

**Appendix A:
Invitation Memo and
Charge to the 2008
NCSU Public Policy Task Force**

The charge to the task force: The task force is charged to prepare a plan for a comprehensive initiative in public policy at NC State University. Your responsibility will be to identify current strengths and areas of expertise, and opportunities for growth and expansion in public policy research, education, and outreach. To accomplish this task, we need to complete the initial efforts to inventory NCSU existing public policy work. This inventory needs to be comprehensive, including all colleges and other units engaged in such work. The original faculty meetings provided an initial base line of interest and the summary is attached to this memo.

The charge to the task force is to complete the inventory, define the leadership role for NC State, and prepare an implementation plan. Mechanisms for successful implementation may include development of a clearinghouse, a communications plan, and the identification of additional capacity and resources required for the successful implementation.

In his speech on the State of NC State, Chancellor James Oblinger committed the university to taking a leadership role in meeting some of the most important challenges facing society, introducing new initiatives and goals in five key areas. The five focus areas are supported by the university's strategic plan and compact plan, and include:

- Preparing leaders for the state, nation, and world
- Creating educational innovation
- Improving health and well being
- Fueling economic development
- Driving innovation and energy in the environment

We have a major role to play in developing public policy in all five areas. You may wish to organize yourselves by these focus areas and create sub groups, add other members to the task force in these sub groups, and after the first task force meeting work in smaller groups to complete the charge. We would like the report to be completed this semester and submitted by June 1, 2008 for consideration in future budget planning discussions.

The first meeting of the task force is scheduled for January 18 beginning with a lunch at 12:00 and adjourning at 1:30 pm. The task force will meet in Room 230, Research Building III, Centennial Campus. Thank you for agreeing to participate in this important activity that will position NC State University to strengthen its programs and increase its impacts in public policy across the state and nation.

Please RSVP to Cindy at Cindy_Maciejewski@ncsu.edu or 513-1562 by Monday, January 14.

cc: University Council