INFORMATION ITEM: 2006 Ethics and Lobbying Act

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

On August 4, 2006, Governor Easley signed S.L. 2006-201 which creates a new “State Government Ethics Act.” This Act is the most sweeping and comprehensive ethics law in the history of the State. In addition to establishing new rules of ethics for state agencies, officials and members of public boards (including voting members of the UNCG Board of Trustees), the legislation also contains major modifications to the State’s lobbying law, covering both legislative and executive lobbying. The Act becomes effective on January 1, 2007, and specifically requires legal counsel for the University and the Board of Trustees to be familiar with the provisions of the Act and to “advise public servants on the ethical considerations involved in carrying out their public duties in the best interest of the public.”

This presentation will provide a broad, introductory overview of the Act. In the near future, more detailed educational programs will be provided in collaboration with the UNC Office of the President and the State Ethics Commission.

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