



ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Committee on Public Affairs

July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021

DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Public Affairs shall assist the president in maintaining positive relationships with the Governor, the North Carolina General Assembly, the United States Congress, and other governmental entities. Maintaining these relationships affects the ability of the University of North Carolina System to carry out its mission. The committee will review and approve all state and federal policy priorities of the UNC System, which will then be presented to elected leaders. This report summarizes the work of the committee from July 2020 through June 2021.

The committee was composed of the following Board members: C. Philip Byers, Dwight D. Stone, Steven B. Long, N. Leo Daughtry, and O. Temple Sloan. Mr. Byers served as chair, Mr. Stone served as vice-chair, and Mr. Long served as secretary.

Chancellors Robin Cummings (University of North Carolina at Pembroke), and Darrell Allison (Fayetteville State University), also served on the committee.

ACTIONS

The Committee on Public Affairs met during seven regular meetings between July 1, 2020 and June 30, 2021. Throughout the year, the committee discussed major legislative action in the North Carolina General Assembly and in Congress. The Committee on Public Affairs also received reports throughout the year on the efforts of the Board's special committees that impact the work of the committee.

Furthermore, the Committee on Public Affairs reviewed and discussed the 2021-22 Budget and Legislative Proposals, which covered priorities in the North Carolina General Assembly, October 21, 2020. The Committee voted to recommend the proposals for approval by the full Board of Governors on November 18, 2020. The Board of Governors approved the proposals on November 19, 2020.

In addition, the Committee on Public Affairs reviewed and discussed the FY 2021 Federal Priorities for the 117th Congress on January 20, 2021. The committee voted to recommend these priorities on February 17, 2021, with full Board of Governors approval on February 18, 2021.