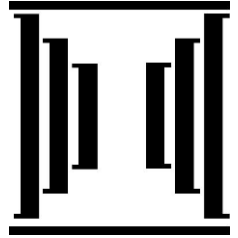


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NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM



March 30, 2006

The Honorable A. B. Swindell, Co-Chair
The Honorable Douglas Yongue, Co-Chair
Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee
North Carolina General Assembly
16 West Jones Street
Raleigh, NC 27601-2808

Dear Senator Swindell and Representative Yongue:

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary copy of the Tuition Remission Exchange Program Study report. This report is submitted in response to North Carolina Session Law 2005-276, Section 9.25(a) (Tuition Waiver Program Expansion). This law requires the UNC Board of Governors and the State Board of Community Colleges to conduct a study on the feasibility of offering a Tuition Waiver Exchange Program between UNC and the N.C. Community College System and report the results of this study to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee by April 1, 2006. Please note that the report will be submitted for approval to the UNC Board of Governors on April 11, 2006, and to the State Board of Community Colleges on April 19, 2006. We will apprise you of any changes to the report following approval by the respective boards.

If we can provide any further information or answer any question, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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