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The University of North Carolina at Greensboro Basic Spending Guidelines by Fund Source January 2020

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro (herein referred to as University) has a wide variety of sources of funds, each of which has its own spending characteristics. No set of guidelines can be written that addresses every possible expenditure decision which may arise. There are, however, some basic rules, regulations, and precedents, which are presented in this document that can guide an employee in making wise spending decisions. These guidelines are provided to ensure that faculty and staff carry out the University’s mission effectively, while ensuring that fiscally responsible and legal spending practices are followed. In times, employees are required to follow basic purchasing guidelines for the procurement of all goods and services. For assistance in answering any questions about purchasing guidelines, please contact the Purchasing office or see the following websites:

NCG Purchasing Office – purchasing.unCG.edu
State of NC Purchasing and Contracts (P&C) site - https://ncadmin.nc.gov/about-doa/divisions/purchase-contract

All Sources of Funds

Appearance and Reasonableness Tests
For all potential expenditures from all sources of funds, the “appearance test” should be used, (i.e., how would this purchase look to external constituents if placed on the front page of a newspaper). Another test that is useful is to ask the question “Is this expenditure necessary for a faculty and staff member to do his/her job or for the University to carry on its normal business?” The utilization of these tests should help to guide faculty and staff members in their decision-making. At all times, faculty and staff are encouraged to avoid the appearance, as well as the reality, of inappropriate management of funds.

Exceptions and Interpretations
Every attempt has been made to make these spending guidelines comprehensive. There may be cases, however, which would fall outside the guidelines and, yet, would be legal expenditures and in the best interests of the University. If a situation occurs in which an individual believes an exception should be made to the guidelines, he/she should request an exception from the University’s Controller. The Controller, or his/her designee, will work with the appropriate department head or director to determine the latitude available on the request, the business purpose of the request, and other options which may be available.

Fund Custodian Responsibilities
The fund custodian (i.e., the individual responsible for managing university funds, including the principal investigator for a research project) has the responsibility to ensure that proper documentation procedures are followed for all funds and/or research projects that he/she controls and that only authorized expenditures are charged to his/her fund or project. Further, the fund custodian is responsible for ensuring that all funds/projects which he/she may control are reviewed at least monthly and any transactions which are incorrect or do not belong on fund/project are corrected by submitting Journal Voucher Form, Reclass Expenditure Template, finmgmt@uncg.edu or Accounting Services 270 Mossman Bldg. https://acb.unCG.edu/forms/ Finally, a fund custodian is responsible for ensuring that he/she maintains a positive or zero cash balance on all university trust funds (i.e., non-state funds) less specifically exempted from this requirement in writing by the Vice Chancellor for Finance and Administration or his/her designee.

Payments to Employees
Regardless of the funding source, payments to university employees are limited to authorized reimbursements, authorized awards, or authorized salaries. Payments to employees for work performed must follow personnel compensation guidelines published by Human Resource Services and the Provost Office and must be paid through the payroll system. Compensation guidelines may be found at the following University websites:

Human Resource Services - http://web.unCG.edu/hrS/
For more information related to moving expenses paid from state funds, please refer to item A.3. under “State Budget Codes - General Operating Funds” which is presented later in this document. Additional information may also be obtained from the Office of State Budget and Management’s State Budget Manual (section 6.6) https://files.nc.gov/nocosb/documents/files/BudgetManual_2018January.pdf and from the Internal Revenue Service’s Publication 521 http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p521.pdf.

2. Travel Reimbursements and Expenditures
The University’s travel policies and procedures are based on The State Budget Manual, Section 5, which sets forth travel policies and regulations relative to securing authorization and reimbursement of expenditures for official state travel. The administration and control of travel is in accordance with the provisions of General Statutes (G.S.) 138-5, 138-6, and 138-7.

All university travel is contingent upon availability of funds. The travel policies and procedures as stated in this manual apply to all university funds deposited with the State Treasurer, whether derived from state appropriations or non-state funds (e.g., Institutional Trust Funds, Contracts and Grants funds, and receipt supported programs/activities).

The employee’s supervisor is responsible for approving travel related expenditures and reimbursements to the employee. The supervisor’s approval indicates that appropriate review of the travel advance/reimbursement has been made and travel conforms to all rules and regulations and is properly supported with valid documentation and receipts.

The employee who is traveling on official university business is expected to exercise the same care in incurring expenses that a prudent person would exercise if traveling on personal business and expending personal funds. Excess costs, delays, luxury accommodations and services unnecessary or unjustified in the performance of official business are not acceptable under this standard. Travelers will be responsible for unauthorized costs and any additional expenses incurred for personal preference or convenience. Also, all international airfare charged to federally funded grant projects must be taken on US flag air carriers.

Before any travel occurs, it is recommended that the employee and his/her supervisor review all of the travel policies and procedures, especially policy #1, which summarizes the rules related to planning travel, incurring expenses during travel, and seeking reimbursement after the travel has been completed.

A complete set of the University’s travel policies and procedures are located at https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/travel/.

3. Electronic Resources
Expenses related to electronic resources for which an employee may be reimbursed relates to home internet connections, mobile communications devices, and long-distance telephone calls.

a. Internet Connections
Home internet connections are considered the equivalent of home telephones, i.e., personal expenses which are not reimbursable. In rare cases, a specific connection may be paid for by the University if it is required by the University and is for the convenience of the University. The simple use of a home computer and home internet service for business purposes is not considered justification for reimbursement. Wireless internet connection charges, as with home internet connections, are considered personal expenses. The University provides wireless internet throughout much of the campus at no charge.

b. Mobile Communications Devices
A mobile communications device (MCD) is a small battery-powered computer which is small enough to be carried by an employee. An MCD is treated in the same way as a laptop computer and may be purchased from University funds. Like other items purchased by the University, the MCD remains University property and must be returned if an employee leaves the University. Likewise, any unused minutes on a MCD belong to UNCG and are pooled.

The University also administers a program that provides small allowance payments to employees when utilizing their own personal computer equipment while traveling on official business related to the University. This includes equipment for both voice and data communications.
distance telephone calls, please refer to the University's Policy #3 and Policy#7.2 which can be found at https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/travel/ and https://sys.uncg.edu/policies/accounting-services/

Adverse Weather Events and Other Emergency Conditions

In the event of emergency weather conditions, certain departments have personnel critical to the University for health, safety, and/or welfare reasons and for the care and handling of animals. Examples of personnel who might fit this criterion are key individuals from Facilities Operations, Dining Services, Housing & Residence Life, Parking Operations, Emergency Management, Campus Police, Information Technology Services, Environmental Health and Safety, and certain other support or research services. Under emergency circumstances, units which have such critical functions may make prudent and reasonable lodging and/or meal arrangements for critical employees who must be at the University and pay for the arrangements from their normal operating budgets, regardless of source of funding.

For example, Facilities Operations or the University Police might make arrangements with Housing & Residence Life when weather forecasts indicate a high probability that roads will be impassable and hazardous to traverse. Requests for payment for these expenses should be clearly documented, including the nature of the emergency, the names of personnel involved, the date(s) and time(s) of the event, and any other relevant information which might serve to document the expenditures.

Penalties and Charges Resulting from Cancellations of Travel Reservations

The University follows the Office of State Budget and Management's Policy 5.1.9 which state "Penalties and charges resulting from the cancellation of travel reservations (including airline or hotel reservations and conference registrations) may be paid by a department if the employee’s travel has been approved in advance and the cancellation or change is made at the direction of the employee or for the convenience of the department. Approval for the payment of a cancelled travel reservation would preside at the next highest level. If the cancellation or change is made for the personal benefit of the employee, it is the employee’s obligation to pay the penalties and charges. In the event of accidents, a major disaster, a serious illness or death within the employee’s immediate family, or other critical circumstances beyond the control of the employee, the department may pay the penalties and charges."

Expenditure Account Codes

Expenditure account codes are codes that must be used when processing financial transactions to identify various classes of expenditures (e.g., salaries, travel, supplies, equipment, etc.). The actual codes will provide even more detailed breakdowns of these groupings. This coding scheme gives the university the ability to create reports that include, or are broken down by, the various classes of expenditures.

A alphabetical listing of expenditure account codes may be found at http://fsv.uncg.edu/forms/.

Program Codes

Program codes are used to classify financial activity by its function (e.g., instruction, institutional support, research, or public service). These codes are not needed to code a financial transaction but are built into the financial system for each fund at the time the fund is created. Because of the need to report financial activity by function, a fund may not be classified into more than one function.

Program codes may impact the way funds can be spent. For example, expenditures for scholarships may only be made from funds with the Student Financial Aid (230) program code. If an individual has a discretionary fund and wishes to use it to fund a scholarship, a separate fund will need to be created from which to expend for the scholarship, or the discretionary funds could be transferred to an already existing scholarship fund.

Information regarding individual program (purpose) codes may be found at http://www.northcarolina.edu/finance-and-administration/chart-accounts under “UNC Chart of Accounts”.
**Miscellaneous State Budget Code Rules**

The following provides information on many specific items as to their allowability or prohibition for expenditures from State operating funds:

1. **Membership Dues** - Membership dues may be paid if for the benefit of the University and not solely for the benefit of an individual employee. If the University is to benefit from an individual’s membership in an organization, that benefit should derive not because of the individual, but because of the individual’s position with the University, regardless of who is in the position. Although a membership may be in the name of an individual, his/her membership terminates at the same time he/she terminates employment with the University or moves to another department.

2. **Passports and Visas** - Reimbursements for costs incurred in obtaining or renewing a passport may be made to an employee who, in the regular course of his/her duties, is required to travel overseas in the furtherance of official university business. Passport expenses are chargeable to the same fund that supports the employee’s trip. The University also interprets this to mean that similar related fees or expenses such as required visas may also be reimbursed.

3. **Moving Expenses** - An employee’s moving expenses may be paid from state funds only if the following three criteria are met:
   
   a. A change of residence is deemed to be in the best interests of the University, when such a change is required as a result of a promotion within the University or by a change in assignment involving the transfer of the employee for the advantage and convenience of the University. **Moving expenses are not allowable for initial employment or if the employee requests the change.**
   
   b. The employee’s move is accomplished within 90 days. The Chancellor may approve an extension of an additional 90 days. An extension in excess of the 180 days must be submitted to the University Budget Office and approval obtained in writing from the Office of State Budget and Management.
   
   c. The new duty station of the employee is 50 miles or more from the existing (or prior) duty station.

4. **Payment** of Awards to Employees – Special leave awards may be granted for a suggestion that is adopted under the NC Thinks Program. Information regarding the employee awards program may be found at [https://files.nc.gov/ncoshr/documents/files/Special_Leave_Awards_Policy_January_2018.pdf](https://files.nc.gov/ncoshr/documents/files/Special_Leave_Awards_Policy_January_2018.pdf)

5. **Immigration and Naturalization (INS) Fees** – Payment of INS fees is allowable if the fees are for paperwork required of the employer and not the employee. Allowable fees include payment for the I-129, the I-140, and the I-907. **Payment for processing forms required of the prospective employees (e.g., I-485, I-765, and I-539) is not allowable.** The expediting fee for an H1B Visa may be paid from state funds if the salary source is state funds.

6. **Payments for Food/Refreshments for Continuing Education Classes/Workshops** - In the case of certain Continuing Education classes/workshops which are operated within State Budget Codes and which are paid from participants’ fees, there is an established procedure for payment of food/refreshments so long as it is part of the fee charged to participants. Requirements and limitations for external conferences or state appropriated programs are outlined in the Office of State Budget and Management’s manual (section 5.8.3 -“Requirements and Limitations for External Conferences”) [https://files.nc.gov/ncosbm/documents/files/BudgetManual_2018January.pdf](https://files.nc.gov/ncosbm/documents/files/BudgetManual_2018January.pdf) Compliance with OSBM’s definition requires that a trust fund must be established and the portion of the revenue which is to be used to pay for the food/refreshments must be deposited into the trust fund. **Payments for the food/refreshments must be made from the trust fund.**
Examples of *appropriate purchases of promotional items from state funds* are as follows:

a. Health/safety related - purchase of small refrigerator type magnets or pencils with the University’s emergency telephone number on them as it is in the best interests of the University to ensure that the emergency number is readily available.

b. Mission and program related - purchases of pencils with the University of North Carolina at Greensboro name and admissions number on the pencils by the University’s Admission’s department.

c. Recruitment events / Workshops – purchases of small items of minimal value with the name of a department or workshop printed on the materials so long as the cost of the printing is not excessive.

Examples of *inappropriate purchases of promotional items from state funds* would be the purchase of t-shirts, lunch bags, or other items which would primarily be used for personal purposes and/or would have more than a nominal value. Articles of clothing or meal related items generally fall in this category unless they are part of a required uniform, which would not then be considered a promotional item.

**Unallowable Purchases from State Budget Codes (General Funds)**

Here are some purchases that are specifically not allowable from state funds. Listed below is information about purchases that are prohibited:

1. The purchase of alcoholic beverages and “setups”.
2. The purchase of items for personal use.
3. The purchase of food, coffee, tea, drinks, candy, snacks, break refreshments, etc. for consumption by employees or guests is prohibited from state operating funds under all circumstances other than those provided for under University travel regulations (https://policy.unmc.edu/university-policies/travel/). These travel regulations provide specific guidance as to allowable reimbursable expenses for meals when in travel status. State budget regulations do provide for the purchase of refreshments for coffee breaks for meetings/conferences which are planned in detail in advance, with a formal agenda of the curriculum, where there is a formal written invitation to participants setting forth the calendar of events and the detailed schedule of costs, and there are twenty (20) or more participants per day. The details can be found in section 5.8 of the State Budget Manual, which is located at [https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budman5-travel-policies#TP5_1_10](https://www.osbm.nc.gov/budman5-travel-policies#TP5_1_10). The purchase of food is permissible, however, when purchased for use in research, education, or for consumption by research animals rather than for personal use.
4. The purchase of medications (pain relievers, aspirin, etc.) and/or medical supplies for staff/employees is not allowable other than as may be required by federal or state regulations or for emergency first aid.
5. The purchase of microwave ovens, coffee pots, refrigerators, or related items for personal office use is not allowable. This prohibition does not extend to equipment or supplies utilized for educational or research purposes or for equipment purchased for all employees’ use in the outfitting of a building.
6. The purchase of plants or flowers (live or artificial) for decorative use in an office is prohibited. The purchase of flowers or plants is permissible, however, when purchased for use in research, education, or for consumption by research animals rather than for decorative or personal use. Also allowable are purchases of flowers and plants by the Facilities Division as part of campus maintenance.
7. The purchase of framing of pictures, art, diplomas, etc. for use in a personal office for decorative purposes is not allowable. Exceptions include the purchase/framing of motivational or informational wall hangings which are functional rather than decorative in nature and are intended for departmental use rather than for one individual’s office.
8. The purchase of party items or other decorative items to decorate an office for a holiday or party or general decorative use, including the purchase of balloons and other like items, is not allowable.
9. The purchase of picnic tables for a department other than by the Facilities Division as part of the campus maintenance function is not allowable.
10. The purchase of picnic items (paper plates, cups, napkins, forks, spoons, etc.) for office/employee use is not allowable.
11. The rental of portable water dispensers or the purchase of bottled water from state funds is not allowed and is considered a personal expense.
12. The purchase of gifts or flowers for an employee or non-employee is considered a personal expense and is not allowable.
13. The purchase of get-well cards, sympathy cards, birthday cards, Christmas cards, or other holiday cards is considered a personal expense and is not allowable.
Sales and Services Funds

Expenditures from sales and services trust funds follow the same guidelines as those for state appropriated funds except that funds may be used to purchase meals and/or refreshments for conferences or workshops when a fee is charged to participants and deposited into the trust fund that allows for the meals/refreshments. The exception for food/refreshments is specifically noted as described above and must be included in the fund authority for the project.

Purchases from a sales and services trust fund must be for the purpose of supporting the activities for which the sales/service project was created and all costs of providing those services, including salaries, must be charged to the trust fund.

Funds received from sales of baked goods, t-shirts, and other similar items by students or faculty as part of student fund raising efforts are exempt from the requirement to be treated as state funds. These funds are treated as gifts in determining how they may be expended.

Auxiliary and Internal Service Funds

Auxiliary and internal service funds include Parking Operations, Housing & Residence Life, Student Health Service, Printing Services and UNCG income from outside contracted auxiliaries such as campus dining and bookstore. Expenditures from these funds must follow the same guidelines used for state funds except when used for certain program related activities as noted in the individual auxiliary sections below. In all cases, state funds expenditure guidelines must be followed when using the funds for staffing an auxiliary or internal service office or for carrying on activities which are similar to state funded activities. No extrabenefits, compensation, food, or any other item which could not be paid from state funds may be provided to University employees paid from auxiliary and internal service funds.

Parking Operations - Must use state appropriated funds guidelines. May purchase items falling outside state guidelines when the items are purchased as part of providing a specific service that is contracted and paid for by a department such as Housing & Residence Life or Athletics. The items purchased outside the state funds guidelines must be an integral part of the contracted service and appropriate for the program to which they are being provided.

Housing & Residence Life - Must use state appropriated funds guidelines for administrative related operations for University employees. May purchase items falling outside the state funds guidelines for student activities/programs related to the housing program.

Printing Services / University Graphics / Central Stores - Must use state appropriated guidelines.

Receipts from Vending Facilities Funds

Under North Carolina general statutes [N.C.G.S. 116-2. and N.C.G.S. 111-42(d)], the term “vending facilities” includes both of the following descriptions:

1. any mechanical or electronic devise dispensing items or something of value or entertainment or services for a fee, regardless of the method of activation, and regardless of the means of payment, whether by coin, currency, tokens, or other means; and
2. a snack bar, cafeteria, restaurant, café, concession stand, vending stand, cart services, or other facilities at which food, drinks, novelties, newspapers, periodicals, confections, souvenirs, tobacco products or related items are regularly sold.

North Carolina general statutes also specifically restrict the use of vending receipts. The following uses of net proceeds from the operations of vending facilities are authorized:
6. Transfers to other self-supporting student service operations and authorized capital improvement projects, upon the written recommendation of the University’s Chancellor and subject to the written, advance approval of the UNC President. [N.C.G.S. 116-36.4]

Contracts and Grants Funds

Due to the restrictive nature of sponsored awards, expenditures charged to contract and grant funds must comply with all applicable regulations. These regulations will vary with each award, but generally include:

- UNC System Office State, and University regulations and procedures (travel reimbursements, consulting, payroll, purchasing, etc.),
- Chapter 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 220 (Cost Principles for Educational Institutions and formerly known as OMB Circular A-21), and the specific guidelines and regulations from the Sponsor.

Section C of Appendix A to 2 CFR Section 220 also requires that contract and grant expenditures be reasonable, allocable to a particular award, and conform to the limitations of the sponsored agreement in order to be allowable as an expense to the contract or grant fund. UNCG Contracts and Grants policy #8 provides guidance on common cost elements which may be incurred in sponsored awards. This policy can be found at: [https://sys.uncc.edu/contracts-and-grants/](https://sys.uncc.edu/contracts-and-grants/).

Gift and Endowment Income Funds

Expenditures from gift and endowment income funds must be made prudently with the intent of the donor in mind and follow restrictions set by the donor. Expenditures for alcoholic beverages should be strictly limited and must have the approval of the appropriate Director, Dean, or Vice Chancellor. The primary purpose of an expenditure must be for the benefit of the University and, therefore, not for the direct benefit of an employee.

Endowment Principal Funds

Endowment principal funds are funds provided to the University, normally in the form of a trust or gift, for investment to generate income. The income may be unrestricted or restricted for a particular purpose. Generally, expenditures are not allowable against true and term endowment principal funds. All endowment related expenditures must be made from endowment income funds (see above).

Foundation Funds

The University affiliated foundations are legally separate organizations and, therefore, are not subject to the University and state spending policies that are specified in this document. However, all expenditures from foundation funds must follow restrictions set by the donor and should be supported by appropriate documentation and approvals. Also, any awards paid from foundation funds to employees of the University are taxable and will be included on each employee’s W-2.

Student Activity Fee Funds
Educational and Technology Fees

The Educational and Technology Fee is used for two major purposes:
1. the provision of equipment, supplies, and maintenance for laboratories with curricular purposes, and
2. the provision of campus-wide computing services important to students.

These funds must follow the same purchasing guidelines as state funds.

Patent Royalty Funds

Patent royalty funds are royalties derived from licensing of a patent. These funds must be used for support of research. They are flexible in nature and may be used like an unrestricted gift, including payment for items which could not normally be paid from state funds, so long as the funding is for the benefit of the University and not for the personal benefit of an individual.

Orientation Fee Funds

Orientation fees are fees paid by students to fund the new students’ orientation program. The fees may be used for payment of normal orientation expenses including food and refreshments for student orientees, orientation training (includes training retreats), and other expenses as necessary to provide a full orientation experience for students. Expenditures for alcoholic beverages are prohibited. The funds may not be used for refreshments for university staff meetings or other business which is outside the confines of the retreat, orientation training programs, or orientation program.

Other Institutional Trust Funds

Expenditures from other institutional trust (i.e., non-state) funds, which includes overhead receipts funds and athletic funds, could follow the same guidelines as those for state appropriated operating funds but may be less restrictive. Other institutional trust funds may be transferred to the capital improvement budgets for use in renovations or new construction.

Discretionary Funds

Funding for discretionary funds typically comes from unrestricted gifts and investment income and is allocated to the Provost and Vice Chancellors by the Chancellor. Discretionary funds may be used to meet a broad range of the University’s needs. The flexibility that is associated with discretionary funds is vitally important to the university. At the same time, expenditures of discretionary funds must be consistent with a number of general guidelines as set out below.

1. Each expenditure of discretionary funds must be for a valid University purpose. These expenditures (whether for meals, travel, lodging, entertainment, official functions, gifts and awards, or memberships) must follow all University policies that apply to that type of expenditure and must be accompanied by appropriate documentation including receipt(s), business purpose, date and location, and names of persons involved. The University’s Business Entertainment Policy #8 is found at https://sys.uncg.edu/financial-services-policy-8-business-entertainment/.

2. The very flexibility associated with discretionary funds means that determining the propriety of some expenditures can be subjective. The approval and support of the Provost is required for all expenditures.

3. Business enterprises and commercial activities are encouraged and expected to support the University. The University’s Business Enterprise Policy #9 is found at https://sys.uncg.edu/financial-services-policy-9-business-enterprise/.

4. The above rationale and guidelines are to be followed as a whole. In any particular instance, some of the guidelines may be overridden by the need or desire for a more flexible expenditure.
The University’s spending policy #7.10 “Use of Discretionary Funds” may be found at [https://sys.uncg.edu/finance/services-policy-7-10-policy-for-use-of-discretionary-funds/](https://sys.uncg.edu/finance/services-policy-7-10-policy-for-use-of-discretionary-funds/).

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**Agency Funds**

This category includes funds held by the University as fiscal agent for student, faculty, and staff organizations where it has been determined in the best interests of the University to provide an accounting service. These funds do not belong to the University and the University does not determine what they can be spent for except as follows:

1. The University requires a formal approval process to ensure, to the extent possible, that funds in these agency funds are not misused.
2. The funds should not be spent for any purpose which would be detrimental to the image of the University.

The University does not require the custodian of an agency fund to utilize the University travel and/or purchasing regulations or guidelines for expenditures of funds except that adequate documentation is required to ensure that an authorized person is initiating the expenditure request.

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**Other Information**

### Expediting Fee for H1B-Visa Forms (Form -907)

Formal processing of an H-1B petition is currently taking between 4-7 months, while paying a premium processing expediting) fee will ensure a response within 2 weeks. Payments for expediting fees for H1B-Visa Forms may track the salary funding source so long as the payment is made for a business reason and for the convenience of the University and not for the employee. Regardless, contracts and grants funds may not be used to pay the fee for any reason. The expediting fee is considered a business expense, specifically, a recruiting expense. Some examples of appropriate funding sources are as follows:

- Salary
- State funds
- Overhead funds or discretionary funds

Additional information may be found at [http://provost.uncg.edu/immigration/fees.htm](http://provost.uncg.edu/immigration/fees.htm).

### Related Documents and Websites

1. UNCG Policies and Procedures [https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/policy_on_policies/](https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/policy_on_policies/)
3. UNCG Finance [http://fsv.uncg.edu/](http://fsv.uncg.edu/)
4. UNCG Accounting Services [https://acb.uncg.edu/](https://acb.uncg.edu/) and [https://accounts payable.uncg.edu/](https://accounts payable.uncg.edu/)
5. UNCG Travel Policies and Procedures [https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/travel/](https://policy.uncg.edu/university-policies/travel/)
7. UNCG Contracts and Grants Accounting Office [http://cgs.uncg.edu/](http://cgs.uncg.edu/)
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<td>Microwave ovens, refrigerators, coffee pots</td>
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- A **YES** may require: Specific Criteria to be met, adherence to Restrictions, appropriate Documentation, Authorization and Approvals.
- For **NO**, authorized exceptions for specific situations may exist.
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*Excludes 134XXX*