

***NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA***



RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina does not have an enacted budget for the FY 19-21 biennium; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University is experiencing record enrollment, serves more than 12,500 students, is graduating students in a university system with the fastest rate in state history, and employs approximately 1,500 North Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, the current proposed budget, House Bill 966, includes funding for several critical and time-sensitive university investments, including but not limited to:

- \$7,500,000 in funding for N.C. A&T State University's designation as a Carnegie R2 "High Research" activity doctoral university
- \$1,640,710 in required state matching funds for N.C. A&T State University's Agriculture Research and Cooperative Extension federal grants; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 966 also provides funding for several major projects and initiatives across the university system, including but not limited to:

- \$18,500,000 in Renovations and Repairs for Carver Hall at N.C. A&T State University; and

WHEREAS Senate Bill 354 provided approximately four percent raises over the next two years to university faculty and staff, who are critical to our mission to serve the state; and

WHEREAS the absence of an enacted state budget for FY 19-21 hurts UNC System institutions, faculty, students, and the communities we serve, and threatens the ability of N.C. A&T State University to serve the citizens of the state and contribute to the economic vitality of North Carolina;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University Board of Trustees calls on all elected leaders who support and value the world class higher educational systems in North Carolina to move swiftly to enact a robust state budget that includes significant and meaningful support to the constituent institutions of the UNC System and compensation measures commensurable to the excellence of its faculty and staff.

This, the 7th day of February, 2020.

Vanessa Harrison, Board Chair