ADMINISTRATIVE MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT  Administrative Council Meeting  March 26, 1991

Calendar Items

Saturday, May 5, 1991 - Installation of Chancellor Alexander Ewing, North Carolina School of the Arts, 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 10, 1991 - Board of Governors meeting, General Administration Building (at its May meeting the Board will honor retiring faculty members from each campus; to accommodate that purpose, the executive session will be held at 9:30 a.m. and the public session will begin at 10:30.)

Tuesday, May 28, 1991 - Administrative Council meeting, General Administration Building, 1:30 p.m.

The Administrative Council met at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 1991, in the General Administration Building.

Chancellors in Attendance

All chancellors, except Chancellor Moran, were present.

Information Reports

At President Spangler's request, Vice President Dawson and Vice President Robinson discussed the effect of the proposals by the subcommittees on education of the House and Senate Appropriations Committees with respect to approximately $59.2 million in reductions during the next fiscal year. Vice President Robinson noted that the University had nothing to do with the list of proposed cuts, having indicated to the subcommittees that it would not be appropriate to propose such cuts without the approval of the Board of Governors. He also noted that the $400 million in total cuts being sought at this time may not be sufficient to balance the budget and that additional revenues or further cuts would be required.

The Council discussed at length a number of specific items identified for budget reductions. In response to instructions from the General Administration, campuses will identify more specifically the cuts to be made on each campus and complete their reports by April 5. After a short break the chancellors were reminded that each chancellor will meet with the four consultants who have been engaged to consult with the President in connection with the review of each campus's proposed mission
statement. President Spangler indicated that any presentation made to the consultants by the chancellors should be brief and that the chancellors should understand that the consultants will have already read everything that the campuses have provided.

Vice President Robinson asked the chancellors to continue to stay in touch with the campus committees and to urge them to communicate to the legislators the harmful results of the reductions in funding for the University.

With respect to the proposed bond issue to finance capital improvements for the University, it was agreed that the sale of bonds would be a good solution to the University's need for capital improvements and that the group hoped that support could be developed for a bond issue in excess of the $100 million for the University proposed by Governor Martin.

President Spangler reminded the chancellors that during the current budget crisis no new programs should be proposed unless accompanied by a proposal to replace an existing program or other means of funding the new program.

President Spangler noted that until further notice restrictions on paid leaves of absence would be necessary.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:45 p.m.

C. D. Spangler, Jr.