



NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL
AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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State Legislative Update

Conference Budget

House and Senate

- Budget was unveiled early Tuesday June 20th
 - » Of note for NC A&T:
 - » \$2.5 Million for Doctoral Research
 - » 1.5 Million for NC A&T and NCCU for Cheatham White Scholarships (specifies up to 20)

Budget Veto by Governor Cooper-Overridden by Legislature

Notable Legislation

All Passed House and Senate

- House Bill 527 Restore/Preserve Campus Free Speech
 - *Passed Both House & Senate (Not Signed by Governor)
- Senate Bill 315 Make Various Changes Regarding Higher Education
 - *Passed & Governor Signed

Undergraduate Degree Completion Improvement Plan presented to the General Assembly on December 31, 2016, effective beginning with the 2017-2018 academic year.

Notable Legislation

More SB 315

- **EARLY EDUCATION ARTICULATION AGREEMENT**
 - » By March 1, 2018, the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina and the State Board of Community Colleges shall develop an articulation agreement
- **UNC/UTEACH PROGRAM**
 - » The President or designee, and the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina shall jointly consider and evaluate the feasibility of applying for and implementing the UTEACH
- **UNC EXPENDITURE BENCHMARKS**
- **EARLY COLLEGE GRADUATES/UNC ADMISSION POLICY**

Notable Legislation

Passed House and Senate

- Senate Bill 448 Professors in the Classroom

***Passed and Governor Signed**

- AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE LOCAL BOARDS OF EDUCATION TO EMPLOY HIGHER EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBERS TO SERVE AS ADJUNCT INSTRUCTORS FOR CORE ACADEMIC SUBJECTS.
 - » The local board of education may contract with an adjunct instructor on an annual or semester basis
 - » An adjunct instructor shall not be required to hold or apply for licensure as a teacher



Federal Legislative Update

Congressional Delegation

Relationships, Relationships, Relationships...

- On June 8th , we hosted the entire district staff of Congressman Mark Walker (7 staffers) and the District Director of Congressman Ted Budd
- Tour included: IRC, Business School, JSNN & Farm



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- Congressman Mark Walker wears NC A&T uniform during Congressional Baseball Game



Legislation to keep an eye on...

Issues to watch-

- Protecting “Free Speech” - Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on 6/20
 - * We currently have “Free Speech” legislation in NC Legislature
- Immigration-international students
- Focus on apprenticeships and workforce development...Changing thoughts/outlook on Higher Education

POTUS Proposed Budget Cuts

FY 2018 Cuts-

- The Trump administration's Fiscal Year 2018 budget proposal calls for a drastic 21 percent cut to the National Institutes of Health (NIH). The proposal includes a 10 percent cap on facilities and administrative (F&A) expenses for NIH grants
- Contacting congressional representatives

Budget Update

Congress Still Working-

- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has instructed appropriators to temporarily rely on spending limits from fiscal 2017 as they write new bills. (will extend the FY until bi-partisan agreement can be reached)
- Look for cuts in FY18 budget
- Extended Pell grants FY17-18...Pell Inflation Concerns



Local Legislative Update

City of Greensboro/Guilford County

Budget Time

- \$1.2 Million for new building at Gateway South Campus
- Start identifying asks for next budget year/ Economic Development Bonds- 2 million for Streetscape in East GSO
- Active engagement with City/County officials
- East Greensboro Now Development Corporation plans for East Market Street beautification, potential overlay district
- Election of Greensboro City Council



Take Aways...

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Next Steps

- Educate elected officials about NC A&T State University
- On campus visits-every elected official/key staffer possible
- Start this year for the next budget cycle
- Continue to build/solidify/engage relationships with key decision makers