MEMORANDUM

TO: UNC Charlotte College Deans

FROM: Dr. Bob Wilhelm, Vice Chancellor for Research and Economic Development

SUBJECT: Facilities & Administration Receipts (F&A) Distribution to Faculty

DATE: 11/7/2017

The UNC Charlotte faculty continue to increase the quality and quantity of funded research. In fact, in the past fiscal year, externally funded contracts and grants amounted to $50.9 million, the most in our history.

To recognize this valuable work, beginning this fiscal year, Chancellor Dubois has decided that a portion of the Facilities and Administration Receipts (F&A) earned during the fiscal year should be shared with faculty members with funded research.

In addition to the 10% of F&A currently distributed to the departments of principal investigators and colleagues, individual faculty members will receive up to 10% of the F&A associated with research grants and contracts that they are an investigator on, according to the following terms:

- For a given year, an individual faculty member may receive a maximum of $5,000.
- For multiple investigator awards, the F&A will be distributed according to the same ratio agreed upon, at proposal time, for F&A distribution to departments.
- All funds distributed to faculty members will be placed in accounts that the faculty members control. Funds carry over from year to year and may accumulate up to $20,000.
- For any given year, if total funds due to an individual faculty member are below $500, the funds will not be distributed.
- Expenditures of these funds must follow all University spending guidelines.

We know that many faculty members will be able to use these funds productively to support research-related activities, travel to conferences, equipment purchases, and the like. At the same time, by establishing the parameters outlined above, the Chancellor is able to continue to use F&A for a variety of research-related needs, including the implementation of the five-year capital facilities plan which includes improvements in the physical and information technology infrastructure of the campus and renovation of laboratory and other spaces. F&A is also a valuable source of matching funds that may be required for us to compete effectively for major federal and industrial research grants.

cc: Dr. Joan F. Lorden, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs