

In his memorandum of February 8, Steven Long, Chairman of the UNC Board of Governors' Committee on University Governance, requested that each board of trustees provide a written response to these questions:

- “1. What specific authorities or responsibilities does your board of trustees feel would be more appropriate for the board of trustees to exercise instead of the Board of Governors and why?
2. Are there any authorities or responsibilities exercised or decisions made by your board of trustees that you feel would be more appropriately exercised elsewhere (with the chancellor, president, or Board of Governors)?
3. Is there anything else related to the governance structure of the University that your board would like to share with us?”

The UNCW Board of Trustees recommends the following changes from the current delegations and distribution of authority and recognizes that legislative action may be required:

--reinstate delegation of authority to the Chancellor to undertake repair and renovation projects under \$1,000,000, with funds available to the university, which do not revert at the end of the fiscal year;

[currently: there is no authority to use operating funds for repair and renovation projects]

--delegate authority to the Board of Trustees for the acquisition or disposition of real property by lease, up to \$150,000, with authority delegated to the Chancellor, up to \$50,000;

[currently: Board of Trustees have authority up to \$50,000, the President has authority up to \$150,000]

--restore the previously existing delegation of authority to the Board of Trustees and from the Board of Trustees to the Chancellor for salary increases of less than \$15,000 or less than 20%, including employees whose resulting salaries would exceed \$100,000 and including internal promotions to positions that were the subject of competitive searches; restore the Chancellor's authority to create positions with salaries that exceed \$70,000;

[currently: any salary increase of 5% or more for an employee earning \$100,000 or more requires the attention of the Board of Governors and the system office; similarly, the creation of new positions with salaries over \$70,000 now requires system-level action]

--delegate authority to the Chancellor (rather than the Board of Trustees) regarding background checks for employees of laboratory schools.

[currently, the background check process technically is assigned to the Board of Trustees]