively applying for over $1.29 billion and receiving nearly $153 million in ARRA funds through early January 2010. ARRA activity from FY09 is detailed on pages 3-4 in the report. The vast majority of ARRA awards occurs in FY10 and will be reflected in the next annual report.

Please review the attached report, and feel free to contact the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs with any questions or concerns. This report is provided for information; no action is needed.