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Tuition hike fails in Board of Trustees meeting Governors mull statewide rate hike, UNCW Ph. D. program

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The UNCW Board of Trustees (BOT) met last Thursday at Madeline Suite and voted against university proposal to raise tuition by 24 percent, or \$235 per year. The board recommended the university look into the possibility of increasing fees in the future.

James M. Corcoran, chairman of the BOT, proposed a single vote for both the \$235 tuition hike and a \$400 raise in the MBA Program at the Cameron School of Business. Patrick Gunn, student body president and BOT member, then motioned to split the vote allowing each issue to be voted on separately. Gunn's motion passed along with the proposed increase at Cameron.

"I have philosophical problems with this (increase)," said Chancellor James Leutze. "I do not like asking students to fund academic buildings, however, if there's no other way to do it, and at present it seems there's no other way, then we (himself and the

other UNC chancellors) reluctantly must accept," he said.

UNC President Molly Broad, who was also against the UNCW hike, asked the Board of Governors (BOG) at Friday's meeting for a university-wide tuition increase of 2.1 percent for undergraduate students. Her proposal also calls for increases for the MBA program at the Cameron School of Business and a system-wide fee of \$275 per student to be distributed by a raise of \$100 the first year, \$100 the second and \$75 the third in order to fund capital projects.

The destruction wrought by Hurricane Floyd last September and dilapidated buildings and equipment at UNC campuses were cited as primary reasons for the need to increase tuition and fees. "If we're expecting (an increase of) almost 50,000 students in the next ten years, we must do whatever it takes to rectify that situation," said BOG Chairman Benjamin S. Ruffin. Broad's proposal will ask for matching funds from the N.C. General Assembly.

The BOG will vote on the increases Feb. 11 at Chapel Hill.

Leutze and other UNCW Board of Trustees members expressed their concern of a "domino effect," which can mean negative repercussions in long-term funding. Some are scared that once the university starts to increase fees and make the students fund academic buildings, this will in turn remove the burden from the General Assembly and the act will become irreversible. Leutze said the 2.1 percent increase would round out to a raise of approximately \$36 per student, per year.

Leutze said that when compared to other schools, UNCW is appropriated fewer dollars per student than any other school in the system. Gunn expressed his growing concern for this issue and its effect on less fortunate North Carolina colleges and universities. "We need to increase the status of the entire system and everyone needs to stay on the same page," he said. While Gunn voted against the tuition increase, he was in favor of the proposed Cameron School of Business increase. He believes that for a prestigious master of business program, UNCW was lagging behind.

UNCW to consider first Ph.D. program

At the BOG meetings on Thursday and Friday, held at UNCW

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Students to be restricted from Morton parking lot

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Students will soon be facing additional restrictions regarding where they can park on campus as parking lot "G," which is located beside Morton and Bear Hall, will become a faculty/staff lot sometime this semester.

Parking lot "M," the small faculty/staff lot next to Morton Hall will be torn down to accommodate the construction of the New Classroom Building which will house the departments of communication studies, foreign languages and literatures, political science, social work, and the UNCW-TV station. When construction begins gates, similar to those surrounding lot "R" between Cameron Hall and the Social and Behavioral Sciences Building, will be erected to prevent students from parking in the lot.

"We will be giving student spaces back in the library lot and in the Friday Hall lot," said Assistant Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs Richard Scott. "Obviously there is going to be a net loss of some spaces because a lot is actually

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Parking lots at Cameron Hall and the Social and Behavioral Science building have recently been restricted to faculty members only. Lots by Morton Hall are soon to be equipped with these gates as well.



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Gung-ho training!

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