



## President speaks on college changes

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Brevard College President David Joyce spoke to the Clarion on March 30 about the tuition increase in the Fall semester. He also told the newspaper about projects around campus, including the highly anticipated construction of the student plaza between the Moore's Science Building and the Myers Dining Hall.

"It's roughly a five percent increase, that's average for private schools. State schools will be higher. It's to accommodate all the things

that are going up; it's not that we want to charge more," Joyce said.

Across North Carolina, colleges and universities will be increasing their tuitions to account for a changing economy. The institution does not want to charge more than what is reasonable, and it is trying to adapt to the rising cost of running a college.

"We are hoping to be able to give a modest raise to staff and faculty this year—there hasn't been one for them in five years. I think health insurance is going up significantly, and we all know about gas prices and transportation. Those things alone have gone up more than five percent," Joyce said.

While BC has to increase tuition to account for some goods and services, it will be trying to cut back on spending in other regards. The tuition increase will also likely account for the change in food service providers that the community will see in the Fall semester.

"What we have now is good," Joyce said. "I like the food, I like the people, but we want to take this to the next level, all of our options will cost more than what we are currently paying. The search is going real well but we haven't picked the service and we are still negotiating. It will be a hard decision to make and there is a cost implication."

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The ground has "broken" on the student plaza between Myers Dining Hall and Moore Science building, as workers ripped up asphalt using heavy equipment already on campus to renovate the president's home. The old asphalt will be recycled and used for repaving some of the roads on campus.