

**Resolution of the University of North Carolina  
Board of Governors  
Waiving Tuition for Students from  
Hurricane-Stricken Universities  
September 8, 2005**

As Proposed by the Committee on Budget and Finance

Whereas Hurricane Katrina has caused devastating damage to the City of New Orleans and much of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast, causing several colleges and universities to close for the fall semester of 2005; and

Whereas numerous students, including many North Carolina residents, were enrolled in and had already paid tuition at colleges and universities that have been forced to close because of Hurricane Katrina; and

Whereas UNC constituent institutions have indicated their willingness to accommodate students who have been temporarily displaced because of Hurricane Katrina, to the extent of their available resources, giving priority to those students who are North Carolina residents; and

Whereas, the national higher education association presidents have asked all receiving campuses to waive tuition for students whose home campus was devastated by Hurricane Katrina; and

Whereas N.C.G.S. §116-143 authorizes the Board of Governors to grant a waiver of tuition and fees to expressly designated students;

Therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina waives tuition and mandatory fees, for the fall semester of the 2005-06 academic year only, for students who meet the following criteria:

1. The student is or was enrolled for the 2005 fall semester in an institution of higher education that is closed for the entire semester due to Hurricane Katrina; and
2. The student is an undergraduate, graduate, or professional school student who has been admitted to a UNC constituent institution based upon academic criteria and available institutional capacity and resources.

Be it further resolved that in keeping with special accommodations made at the federal level for these students, North Carolina residents who meet the above criteria and who are otherwise eligible may qualify for state need-based financial aid for the 2005 fall term, even if they are classified as visiting or special students.

