

Support for the University of North Carolina Legislative Requests

Whereas, the State Board of Community Colleges and the University of North Carolina Board of Governors seek to establish a seamless program of higher education for the benefit of students in public, post-secondary education in the State of North Carolina; and,

Whereas, the University of North Carolina seeks to continue ongoing efforts with the North Carolina Community College System to respond directly and proactively to the 21st century challenges facing North Carolina, both now and in the future; and,

Whereas, the President of the North Carolina Community College System and the President of the University of North Carolina System meet jointly with their senior staffs on a regular basis to work through programmatic, economic development, technology, and budget initiatives; and,

Whereas, there are several important budget initiatives to be advanced in the 2009 Session of the North Carolina General Assembly of great importance to the University of North Carolina that will address priorities validated by the UNC Tomorrow Commission; and,

Whereas, these budget initiatives include the following components:

1. Funding for the University's students, particularly for campus safety and need-based financial aid;
2. Funding to recruit and retain high-quality faculty;
3. Funding to improve the University's global readiness and its outreach and economic transformation efforts;
4. Funding to improve public education, healthcare, and the environment for all North Carolinians; and
5. Funding to continue efforts to establish accountability and performance.

Whereas, the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina has several non-budget initiatives to be advanced in the 2009 Session of the General Assembly, including the modification of the current allocation formula for repair and renovation funds, the ability to be more energy efficient, the improvement of human resources programs, changes to the tuition surcharge requirement, and other efficiency improvements.

Now, Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved that the North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges endorses and supports the budget and non-budget initiatives of the University of North Carolina Board of Governors herein set forth for advancement in the 2009 Session of the General Assembly.