RESOLUTION CONCERNING BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ SUPPORT OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS’ POSITION CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina does not have an enacted budget for the FY 19-21 biennium; and

WHEREAS, the current proposed budget, House Bill 966, includes funding for several critical and time-sensitive projects that are beneficial for the entire UNC System, including Appalachian State University; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 354 provided approximately four percent raises over the next two years to university faculty and staff, who are critical to Appalachian’s mission; and

WHEREAS, the absence of an enacted state budget for FY 19-21 is detrimental to not only the UNC System institutions and their respective faculty, staff and students, but it is harmful to the communities we serve, and threatens the ability of the University as a whole to serve the citizens of the State and contribute to the economic vitality of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, the UNC Board of Governors on January 17, 2020, adopted a resolution strongly encouraging all elected leaders to quickly enact House Bill 966 and approve with it the provisions originally included in Senate Bill 354; and

WHEREAS, the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees concurs with the Board of Governors’ resolution and call to action.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, that the Appalachian State Board of Trustees calls on all elected leaders who support and value the world class higher educational systems in North Carolina to move swiftly to enact a robust state budget that includes significant and meaningful support to the constituent institutions of the UNC System and compensation measures commensurable to the excellence of its faculty and staff.

APPROVED this 21st day of January, 2020.

__________________________________
John M. Blackburn
Chair