



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL
AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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Federal Legislative Update

- POTUS Budget FY '17/'18 “America First” proposes a 13 percent cut to Department of Education
- Maintains current funding levels for HBCUs at \$492 Million a year
- Pell Grant funding maintained (\$3.9 Mil of \$10 Mil Pell Grant Reserve Fund used for other areas of Government)
- Proposed cut to the \$732 million Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant
- Proposed cut to Federal Work Study Program, only to students in dire financial need (Still early)

Congressional Delegation:

- We are actively engaged with Congresswoman Alma Adams Office (NC-12), Congressman Mark Walker (NC-6) and Congressman Ted Budd (NC-13)
- 6 Current members of Bipartisan Congressional HBCU Caucus are from NC (Adams, Butterfield, Hudson, Jones, Price and Walker)
- Working on the rest of the NC Delegation as well as Senators Burr and Tillis



State of NC Legislative Update

2017 State Budgetary and Legislative Priorities

- Doctoral Research Program at NC A&T State University
- Enrollment Change Request
- Establish the Cheatham-White Merit Scholarship
- Student Success Innovation Initiative
- Faculty and Staff Recruitment and Retention Fund
- Secure State Funding to Match Federal Funding for College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences Research and Extension Programs

Current Bills Under Consideration

Crossover Deadline: Thursday, April 27

- [S519](#) “NCGRADE”
- [S315](#) Implement UNC Undergrad Completion Plan (NC GAP)
- [H527/S507](#) “Restore/Preserve Campus Free Speech”
- [S627](#) Minority Colleges Advisory Board

K-12 Bills

All Passed Unanimously out of Committee/ to Senate Floor

- [SB447](#) Turning TAs into Teachers
- [SB448](#) Professors in the Classroom
- [SB462](#) UNC/UTEACH Program
- [SB517](#) North Carolina New Teacher Support Act
- [SB598](#) Future Teachers of North Carolina



Take Away...

Budget, Budget, Budget

Now is the TIME

- Talk up legislative priorities and budget needs to all
- Stress the University's goals as well as accomplishments
- Evidence-based Elected Officials and Bodies of Government