January 24, 2024 at 3:15 p.m.
Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Live Stream
UNC System Office
223 S. West Street, Board Room
Raleigh, North Carolina

AGENDA

A-1. Approval of the Minutes of April 19, 2023   C. Philip Byers

A-2. Committee on Military and Public Affairs 2022-23 Annual Report   Bart Goodson

A-3. State Government Relations Update………………………………………………………………Bart Goodson

A-4. Federal Government Relations Update   Elizabeth Morra

A-5. Military Affairs Update   Thomas Walker

A-6. Adjourn

DRAFT MINUTES

April 19, 2023
Via Videoconference and PBS North Carolina Livestream
UNC Pembroke
James A. Thomas Building, Room 256
UNC Pembroke
Pembroke, North Carolina

This meeting of the Committee on Military and Public Affairs was presided over by Michael Williford. The following committee members were also present in person or by video: C. Philip Byers, J. Alex Mitchell, Jimmy D. Clark, and Wendy Murphy.

Also participating were Chancellors Darrell Allison and Aswani Volety, and Interim Chancellor Kimberly van Noort.

Staff members present included Bart Goodson, Elizabeth Morra, Thomas Walker, and others from the UNC System Office.

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1. Call to Order and Approval of OPEN Session Minutes (Item A-1)

Chair Williford called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, April 19, 2023.

Chair Williford called for a motion to approve the open session minutes of October 19, 2022.

MOTION: Resolved, that the Committee on Military and Public Affairs approve the open session minutes of October 19, 2022, as distributed.

Motion:
Motion carried.

2. Military Affairs Update (Item A-2)

Chair Williford called upon Dr. Thomas Walker to provide a military affairs update to the committee. Dr. Walker and his team provided an overview of UNC System military affairs initiatives aimed at supporting military-affiliated student enrollment and success, including awarding academic credit for military training and experience , outcomes of a digital marketing campaign focused on military learners, Green Zone and Mental Health First Aid training for staff supporting military affiliated students, and policies around military student application fees and registration.

3. Adjourn (Item A-5)

There being no further business and without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

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J. Alex Mitchell, Secretary

AGENDA ITEM

A-2.   Committee on Military and Public Affairs 2022-23 Annual Report .... Bart Goodson

Situation:
: Each standing committee submits an annual report of its activities to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors.

Background:
: Pursuant to Section 302 E of *The Code*, "Each standing committee shall make a written report to the Board of Governors at least annually, reviewing the work of the committee during the preceding year."

Assessment:
: The annual report on the activities of the Committee on Military and Public Affairs for fiscal year 2022-23 is ready for review and submission.

Action:
: This item requires a vote by the committee to accept the report for submission to the Board of Governors.

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS
Committee on Military and
Public Affairs
July 1, 2022, through June
30, 2023

DUTIES AND MEMBERSHIP

The Committee on Military and 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 to carry out its mission. The committee will review and approve all state and federal policy priorities of the University, which will then be presented to elected leaders. This report summarizes the work of the committee from July 2022 through June 2023.

The committee was composed of the following Board members: Michael Williford, C. Philip Byers, J. Alex Mitchell, Jimmy D. Clark, and Wendy Murphy. Mr. Williford served as chair, Mr. Byers served as vice chair, and Mr. Mitchell served as secretary.

Chancellor Darrell Allison (Fayetteville State University), Chancellor Aswani Volety (UNC Wilmington), and Interim Chancellor Kimberly van Noort (UNC Asheville) also served on the committee.

ACTIONS

The Committee on Military and Public Affairs met independently during two regular meetings (October 2022 and April 2023) between July 1, 2022, and June 30, 2023. Throughout the year, the committee discussed major legislative action in the General Assembly and in Congress.

The October 2022 meeting provided an update on the federal budget and appropriations, as well as key legislation important to UNC System institutions.

The April 2023 meeting provided an overview of UNC System military affairs initiatives aimed at supporting military-affiliated student enrollment and success, including awarding academic credit for military training and experience.

The Committee on Military and Public Affairs also met in joint session with the Committee on Budget and Finance during three regular meetings, for a General Assembly Short Session Update (July 2022) to review and discuss the 2023-24 Budget and Legislative Proposals (January 2023 and February 2023), which covered priorities in the General Assembly to review and approve the FY 2024 UNC System Federal Priorities for the first session of the 118th Congress (February 2023). The committee voted to recommend the proposals for approval by the full Board of Governors. The full Board of Governors then voted to approve the proposals on February 23, 2023.

AGENDA ITEM

A-3.   State Government Relations Update..Bart Goodson

Situation:	The committee will receive an update on the upcoming legislative session agenda timeline.
Background:	Staff will give an overview of the UNC System agenda timeline for the upcoming legislative short session.
Assessment:	No formal presentation will be delivered by staff.
Action:	This item is for information only.

Federal Update

Elizabeth Morra

January 24, 2024

Budget and Appropriations

Government Shutdown Averted for Now

- Laddered Continuing Resolution (CR)
  - January 19 (four appropriations bills); March 1 extension
  - February 2 (eight appropriations bills); March 8 extension
- $1.6 trillion topline funding agreement for FY 2024
  - $886 billion for defense; $773 billion for non-defense
  - Largely mirrors Fiscal Responsibility Act (last spring)
  - Most accounts level funded; slight increase/decrease

- FY 2025 Appropriations Process
  - UNC System letter from President Hans to congressional delegation

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Budget and Appropriations

Specific UNC System Funding Priorities:

- UNC System Office: Campus infrastructure upgrades
- University of North Carolina Wilmington: Maritime cybersecurity
- Pathfinder Airborne: UNC System Military Affairs/Ft. Liberty

Additional Priorities

Funding Priorities

- Campus based aid programs
- HBCU/MSI programs, including NASNTI
- Student Success Grants
- Federal Research accounts

Other Issues

- The Bipartisan Workforce Pell Act
- Pregnant Students' Rights Act
- College Cost Reduction Act

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Budget and Appropriations

Challenges

- o Six weeks to reach agreement on FY 2024 appropriations bills
- o 2024 Election Cycle; Congress is out August and October

MILITARY AFFAIRS

UNC Board of Governors
January 2024

Military Equivalency System (MES) Update

Recap:

- Senate Bill 761 requires the UNC System to *"develop a uniform system of granting course credits (...) based on military training or experience"*.

- President Hans signed UNC Regulation 700.7.2[R] Awarding Credit for Military Training or Experience in May 2022.

- April 2023 (last update): Phase I nearly complete.

Phase I: Internal facing

Phase II: External facing

Military Equivalency System (MES) Update

Significant progress since April 2023:

- Completed Phase I in June 2023. Met requirements of SB761.

- Began Phase II in July 2023. Designed to meet spirit of SB761.

- Currently captures more than 4,000 military credit equivalencies.

- Developing public tool for planned Spring 2024 launch.

Military Equivalency: Phase I Executive Summary

Phase I was completed in June 2023.

Phase I Roadmap:

UNC System Office provided a base list of military equivalency rules and an Implementation Guide for implementing equivalency rules to all Institutions. Institutions entered these equivalency rules in their Student Information Systems (SIS) for military credit they have historically granted.

An advisory committee of registrars assisted the System Office:

- Addressed feedback and input from the Institutions,
- Helped to finalize the base list of equivalencies,
- Helped to finalize the implementation guide, and
- Assisted with entering equivalency rules into SIS.

Military Equivalency: Phase II Executive Summary

Phase II will be production ready by late February 2024.

Phase II Roadmap:

- Align and standardize data for public display and search
- Host webinars to demonstrate MES to campus administrators, Feb 2024
- Enter credit equivalencies from prior faculty panels, Spring 2024

Working with key stakeholders:

- Campus staff and administrators: Registrars, Transfer offices, Provosts, Military Affairs Working Group
- Student veterans: User feedback
- External partners: American Council on Education (ACE)

Military Equivalency: Phase II Status

40% Percent Complete	8/14/22 Start Date	Phase II: 2/29/24 Target Date	Green Status

Roadmap

Completed Milestones

- Course search in Dev environment
- CAO memo delivered

Up Next

- Internal data review for public-facing equivalencies
- Meet with institutions to update data for public view
- Webinars mid-Feb to demo tool for institution staff and administrators

– Phase II- Internal and External Facing Component	40%	189d	08/14/23	05/02/24
+ Operations Manual	54%	134d	08/14/23	02/15/24
ACE Guide Training	100%	5d	09/25/23	09/29/23
+ Operational Oversight	29%	87d	11/02/23	03/01/24
– Public-Facing Component	32%	129d	11/06/23	05/02/24
+ Data	10%	110d	12/01/23	05/02/24
+ UI/UX	100%	32d	11/06/23	12/19/23
+ Course Search/Compare Schools	71%	33d	12/20/23	02/02/24
+ Account Creation	35%	5d	02/05/24	02/09/24
+ Export/Print	0%	10d	02/12/24	02/23/24
+ Admin/Utility Interface	90%	1d	01/08/24	01/08/24
+ User Testing	0%	21d	01/29/24	02/26/24
Search Site Production Ready	0%	1d	02/27/24	02/27/24
Publish Search Tool	0%	1d	02/29/24	02/29/24

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Military Equivalency

UNC System Occupation/Course formatting may appear differently than an ACE ID

Example:
MOS 11B00510
Occupation ID Skill Level

Example:
AR 06020011V06
Subject   Course ID   Version

Occupation or Course   **Add**

✖ MOS 19K00530   ✖ AR 06020011V06   ✖ AR 22040105

Institution:

ASU, ECSU, ECU ▾   **Submit**

Results   ○ By Institution   ● By Occupation/Course   **Save**   **⊞ Export**

ID: MOS 19K00530   **Recommendation: human relations**   **Credit Hours: 3**

Institution	Equivalent	Credit Hours
Appalachian State University	ABC12345 Course Title	3
Elizabeth City State University	ABCD2200 Course Title	3
East Carolina University	COURSE200 Course Title	3

ID: MOS 19K00530   **Recommendation: introduction to communications**   **Credit Hours: 3**

Institution	Equivalent	Credit Hours
Appalachian State University	DEF23456 Course Title	2
Elizabeth City State University	ABCD2400 Course Title	2

Equivalencies are based on an evaluation of military training and experiences in adherence to the UNC Policy Manual Regulation 700.7.2[R].
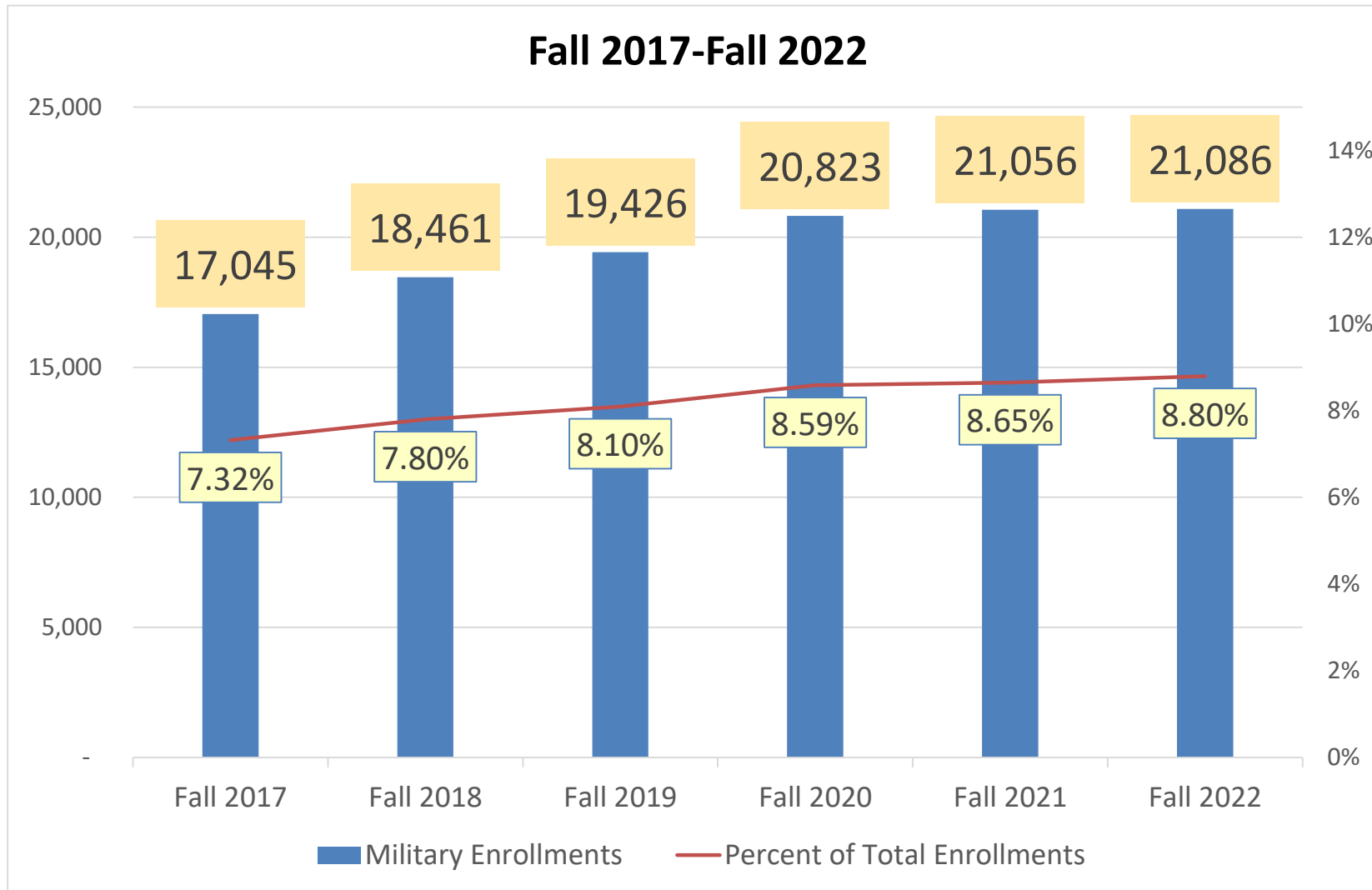
Western Carolina University

ACE ID	Recommendation	Credit Hours	Institution Equivalent	Credit Hours
MOS-11B-005-10	Individualized Assessment			
MOS-11B-005-20	Individualized Assessment			
MOS-11B-005-30	Mechanical Maintenance	3	MGT19A Lower Level Elective	3
	First Aid	1		
	Human Relations	3		
	Map Reading	1		
	Personnel Supervision	3		
	Record Keeping	3		
	Surveying	Eval		
MOS-18D-002-30	Leadership	3	COMM301 Interpersonal Communication	3
	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	24	COMM312 Small Group & Team Comm	3

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Western Carolina University

ACE ID	Recommendation	Credit Hours	Institution Equivalent	Credit Hours
MOS-18D-002-30	Leadership	3	COMM301 Interpersonal Communication	3
	Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)	24	COMM312 Small Group & Team Comm	3
	Technical Report Writing	3	COM313Conflict Resolution	3
	Records and Information Management	3	COMM415 Intercultural Communication	3
	Instructor Training Techniques	3	NSG310 Foundations of Nursing	3
	Field Experience in Management	3	NSG311 Foundations of Nursing Pract	3
			NSG312 Nrsng Assmt Through Lifespan	3

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Partnerships and Future Capabilities

- Partner with American Council on Education (ACE). ACE has invited the UNC System to participate in a pilot project to enable data exchange with the ACE Military Guide.

- Partner with Project Kitty Hawk (PKH) and their UNC institution partners to map military equivalencies for PKH-powered programs.

- Explore functions such as degree plan mapping for high demand fields.

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UNC System Military-Affiliated Student Enrollment

Fall 2017-Fall 2022

Military Enrollments (bar values):
- Fall 2017: 17,045 — 7.32%
- Fall 2018: 18,461 — 7.80%
- Fall 2019: 19,426 — 8.10%
- Fall 2020: 20,823 — 8.59%
- Fall 2021: 21,056 — 8.65%
- Fall 2022: 21,086 — 8.80%

Legend: Military Enrollments — Percent of Total Enrollments

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THANK YOU

BACKUP SLIDES

MES Home: Transfer Resources

https://coursetransfer.northcarolina.edu/

Federal Education Benefits: The Numbers

Over 6500 students received $53 million from Post 9/11 GI Bill and Tuition Assistance in 2021-2022

UNC System Students Using GI Bill (VA) and Tuition Assistance (DOD) Benefits

Year	Benefits
2016-2017	$49,227,385
2017-2018	$52,061,169
2018-2019	$53,520,990
2019-2020	$55,964,133
2020-2021	$51,715,304
2021-2022	$53,067,224

Benefits

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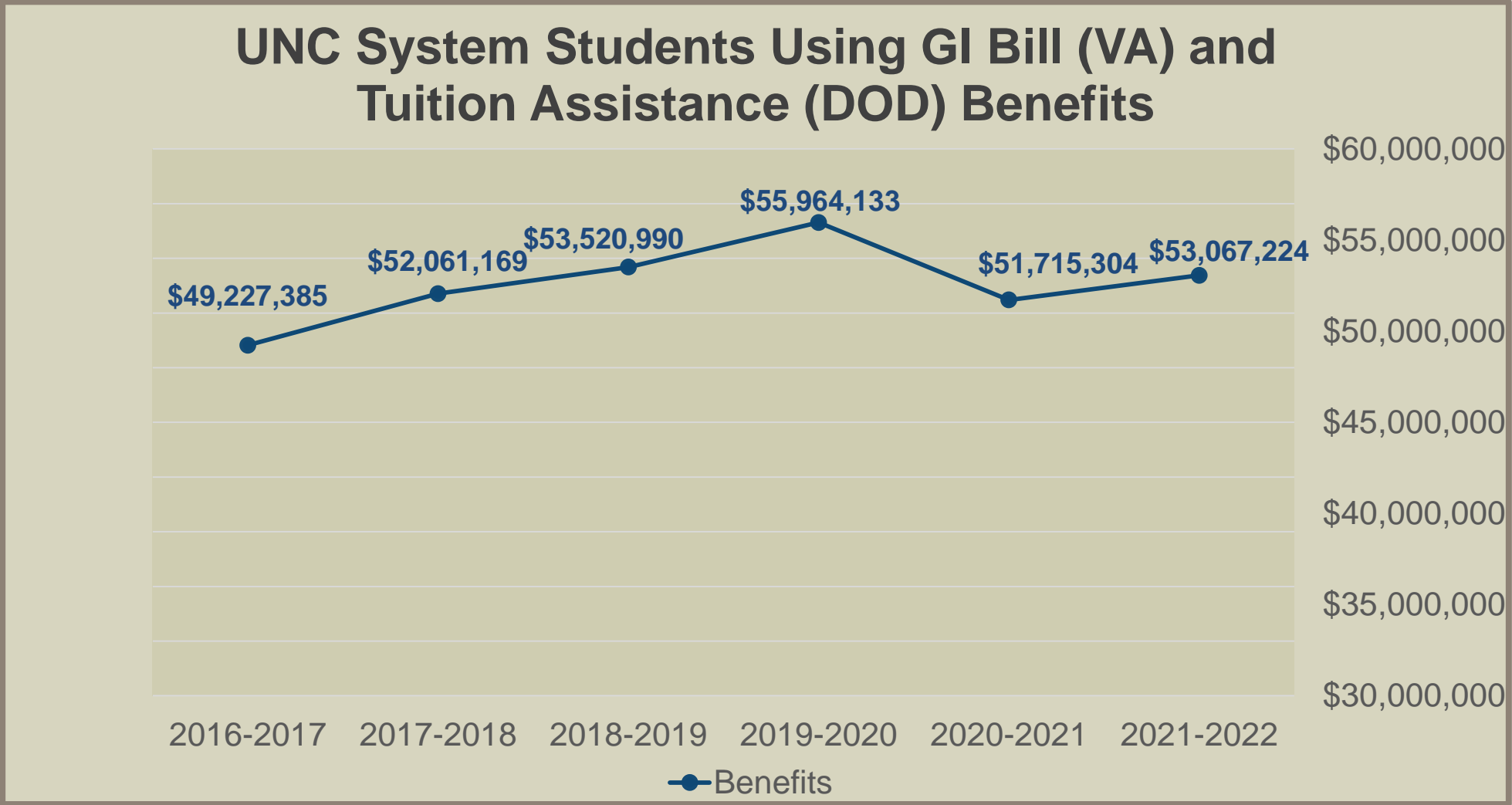
Rankings

Top 10	Gold
Western Carolina	UNC Chapel Hill
Elizabeth City State	UNC Charlotte
UNC Greensboro	
NC State	
UNC Pembroke	
Appalachian State	

*Record high number of "Top Ten" rankings
*No schools ranked below "Gold"

Best for Vets Rankings	Overall	Southeast
UNC Wilmington	15	2
Appalachian State	67	17
UNC Greensboro	71	18
Western Carolina	74	20
East Carolina	93	26
UNC Pembroke	106	29
NC State University	147	34
UNC Charlotte	207	42

*Record high ranking (UNCW #15 Overall)
*All schools ranked in "Top 50" for the Southeast

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AGENDA ITEM

A-4.   Federal Government Relations Update...Elizabeth Morra

Situation: The committee will receive an update on federal legislation impacting the UNC System.

Background: Ms. Morra will provide a federal relations update on issues impacting the UNC System, including appropriations, as well as legislative and regulatory developments.

Assessment: Enclosed is the presentation that will be delivered by staff.

Action: This item is for information only.

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AGENDA ITEM

A-5.   Military Affairs Update.. Thomas Walker

Situation:	Dr. Walker will provide an update on the UNC System Office's development of an online military credit equivalency tool.
Background:	The UNC System Military Affairs Team has partnered with the UNC System Office's Project Management Unit, Information Technology Department, and Academic Affairs Division to build an online system that will allow campuses to implement a consistent methodology for awarding academic credit based on military training and experience and allow any military service member or member of the public to search and view military course equivalencies across the UNC System.
Assessment:	Enclosed is the presentation that will be delivered by staff.
Action:	This item is for information only.