Guidelines Pertaining to Named Endowment Funds

A. For the purposes of this guideline, "endowment fund" shall refer to any fund, or any part thereof, not wholly expendable by the University on a current basis under the terms of the applicable gift instrument. Endowment funds are invested according to policies established by the Board of Trustees.

B. Endowment gifts may be used to establish a special endowment fund or may be added to an existing endowment fund.

C. Persons interested in establishing a named endowment fund are encouraged to consult with the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement prior to making the gift so that the donor’s intentions are appropriately established in writing. Negotiation of any named endowment agreement on behalf of the university shall be done over the signature, and with the full knowledge, of the Chancellor of the university.

In designating an endowment gift for a specific purpose, the donor is encouraged: (a) to describe that purpose as broadly as possible; (b) to avoid detailed limitations and restrictions; and (c) to provide a clause granting the university maximum flexibility to make use of designated funds in a manner most consistent with the intent of the donor and with the interests of the university should programmatic or other developments make it impossible to apply the endowment proceeds to the purpose for which it was designated originally.

D. Gifts to established named endowment funds for specific purposes must meet the minimum dollar requirements set by the Board of Trustees. The principal amount of the original gift need not meet the minimum dollar requirement if the donor agrees to fully fund the endowment at the minimum dollar requirement within a specified and reasonable period of time. Minimum dollar requirements may be changed from time to time at the sole discretion of the Board.
NCCU reserves the right to review the minimum amounts required for named endowments periodically and to amend the minimum amount required so as to ensure that endowment proceeds are sufficient to fund the intended purpose(s) of the endowment. If and when the university acts to increase the minimum amount required to establish a particular named endowment fund, such action shall not be retroactive to funds already established and named.

**Minimum Funding Level Requirements**

**Named Endowment Funds Providing Financial Aid:**

**Restricted Scholarships/Fellowships:** To establish a named endowment which is restricted to provide scholarship support for undergraduate students or fellowship support for graduate students, within the university or any of its schools, a minimum of $25,000 is required.

**Unrestricted Scholarships/Fellowships:** To establish a named endowment which provides unrestricted scholarship support for undergraduate students or unrestricted fellowship support for graduate students, within the university or any of its schools, a minimum of $15,000 is required. As these awards must be unrestricted in nature, the donor may only specify that the award recipient be enrolled in one of the colleges or professional schools.

**Named Endowment Funds Providing Faculty Support:**

**Full Professorship:** To establish a full professorship within the University or any of its schools, a minimum of $1 million is required. Chairs are to be occupied by individuals with the senior rank of full professor.

**Associate Professorship:** To establish an associate professorship within the University or any of its schools, a minimum of $500,000 is required. Such professorship is to be occupied by a North Carolina Central University faculty member with rank of associate professor.

**Assistant Professorship:** To establish an assistant professorship within the University or any of its schools, a minimum of $250,000 is required. Such professorship is to be occupied by a North Carolina Central University faculty member.