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From the left Darius Willis Mr. Delta Xi, Roshaunda Kitchen Miss Delta Sigma Theta, Christopher Haywood Mr. Delta Sigma Theta, and Danareyn Hamlett Mr. Crimson and Cream at the Mr. Delta Sigma Theta pageant on Nov. 6 at the Seabrook Auditorium.



Open forums held for proposed tuition increase

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Tuition increases raises concerns and open conversations among students and administration.

A proposal for tuition and fee increases, that if passed would be implemented next academic year, is currently being debated on amongst students and administration.

First, discussed behind closed doors of the Chancellors conference room several students and faculty members sat down at the table as equals to discuss what may just be the most

talked about subject on campus. The facts and figures the committee came up with were first presented to Fayetteville State University students at an open forum that was held last Wednesday.

Rumors of tuition hikes for the next academic year have been looming over the FSU campus for the past several years. After opting to keep the rates the same last year, the administration has realized that the time has come to act.

Part of the tuition increase will come from the increasing cost of fees that are totaled into students overall cost to attend the university. Among the fees that may be raised is the

health services fee, athletics fee, as well as a proposed increase in the student activities fee.

Overall the proposed increase will amount to a 5.3 percent increase in tuition and fees.

The cost of attendance for undergraduate residents of North Carolina for the 2011-2012 academic year is \$2,427. With the proposed increase the cost goes up to \$2,584. The proposed increases for undergraduate residents and both resident and non-resident graduates is a 6.5 percent increase. While for non-resident graduate students the proposed increase is only 3.25 percent.

Even with these proposed financial increases, the biggest concern for FSU is how

to remain competitive with the other universities and still keep up with the financial hardships that the university is facing. It was reported in August that FSU reduced its staff and faculty positions by more than one positions.

Institutions such as Winston-Salem, North Carolina Central and North Carolina A&T are popular universities that students usually apply to, when college hunting. Research conducted by the committee has shown that with the proposed increases, FSU may be more costly to attend than the other schools.

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