

EXTERNAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

January 30, 2019, 3:20PM Chancellor's Ballroom West, Carolina Inn

OPEN SESSION

FOR INFORMATION ONLY

(No formal action is requested at this time)

- 1. Communications Update

 Joel Curran, Vice Chancellor for Communications
- 2. Public Affairs Update

 Amy Auth, Director of State Affairs

 Kelly Dockham, Director of Federal Affairs

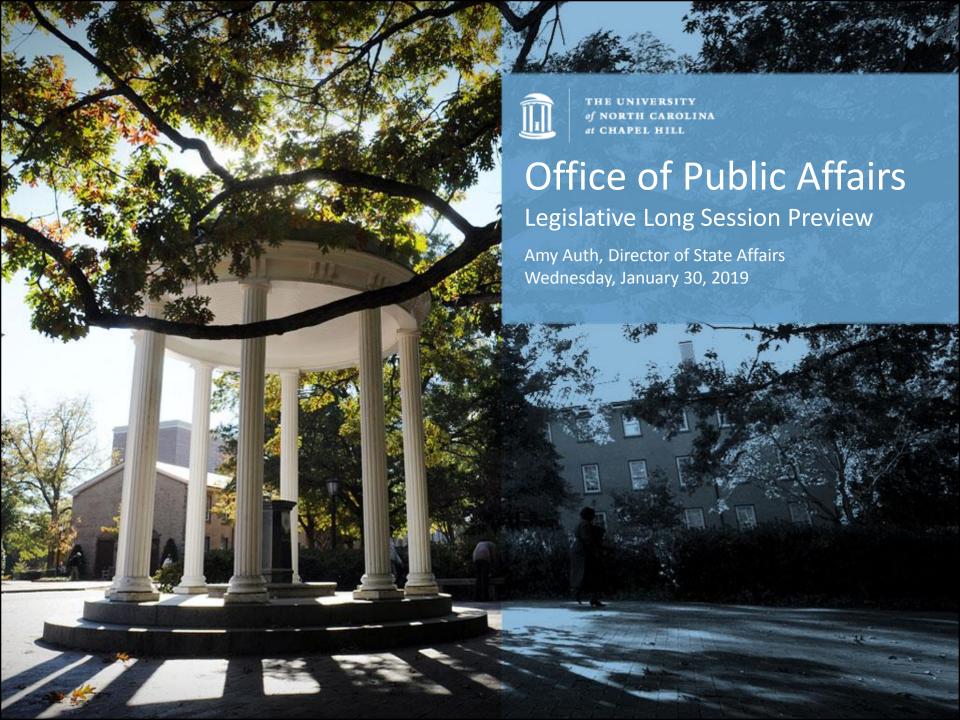
*Some of the business to be conducted is authorized by the N.C. Open Meetings Law to be conducted in closed session.

Important Dates for the Committee: Spring Commencement – Sunday, May 12, 2019

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Richard Stevens, Chair Ed McMahan, Vice Chair Chuck Duckett Allie Ray McCullen Bill Keyes Savannah Putnam

Administrative Liaisons:
Joel Curran, Vice Chancellor for Communications
David Routh, Vice Chancellor for University Development



2019 NCGA Long Session Preview

- Convened on January 9 for organizational session, swearings-in, leadership elections. Substantive legislative business began today.
- Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) re-elected President Pro Tempore of the North Carolina Senate and Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) re-elected Speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives
- Dan Blue (D-Wake) re-elected Senate Democratic Leader and Darren Jackson (D-Wake) re-elected House Democratic Leader









2019 Long Session – Senate

- Nearly a quarter of the N.C. Senate will be comprised of new members: 7
 new Democrats and 6 new Republicans
- Two of these new senators are UNC alumni: Todd Johnson (R-Union) and Harper Peterson (D-New Hanover)
- Nine UNC alumni serve in the Senate



2019 Long Session – Senate Leadership

Senate Appropriations/Base Budget Chairs: Harry Brown (R-Onslow), Kathy Harrington (R-Gaston), Brent Jackson (R-Sampson)

Senate Education/Higher Education Chairs: Deanna Ballard (R-Watauga), Rick Horner (R-Nash), Jerry Tillman (R-Randolph)

Senate Appropriations on Education/Higher Education Chairs: Deanna Ballard (R-Watauga), Jerry Tillman (R-Randolph)

Senate Finance Chairs: Ralph Hise (R-Mitchell), Paul Newton (R-Cabarrus), Jerry Tillman (R-Randolph)

Majority Leader: Harry Brown (R-Onslow); Rules Chairman: Bill Rabon (R-

Brunswick)



2019 Long Session – House

- Roughly 20 percent of the N.C. House will be new members: 17 new Democrats and 9 new Republicans.
- Seven of these are UNC alumni: Sydney Batch (D-Wake), Ashton Clemmons (D-Guilford), Wesley Harris (D-Mecklenburg), Chris Humphrey (R-Lenoir), Rachel Hunt (D-Mecklenburg), Brandon Lofton (D-Mecklenburg), and Wayne Sasser (R-Stanly)
- One is on UNC staff: Zack Hawkins (D-Durham)
- 25 members are UNC alumni, including House Speaker, Democratic Leader



2019 Long Session – House Leadership

House Appropriations Chairs: Dean Arp (R-Union), Bill Brisson (R-Bladen), Josh Dobson (R-McDowell), John Faircloth (R-Guilford), Linda Johnson (R-Cabarrus), Donny Lambeth (R-Forsyth), Chuck McGrady (R-Henderson), and Jason Saine (R-Lincoln)

House Education - Universities Chair: John Fraley (R-Iredell)

House Appropriations on Education Chairs: Hugh Blackwell (R-Burke), Jeffrey Elmore (R-Wilkes), John Fraley (R-Iredell), Craig Horn (R-Union), John Sauls (R-Lee)

House Finance Chairs: Julia Howard (R-Davie), Mitchell Setzer (R-Catawba), John Szoka (R-Cumberland)

Majority Leader: John Bell (R-Wayne)

Rules Chairman: David Lewis (R-Harnett)

2019 Long Session – Overview

- Primary objective: pass a budget for the next two fiscal years.
- House will begin appropriations process first
- Senate and House Republicans no longer have supermajorities, meaning gubernatorial vetoes cannot be overridden along partisan lines
- Senate and House leadership have spoken of hope of finding more common ground with Democratic caucuses and Executive Branch, particularly in areas of public education, disaster relief, criminal justice reform, and addressing opioid crisis

2019 Long Session – UNC System Asks

- Expand carryforward authority to 7.5% (from 2.5%)
- Would allow institutions to assist the state in addressing the significant repairs and renovation (R&R) backlog using existing appropriations
- Reinstate institutional authority for certain compensation and classification actions
- A 2017 budget provision prevented universities from providing staff who make more than \$100,000 with raises of more than 5% and increased oversight of new positions paying more than \$70,000
- Reinstate institutional authority for small capital projects
- Currently campus leaders no longer have the flexibility to use available resources for small capital projects (up to \$1 million) and must hope for sizeable repair and renovation appropriation
- Looking at ways to deregulate

2019 Long Session – UNC System Asks

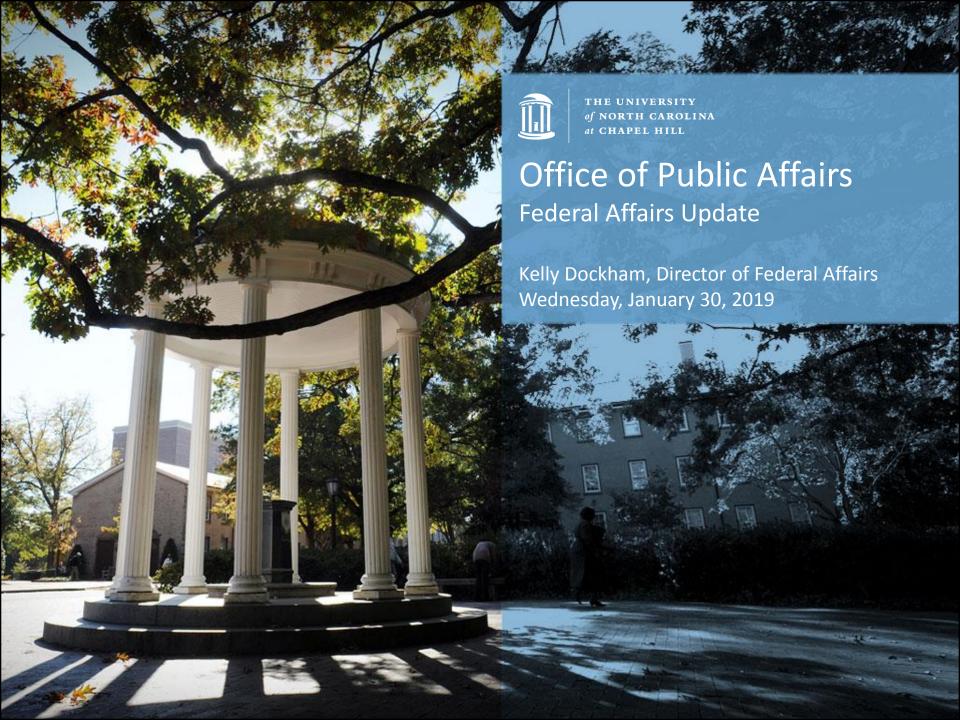
- Increased funding for faculty recruitment and retention
- Equity with state agencies on faculty and staff salary adjustments
- Increased funding for enrollment growth in second year of biennium
- Funding for community college transfer student scholarships after receipt of associate degree

Fair Treatment of College Student Athletes

- Interim study commission, chaired by Lt. Gov. Dan Forest
- Examining issues related to health care/wellness, academic support, scholarship retention, ability to transfer, representation and compensation for UNC-System college student athletes.
- Report with draft recommendation to full legislature being released February 1
- Final commission meeting to be held February 14

Office of Public Affairs





Federal Affairs Update

- Partial Federal Shutdown
- The New 116th Congress
 - Leadership Changes
 - NC Delegation Committee Assignments
 - Legislative Look Ahead

Partial Federal Shutdown Update

- The partial shutdown lasted 5 weeks
- 25% of Federal Budget
 - 7 Appropriations Bills (9 Federal Departments)
- Short-term Agreement Reached after 35 days
 - Continuing Resolution (CR) to reopen government until February 15.
- Impact to UNC campus

116th Congress

- Divided Congress
- NC Delegation Committee Assignments:
 U.S. Senate:



Senator Richard Burr

- Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee (HELP)
- Senate Select Committee on Intelligence *Chairman
- Finance Committee
- Senate Special Committee on Aging



Senator Thom Tillis

- Armed Services Committee
- Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs Committee
- Judiciary Committee
- Veterans' Affairs Committee
- Senate Special Committee on Aging
- Member of Senate Republican Whip Team

116th Congress

U.S. House of Representatives:



Representative David Price (NC-04)

- Appropriations Committee
 - <u>Chairman:</u> Subcommittee on Transportation, House and Urban Development, and Related Agencies
 - Subcommittee on Homeland Security
 - Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs



Representative G.K. Butterfield (NC-01)

- Energy & Commerce Committee
 - Subcommittee on Communications & Technology
 - Subcommittee on Health
 - Subcommittee on Energy
- Majority Leadership: Chief Deputy Whip

116th Congress

U.S. House of Representatives:



Representative Mark Walker (NC-06)

- Education and Labor Committee *
- Homeland Security



Representative George Holding (NC-02)

- Budget Committee *
- Ways and Means Committee
 - Subcommittee on Health
 - Subcommittee on Trade

116th Congress: Legislative Look Ahead

- Reauthorization: Higher Education Act (HEA)
- Tax Overhaul
- Infrastructure
- Healthcare
- Immigration
- Foreign Policy Bills (science & security)