

External Relations & Partnerships Updates

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EXTERNAL RELATIONS & PARTNERSHIPS

- **Advancing Legislative Priorities:** Championing UNC Charlotte's policy agenda at the local, state, and federal levels.
- **Building Strategic Relationships:** Cultivating strong connections with elected and appointed officials, key staff, regional and state economic developers, community leaders and stakeholders to amplify the University's voice in policy making.
- **Cross-Sector Connections:** Linking the University with public and private sector partners to unify and elevate the Charlotte region's future.
- **Driving Economic Development:** Showcasing UNC Charlotte's talent pipeline, research excellence, industry collaborations, and place-based initiatives to attract and support business investment.



LEGISLATIVE OVERVIEW

State Level

- **FY 26/27 Budget:**
Comprehensive agreement reached by NCGA leadership with finalized provisions for UNC Charlotte
- **NCGA Short Session:**
Concluded during April - July '26 legislative session
- **2026 Primary Elections:**
Primary elections completed; shifting focus to upcoming General Election

Federal Level

- **Appropriations:** Monitoring FY27 federal agency funding requests and research allocations
- **Continuing Resolution:** Federal government funding expected through mid-December
- **Global Conflicts:** Tracking impact on public policy



STATE BUDGET OVERVIEW

- State Employee Raises
 - 3% raise for most state employees
 - Bonus of \$1,750 for those making less than \$65,000
 - Bonus of \$1,000 for those more than \$65,000
- UNC Charlotte Enrollment Funding
 - \$8,588,565 in 2024, \$21,751,865 in 2025, total funding of \$30,340,430
- NCInnovation
 - No changes were made in this budget
- Military World Games:
 - Legislative discussions regarding state support for the Military World Games were had, **no funding** was included in the enacted budget.
 - Secondary spending bill passed in July does include funding for it
- Law Enforcement Pay
 - UNC Charlotte police salary increase 13% in FY 2026-27



Designated Campus Funding

Data Science & Battery Engineering (B.66)

"Provides funds to UNC Charlotte to expand its data science programs and battery engineering and recycling initiatives."

Recurring Funding (R): \$2.5 Million

Non-Recurring Funding (NR):
\$500,000

Note: This does not include funds for entrepreneurship.

Capital Projects Authorized (H.7)

Colvard Hall Renovation \$4.5M Received

Provides funding for comprehensive building renovation

Total Authorized Project Cost:
\$45,000,000 (Non-Recurring)

Smith Hall Renovation \$12.6M Received

Provides continued funding for complete facility modernization

Total Authorized Project Cost:
\$36,000,000 (Non-Recurring)



Sports Wagering Receipts & Allocations

Effective July
1, 2027

CLASS I (2.2% ANNUAL)

Distributed equally among NCAA Division I public universities.

Capped at \$400,000 /
university

CLASS II (19.5% ANNUAL)

Distributed equally among NCAA DI & DII public universities.

Capped at \$2,900,000 /
university

CLASS III (5.7% ANNUAL)

Distributed equally among NCAA DI FBS Football universities.

Capped at \$2,500,000 /
university

UNC Charlotte Impact Breakdown

As an NCAA Division I FBS institution, UNC Charlotte is eligible for max distributions across all three classes, resulting in projected annual funding of **\$5.8 Million**.

Note: In this change, UNC Chapel Hill and NC State are now eligible to receive sports wagering proceeds.

FEDERAL AFFAIRS PRIORITIES

2025-26 Legislative Priorities

- Hyperion Technology Safer Energy Proposal
- Digital Engineering for Ground Combat Vehicles Proposal
- Charlotte Douglas International Airport Runway Proposal

NSF Engines



[Committee Report](#) & [Bill Text](#)



Economic Development

- Strategic connections with industry, providing them easy access to the research, talent, and assets of the institution
- Business attraction & recruitment support with the City of Charlotte, Mecklenburg County, and regional & state economic development organizations

Recent Projects:

- Scout Motors
- JetZero
- Capital Group
- SMBC
- Citigroup
- HSP US
- AssetMark



External Engagement Framework



Thank you!

