Statement of UNC President Tom Ross on the 2012-13 budget approved by the NC General Assembly

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UNC President Tom Ross has offered the following statement on the 2012-13 state budget adopted today by the NC General Assembly:

“Given current economic realities, the 2012-13 state budget adopted today by the NC General Assembly is fair to the University of North Carolina and supports our highest priority needs. We understand that resources are scarce in every part of state government and believe the legislature worked hard to address our most significant needs and assist us in protecting the quality of education we deliver to our students. This budget provides some funding for enrollment growth, provides operating reserves for new buildings, and begins to restore earlier reductions in financial aid for North Carolina students. We are also grateful that legislators found the resources to restore $9 million of additional management flexibility cuts imposed by the 2011 General Assembly, restore most funding to UNC-TV, make targeted investments in libraries and engineering, and help us retain our very best faculty. The tangible support evidenced in the budget adopted by the General Assembly is vitally important to the economic future of North Carolina.”