



July 19, 2010

Dear UNC State Students,

I'm sure you are aware that the state of North Carolina has been experiencing a significant economic downturn, and that it has affected the state budget. We have endured layoffs, furloughs, pay freezes, funding reductions and reversions. Through it all, we have remained focused on the reason why we are all here: to serve and educate you, our students. We have successfully kept the school's educational mission and core intact, and have offered a superlative educational experience at a reasonable cost to you and your families.

When the N.C. General Assembly approved the state budget on June 30, it also approved a provision to allow UNC campuses to increase tuition by up to an additional \$750 for 2010-11. On July 14, UNC President Erskine Bowles approved the supplemental tuition increase for UNC campuses which included a \$750 increase in tuition for all UNC State students, except in-state high school students, who continue to attend UNC State without charge per legislative action. This supplemental increase is in addition to the already approved campus-initiated tuition increases of \$200 for our in-state undergraduate and graduate students, \$310 for our out-of-state high school students, \$612 for our out-of-state undergraduates, and \$634 for our out-of-state graduate students.

The majority of the funds generated by the tuition increase goes toward filling a \$725,000 state budget reduction to UNC State's base operating budget, and the remaining approximately \$340,000 is mandated to be held back for need-based financial aid – to offset the impact of the tuition increase on our neediest students.

In a perfect world, we would have had other options. Unfortunately, the decision came down to a choice between raising tuition or threatening the very ability of our school to effectively function. While we all want to keep the cost of attendance as low as possible, low tuition is not a bargain if it comes at the expense of quality. We must protect the integrity of our institution and not sacrifice the quality of education we offer. The simple truth is that without the additional tuition we would have faced the loss of faculty and staff and the reduction of performance opportunities. UNC State continues to offer a world-class education and an extraordinary value to our students. We remain in the lowest quartile of cost for in-state and out-of-state students among our higher-education peers.

More information is available on a new web page we have created, [www.uncsa.edu/announcement/TuitionInfo.htm](http://www.uncsa.edu/announcement/TuitionInfo.htm). I look forward to the amazing things we will accomplish during the 2010-2011 academic year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John", written in a cursive style.

John Mauceri, Chancellor