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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### UNC President Erskine Bowles today issued the following statement on the 2010-11 state budget negotiated by the General Assembly's Budget Conference Committee:

Legislators really stood up for our University and our 225,000 students in these hard times when money is scarce. On a relative basis and particularly considering the economic climate, the 2010-11 state budget we received from the General Assembly was nothing short of remarkable. We knew there were going to be significant cuts in every part of state government, and the University took its fair share. But the legislature really worked hard to help us protect the quality of education we can deliver to our students.

While there were targeted cuts to various University programs, the legislature held additional management flexibility cuts to \$70 million. In the end, the General Assembly also committed to fully fund the University's requests for need-based financial aid, enrollment growth, and operating reserves for new buildings. It also adopted the Board of Governors' alternative tuition plan for the coming year and authorized additional tuition increases to help offset the impact of budget cuts. Importantly, the final budget does not include a provision that would have effectively capped University enrollment growth and denied access to qualified North Carolinians. This tangible show of support is vitally important to the economic future of North Carolina. The Board of Governors, our boards of trustees, faculty, staff, and most importantly, our students join me in thanking the General Assembly for this remarkable show of confidence in our public universities.

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