ACTION ITEM: Authorization for Lease of Space

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro is in need of additional space above and beyond what is available within the University campus.

Background information is provided to support a request for authorization to lease space off campus. State statutes, Council of State Resolutions and the Code of the Board of Governors dictate our process in the leasing of space off campus. Trustee approval is required for leases over $25,000 annually or beyond a 3-year period. Council of State Resolution also requires public bidding of the space. The Board of Governors has authorized the President to approve leasing of space within the UNC System between $50,000 and $150,000 annually.

The UNCG Psychology Clinic believes it will need a minimum of 4,000 square feet of space. Based upon our knowledge of the real estate market in Greensboro, we believe the rental rate for space in the local area will fall into the $50,000 to $150,000 range. The Clinic is an independent community mental health facility that provides a variety of outpatient services to the University and triad area. The Clinic is operated by the Clinical training program of the Department of Psychology at the University. The purpose of the Clinic is threefold: 1) to serve as a training facility for graduate students in the Clinical Training Program; 2) to improve the welfare of the community through the provision of psychological services to the community and university; and 3) to integrate current research on treatment efficacy into Clinical practice. Currently, the Psychology Clinic serves approximately 600 clients per year. About 30% are under 18 years of age, about 22% are 18-25, and 48% are over 25. About 58% of the clients are female. About 34% of the clients are on Medicaid.

Authorization by this Board is needed to allow The University of North Carolina at Greensboro to seek space off campus for the Psychology Clinic.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Board of Trustees of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro approve the leasing of space in Greensboro, North Carolina for the Psychology Clinic in excess of $25,000 annually with the option to extend the lease in three to five-year increments based on available funding; authorize the administration to seek approvals from the President/Board of Governors and work with the State Property Office as required under State law and Board of Governors regulations.

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