**Legislative Report to the Faculty Council Betty Doster**

**September 15, 2022** **betty.doster@uncc.edu**

The NC General Assembly passed the budget and it was signed by Governor Roy Cooper in early July.

The General Assembly may reconvene in December to take up Congressional Redistricting and possibly Medicaid reform.

**Actions related to UNC Charlotte and the UNC Charlotte:**

**Salary Increases/Retirement/Salary Reserve**

Added 1% to the 5% salary increase that was enacted in the budget passed last year. 2.5% enacted in November retroactive to July 1, 2021

 2.5% enacted in November effective July 1, 2022

 1% additional effective July 1, 2022

 **Total: 6% over the two year budget**

**Labor Market Adjustment Salary Reserve 1% of agency budget ($32.8M)** Funds shall be used to address specific staffing issues by providing targeted salary increases to recruit and retain capable labor.

**State Retirement Contributions for TSER participants**  An additional 1% cost-of-living supplement in addition to the 3% appropriated in 2021 for a total of 4%.

**Enrollment Funding:** Provides $38M to the UNC System for enrollment changes and for summer term undergraduate resident student credit hours. Funding provided for this purpose supports the transition to a new enrollment funding formula approved by the UNC Board of Governors

*UNC Charlotte allocation is $5.5M*

Laboratory School Support for UNC System $1.5M R

**Policy changes requested and enacted:**

Informal Bid Threshold increased from $30Kto $100K

BOG Capital Project Threshold increased from $2M to $4M

Non-recurring funds from 2021 budget do not revert

**Early Voting on Campus:**

The Mecklenburg County Board of Elections selects the locations for early voting sites. Since Belk Gym is not available this semester, the only available space is in the Cone Center. The Board will make their final decision around September 20th. The Early Voting will be conveniently located at the “old Kolhs” on North Tryon Street across from campus at Institute Circle. Students, faculty and staff can access this location by Niner Transit and we may add dedicated shuttles if the Cone Center is not chosen.