

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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2. Legislative Panel..... David Powers

Situation: House Education Appropriations Co-Chairs Rep. Craig Horn (Union), Rep. Hugh Blackwell (Burke) and Rep. Rob Bryan (Mecklenburg) have been invited to join us to share their priorities for the upcoming session.

Background: Rep. Craig Horn is serving in his 3rd term, Rep. Hugh Blackwell is serving in his 4th term, and Rep. Rob Bryan is in his 2nd term. All serve as chairs of the House Education Appropriations Committee. Chairman Horn’s top priorities have been to improve teacher preparation programs and improve innovative approaches to education delivery. Chairman Blackwell has been an advocate for the NC School of Science & Math Western Campus, while Chairman Bryan has championed Opportunity Scholarships in his first term and just completed his first year as an Appropriations co-chair.

Assessment: All chairs have been very accessible to UNC and have provided leadership on a number of issues of interest to UNC.

Action: This item is for discussion only.