STATEMENT

May 29, 2014

UNC President Tom Ross today issued the following statement on the draft 2014-15 state budget released by the Senate Appropriations Committee:

The 2014-15 draft state budget released by the Senate Appropriations Committee offers clear evidence that the North Carolina Senate understands the critical role our public universities must continue to play in North Carolina’s economic future. Given the needs facing the State, we are grateful that the Senate budget recognizes the need to invest in areas that are key to the future of the University, as highlighted in our strategic plan. We support the efforts of legislative leaders to fund salary increases for state workers and look forward to working with them to address compensation issues for University faculty and staff. While the budget process is far from complete, the Senate budget marks an important step forward for our students and our State, and it demonstrates support that is crucial as the University strives to remain the most valuable asset owned by the people of North Carolina.