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Senator Tony Foriest, Co-Chair  
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Representative Douglas Y. Yongue, Co-Chair  
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Dear Senator Foriest and Representative Yongue:

At its June 2010 meeting, the UNC Board of Governors approved the 2010 Prospective Teacher Scholars Focused Growth Pilot Report to be submitted to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee.

The following motion was made:

*It was moved by Mr. Hans and seconded by Mr. Deal that the Report on Prospective Teacher Scholars and the resolution to phase out the Prospective Teacher Scholars Program in a way compatible with existing student contracts be accepted for submission to the Board of Governors for approval and conveyance to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee. Motion carried.*

This is a program that was originated by the General Assembly in 2001. It allows, but does not require, the Board of Governors to establish a program at three focused-growth campuses: ECSU, UNCP, and WCU. It allows those campuses to use up to \$178,380 of focused-growth funds per school to provide scholarships to up to 20 out-of-state students who would agree to be public school teachers in North Carolina. The scholarship is equal to the difference between in-state and out-of-state tuition. To date, the program has produced 23 graduates, of whom 16 are teaching in North Carolina. Those who do not enter teaching must repay the scholarship. The total tuition waiver cost to date is \$2.1 million.

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Based on reviews with the campus deans and comments by one chancellor who was present, the Committee on Educational Planning, Policies, and Programs decided that the program could no longer be justified under the current economic conditions and approved a resolution to phase out the program in a way that was compatible with existing student contracts.

The Board of Governors subsequently approved this recommendation from the Committee. We have worked with the campuses to implement this Board decision. All students currently in the program will be allowed to complete but no new students will be recruited into the program.

All the campuses have recruitment plans in place to recruit more students into teacher education and General Administration is in the process of expanding the targets.

Sincerely,



Alan Mabe

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