

**STATE BOARD OF COMMUNITY COLLEGES
2016 Budget Priorities Update**

- 1) **Invest in Student Success Strategies:** Restore \$25 million of management flex cut by reinvesting funds made available through our enrollment adjustment to promote implementation of student success strategies (tutoring labs, supplemental instruction, etc.).
- 2) **Close the Interest Gap:** Provide \$2 million to promote student and family awareness of career options and paths. Funds would support various activities, including the use of various forms of media as well as providing a labor market information (such as EMSI's Career Coach) to all colleges. Funds would potentially be matched by external sources.
- 3) **Equipment:** Provide \$10 million NR to provide equipment funds to complement bond funds.
- 4) Placeholder in case we need funds for NC GAP and/or Career and College Ready Graduates pilots.
- 5) **Carryforward Authority:** Currently, our statutes authorize carryforward of unexpended equipment, instructional resources, customized training, and performance-based funding monies. Under existing authority, our System carried forward \$34 million this past fiscal year. UNC received a temporary increase in its carryforward authority specifically for repairs and renovations.
- 6) **Other ideas?**
 - a. Funds to support bond administration
 - b. Funds to support difference between budgeted levels for IT contracts and actual costs