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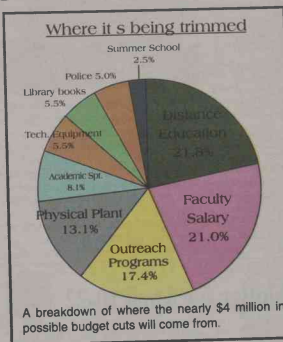
The North Carolina state financial problems are becoming a harsh reality for members of the UNCW community this week.

University officials completed a list of potential budget reductions Monday as requested by the state legislature through UNC President Molly Broad. If fully adopted by the legislature, UNCW would be forced to trim nearly \$4 million from its budget for fiscal year 2002-2004.

"We don't want to do this, but we are doing it and making the best of it," said Chancellor James Leutz. "We will do everything possible not to hurt the core mission — the production of knowledge and transmission of that knowledge to students."

The budget reductions would eliminate 19 faculty positions and 31 staff positions. It would also limit transfer students from community colleges beginning in Spring 2002 and decrease freshman enrollment beginning Fall 2002.

"This institution has been on an incredible growth trajectory over the last



University officials estimate that the state legislature will vote on the budget reductions in late May or early June. If approved, \$125 million will be eliminated from the UNC system.

"Nobody really knows at this point what the actual outcome is going to be," Cavanaugh said. "I think that as this shapes out with the legislature, everybody will be in a little bit better position to understand exactly where we'll be making whatever cuts, if any."

According to Cavanaugh, specific programs, units and people are not targeted in the university's plan

— due to the timeline and the overall uncertainty.

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New SGA President



Outgoing SGA president Katie Russell, left, inaugurates new president Adrien Lopez Tuesday night at the Warwick Center.

Race issues discussed at Warwick

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Several students, faculty and administrators gathered Monday evening to focus on discrimination or uncomfortable situations on campus.

Some of the discussion concerned incidents where students felt uncomfortable about why they were being questioned. Most students did not cite feelings of obvious racism, but rather expressed concern that it may have been a factor.

"The racial dialogue was very helpful," said Ebony Ebron, junior. "I think that with the administration and faculty representatives that were here, the voices of all of us working together...we can come up with some solutions to help the community."

Some students shared several instances in which they felt uncomfortable, while

others never experienced any problems.

Discussion also targeted concerns about a lack of diversity on campus. Admissions officials expressed frustration about the struggle to recruit minority students, and that many scholarships are not filled due to lack of interest.

The overall tone of the evening was creating a dialog about what people have experienced and how things can be improved on campus. Several administrators expressed their concern that students let their voice be heard.

"We interact based on how we've been socialized," said Dr. Brian Hemphill, associate dean of students. "It's sad those things still happen. There's still a lot of work to be done."

For more information about the race dialog and reactions by the UNCW community, see next Tuesday's edition of the *Seahawk*.

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