UNC Statement

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Chancellor comments on governor’s proposed budget

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Chancellor Holden Thorp today issued the following statement about Governor Beverly Perdue’s proposed 2011-13 state budget:

“We concur with President Ross in expressing gratitude to Governor Perdue for once again recognizing the important role that higher education and the University play in moving North Carolina’s economy forward. It’s notable that her proposal would leave intact the recent tuition increases approved by the Board of Governors; keeping that revenue on campus is critical to our ability to support academics. And while the governor’s proposal only partially funds the UNC system request for enrollment growth and need-based financial aid, it does acknowledge the importance of those elements in the budgets at UNC-Chapel Hill and our sister campuses.

We chose to start enacting the inevitable permanent reductions required in next year’s budget now by taking the equivalent of a 5 percent campus-wide cut on our own, effective July 1. We’ll continue to do everything we can to preserve the quality of the education we provide to students. We also understand that Governor Perdue and the General Assembly ultimately face very tough budget decisions and remain hopeful that our elected leaders in Raleigh can protect education at all levels as much as possible.”

 UNC-Chapel Hill budget link: http://universityrelations.unc.edu/budget/

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