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For the past month and a half the Campus Governance Committee on Campus Government has been in closed session. Next Monday, RIDGERUNNER attempted to question the committee member who heads all campus government is headed.

Dr. Gene Rainey, Committee Chair, has a hopeful attitude that the meeting will meet a positive end. Although I can only speculate on the committee's future, I state that the procedures used by the committee permit rapid, effective action.

When asked why the committee meetings were not open to the public, Rainey said that with a closed meeting, committee members would not be pressured by other faculty nor would the faculty committee receive any repercussions from the administration on the opinions they make.

Three of the possible short-term alternatives as seen by Rainey are: 1) the staff nor the administration Vice-Chancellor for Academic Affairs represented on the committee, the committee is composed of faculty who have been at UNC-A no more than 10 years, and that no member of either the science or math department is on the committee. I asked for the reason for the absence of science and math faculty on the committee and other faculty members on the committee responded that the science and math departments were asked to serve and they refused.

Rainey expects the final report to be sent to the Chancellor in a few weeks.

Committee co-chairwoman, Ms. Horak, says that in the end the Chancellor will have the final say. Ms. Horak indicated that controversial issues have arisen, but she might and some might not meet with the Chancellor's approval.

Although drafting a campus governance document is not the committee's primary purpose, Ms. Horak feels that one should be set up and discussed. Ms. Horak expressed her feelings about the meetings in a public forum, for she feels as if they should be open.

"We serve at the request of the Chancellor. This is the view taken by Dr. Stein, however, Dr. Stein also stated that the Chancellor has not attempted to influence the committee in any fashion."

Stein concurred with Dr. Rainey's decision to keep the meetings closed. The committee has decided not to make a final report until a final report is made to the Chancellor. As far as what the committee is headed, Stein refused comment.

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In October 1972, during the sometimes thrilling controversy of campus governance, somebody happened to flip through the UNC-A Handbook, and on the first page, where the goals of the University of North Carolina are listed. At that time a simple word such as "innovation" was given and new life, adopted quickly and with little battle. The word "innovation" is constantly on this campus and everything from bathroom committees to faculty governments.

The campus governance issue is full of questions in the minds of many. Among those questions is one that asks the role of the "governmental" agencies in establishing UNC-A as one denies that such organized structures are involved in the detailed workings of the university but can what they accomplish and the procedures that they follow enhance innovation?

To find answers one should examine the whole subject of system and organization. In a nutshell, it may be that, ironically, UNC-A is using archaic methods and traditional rules for striving of something new.

...ural element itself that proves weakening, by the fact, (I am told) that humans, sincerely trying to work effectively within these structures. Common knowledge exists that humans do not always work according to sincerity or effectiveness.

I know from first hand experience in working
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Dear Mr. Editor:

I feel this school owes an apology to Ms. Sylvia Ruiz and Mr. Ray Sisk and to those of us who attended the SGA concert on Friday 2, to hear the music.

There was so much noise in the CoffHouse that hearing Ms. Ruiz was difficult to impossible even near the stage.

I think the noise level became increasingly more deafening in proportion to the amount of beer and wine consumed.

I asked several people to be more considerate and they complied, but the noise got worse. I believe I know the reason. Several of our esteemed SGA officials were drunk and making as much noise as any of the other noise makers.

I believe this sort of problem can be circumnavigated in the future in one of two ways:

1. Stop serving beer at SGA concerts.
2. or more preferably, set aside an area for patrons who come to drink and socialize.

The second alternative should be agreeable to all.

Respectfully,

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