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ENDOWMENT FUNDS

A. Regulations for Endowment Property Exclusively for the Benefit of One Constituent Institution.

1. Under the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 116-36, as amended by Chapter 506, 1977 Session Laws, and pursuant to these regulations, uniformly applicable to all constituent institutions, the Board of Trustees of each constituent institution shall establish and maintain an endowment fund for the constituent institution.

2. It is not the statutory intent underlying these regulations that the proceeds from any endowment fund shall take the place of state appropriations or any part thereof, but it is the statutory intent underlying these regulations that those proceeds shall supplement the state appropriations to the end that the constituent institution may improve and increase its functions, may enlarge its area of service, and may become more useful to a greater number of people.

3. Pursuant to these regulations each Board of Trustees shall appoint an investment board to be known as "The Board of Trustees of the Endowment Fund of" __________________________ (here shall be inserted the name of the constituent institution).

4. The Board of Trustees of the endowment fund shall consist of no fewer than six members and no more than nine members, as determined by the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution. One member of the Board of Trustees of the endowment fund shall be the chairman of the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution, one member shall be the chancellor of the constituent institution, and a third ex officio member shall be designated by the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution from among the officers of that board or of the committees of that board. The remainder of the members may be (but need not be) members of the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution and shall be elected by the Board of Trustees of the constituent institution for...
overlapping terms of three years each. The terms of the three
elected members of the Board of Trustees shall be initially for
one, two, and three years each. All elections thereafter shall be
for a regular term of three years, except that any person
elected by the Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy created
otherwise than by the expiration of a term shall be elected to
serve the remainder of the term of the person whom he or she
succeeds. The chairman of the Board of Trustees of the
constituent institution shall be ex officio the chairman of the
Board of Trustees of the endowment fund of that institution.
The Board of Trustees of the endowment fund may establish
procedures, consistent with these regulations, for executing
business and shall at least establish a quorum and a necessary
vote for the transaction of business and require the keeping of
minutes for meetings of the endowment board.

5. The trustees of the endowment fund may receive and
administer as part of the endowment fund gifts, devises, and
bequests and any other property of any kind that may come to
them from the Board of Governors of the University of North
Carolina or that may come to the trustees of the endowment
fund from any other source, excepting always the moneys
received from state appropriations and from tuition and fees
collected from students and used for the general operation of
the institution.

6. Any gift, devise, or bequest of real or personal property to the
constituent institution shall be presumed, nothing to the
contrary appearing, a gift, devise, or bequest, as the case
maybe, to the endowment fund of the constituent institution.
This presumption shall not apply to property made available
to the institution prior to June 8, 1977.

7. Property shall not be deemed a part of the corpus of the
endowment fund until it has been presented by the chancellor
of the institution through written description of the property to
the trustees of the endowment fund and has been
acknowledged in writing as received by the trustees of the
endowment fund. Property expressly or presumptively made
available to the constituent institution for its endowment fund
shall be presented by the chancellor to the trustees of the
endowment fund as provided in this paragraph unless the
chancellor finds that the property: (1) though presumptively
made available to the institution for its endowment fund, was
in fact made available to the institution for some other
purpose; (2) has been made available to the institution under
conditions which make its acceptance or use illegal; or (3) is
unsuitable for use as property of the endowment fund.

8. The trustees of the endowment fund shall be responsible for
the prudent investment of the fund in the exercise of their
sound discretion, without regard to any statute or rule of law
relating to the investment of funds by fiduciaries but in
compliance with any lawful condition placed by the donor
upon that part of the endowment fund to be invested.

9. The trustees of the endowment fund shall have the power to buy, sell, lend, exchange, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of or to acquire (except by pledging their credit or violating a lawful condition of receipt of the corpus into the endowment fund) any property, real or personal, with respect to the fund, in either public or private transaction, and in doing so they shall not be subject to the provisions of Chapters 143 and 146 of the General Statutes; provided that, any expense or financial obligation of the State of North Carolina created by any acquisition or disposition, by whatever means, of any real or personal property of the endowment fund shall be borne by the endowment fund unless authorization to satisfy the expense or financial obligation from some other source shall first have been obtained from the Advisory Budget Commission by the Board of Trustees of the endowment fund through successive endorsements by the Board of Trustees of the institution and the Board of Governors; and provided further that, any gratuitous transfer of property or funds from the endowment fund shall be only upon direction of the Board of Trustees of the institution upon recommendation of the chancellor.

10. The Board of Trustees of the endowment fund may appoint a fiscal agent or agents having all the privileges, powers, and immunities set forth in paragraph A.9. to the trustees of the endowment fund except that no fiscal agent shall have authority to approach the Advisory Budget Commission as other wise provided in paragraph A.9. The Board of Trustees of the endowment fund may from time to time change its appointed fiscal agent or agents.

11. In the process of prudent investment of the fund (including the acquisition and maintenance of property for the fund) or to realize the intent underlying these endowment regulations, the Board of Trustees of the endowment fund or a fiscal agent appointed pursuant to paragraph A.10. may expend or use interest and principal of gifts, devises, and bequests; provided that, the expense or use would not violate any condition or restriction imposed by the original donor of the property which is to be expended or used nor violate the provisions of paragraph A.9.

12. To realize the statutory intent underlying these endowment regulations, the Board of Trustees of the endowment fund may transfer interest or principal of the endowment fund to the useful possession of the constituent institution; provided that, the transfer would not violate any condition or restriction imposed by the original donor of the property which is the subject of the proposed transfer; and provided further that, such transfer be executed only by direction of the Board of Trustees of the institution and for the purpose identified by the Board of Trustees of the institution, upon recommendation of
the chancellor.

13. Whenever any property of the endowment fund is disposed of or otherwise transferred from the endowment fund to the constituent institution or to any other recipient, any instrument of transfer shall indicate that the donor, grantor, seller, lessor, lender, or transferor, as the case may be, is the Board of Trustees of the endowment fund.

14. The Board of Trustees of the endowment fund shall annually submit a comprehensive report on the endowment fund through the Board of Trustees of the institution to the Board of Governors.

15. The Board of Trustees of each constituent institution shall within a reasonable time establish an endowment fund as provided in these regulations.

16. After a constituent institution has established an endowment fund as provided in these regulations, the Board of Trustees of the institution shall direct that the chancellor inventory, consider, and present for placement in the endowment fund, as provided in paragraph A.7., all property that reposes in any institutional endowment, trust, or account as endowment property. The provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to property reposing in any endowment, trust, or foundation that has corporate identity other than under N.C.G.S. § 116-3.

17. When the trustees of the endowment fund acknowledge in writing receipt of property pursuant to paragraph A.16., the provisions of the "Policy on Endowments" of April 11, 1974, of the Board of Governors and any resolution of the Board of Governors made in consequence of the "Policy on Endowments" shall be deemed inoperative with respect to the pertinent constituent institution; provided that, the transfer of title to any property by the Board of Governors to the endowment fund of the constituent institution shall be deemed to have continued in effect. These regulations shall be effective upon their enactment by the Board of Governors.

B. Regulations for Endowment Property for the Benefit of The University of North Carolina as a Whole or for the Benefit of Two or More Constituent Institutions.

1. Under the provisions of N.C.G.S. § 116-36, as amended by Chapter 506, 1977 Session Laws, and pursuant to these regulations, uniformly applicable to all constituent institutions, the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina hereby establishes an endowment fund for all endowment funds now held or hereafter acquired by the University of North Carolina for the benefit of the University as a whole, or for the joint benefit of any two or more constituent institutions of the University.