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Dear Colleagues,

As you may be aware, the Governor and the North Carolina General Assembly were unable to come to an agreement on a state budget during their one-day session on Tuesday, January 14. Additionally, there was no agreement on a “mini-budget” addressing salary increases for employees in the UNC System.

Since no budget was passed for the current fiscal year, we must continue to operate under the fiscal 2019 budget.

On Friday, January 17, the UNC System Board of Governors passed a resolution imploring state leaders to move quickly to address the funding requests outlined in House Bill 966 and the salary increases for System employees in Senate Bill 354. I join them in asking for quick action on these items, which are critical to the important work we are doing at UNC Charlotte.

While we wait for the General Assembly to reconvene in April, I want to provide an update on what this situation means for us right now.

Science Building

Our new Science Building’s construction will continue as planned. However, the loss of funds to operate the building, including utilities, custodial services, information technology, and other critical operational needs, may postpone the opening of the facility beyond spring 2021.

Other Campus Renovations

The University’s planned renovations of Burson and Cameron Halls to support the College of Computing & Informatics and the Department of Systems Engineering could be delayed because of a lack of funding. Additionally, the renovation of other campus spaces into technologically advanced classrooms may be delayed.

Salary Increases

The lack of an approved budget also means there was no funding received for salary increases for UNC System employees or employees in the community college and K-12 school systems. This is especially disappointing since many other state employees received an increase through earlier “mini-budget” legislation passed by the General Assembly.

This is a confusing and sometimes frustrating situation. I have asked my leadership team to assess how we will maximize our available resources to ensure our top priorities continue to be met. Thank you for your ongoing patience as we work through this process and for your dedication to UNC Charlotte, our students, and the community we serve.

The General Assembly will convene on April 28, and we hope for positive action as soon as possible. Beth Hardin, vice chancellor for business affairs, Betty Doster, special assistant to my office for constituent relations, and others are monitoring the situation closely. We will continue to update you as we learn more.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a prominent "P" and "L".

Philip L. Dubois
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