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Perusse Named Vice President for Finance of the University of North Carolina

CHAPEL HILL – North Carolina State Budget Director Charles E. Perusse has been named vice president for finance of the 17-campus University of North Carolina. The appointment, effective no later than March 1, 2011, was announced today by UNC President-elect Tom Ross. Perusse will succeed Ernest G. Murphrey, who is retiring after a 32-year career in higher education finance administration.

As the University’s chief financial officer, Perusse will act for UNC’s president in all matters of University finance, overseeing a budget totaling $7.4 billion. He will also provide ongoing staff support to the UNC Board of Governors’ Committee on Budget and Finance; work closely with the Board of Governors, the President, and other senior staff members in developing University policies and programs; and help represent the University before various legislative and government groups.

Perusse brings to the job 17 years of progressive experience in finance and administration in North Carolina government. After earning a bachelor’s degree in political science (1992) from North Carolina State University and a master’s degree in public administration (1994) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Perusse joined the Fiscal Research Division of the North Carolina General Assembly in 1994. As the senior fiscal analyst for the NC House of Representatives, he had primary responsibility for coordinating appropriations teams and subcommittees in developing the State’s annual budget, provided extensive review and analysis of the Governor’s proposed budget, and prepared and presented 10-year budget forecast models.

Perusse was named Deputy Budget Director in the North Carolina Office of State Budget and Management in 2002 and was promoted to State Budget Director six years later. In those roles, he has overseen the development of the Governor’s recommended budget to the General Assembly and executed the State budget ultimately adopted by the legislature. He also has monitored revenues and expenditures to ensure a balanced State budget, prepared North Carolina’s economic and financial updates for bond rating agencies, supervised the development of North Carolina’s six-year capital improvement plan, and assisted the Governor’s Office in developing statewide policy goals, timelines, and measures of effectiveness.

“I am convinced that Charlie Perusse is the right person to assume this critically important role within UNC General Administration,” said President-elect Ross in

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announcing the appointment. “He has devoted his entire professional career to serving the State of North Carolina in key finance positions, and along the way he has earned the trust, respect, and confidence of State leaders and legislators on both sides of the aisle. He understands this University’s growing impact on North Carolina’s economic future, and he has the broad financial and administrative expertise needed to help us meet the challenges and opportunities that lay ahead. I am thrilled that he has agreed to join our leadership team, and I am grateful to Governor Perdue for her support of his decision.”

The oldest public university in the nation, the University of North Carolina enrolls more than 220,000 students and encompasses all 16 of North Carolina’s public institutions that grant baccalaureate degrees, as well as the NC School of Science and Mathematics, the nation’s first public residential high school for gifted students. UNC campuses support a broad array of distinguished liberal-arts programs, two medical schools and one teaching hospital, two law schools, a veterinary school, a school of pharmacy, 11 nursing programs, 15 schools of education, three schools of engineering, and a specialized school for performing artists. The UNC Center for Public Television, with its 11-station statewide broadcast network, is also under the University umbrella.

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**NOTE TO EDITORS:** An electronic version of this news release and a photo of Perusse can be found on the University of North Carolina website at [www.northcarolina.edu](http://www.northcarolina.edu).

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